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Chapter 141 – A Great Surprise!

News of Long Chen defeating Feng Wutian spread like the wind throughout the Green faction and even to other factions. Even those in the inner factions caught wind of this.

His reputation skyrocketed. At least, in the outer factions, he was just like a celebrity.

In terms of his popularity in the Green Faction, he had already surpassed Chu Yunyao and the others. He was already almost at the same level of popularity as Chu Yunxi.

Liu Lan was not yet thirty and already at the perfect mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm. Out of everyone at her age, she was the trump card in the Green Sun Hall, while for Long Chen's age group, he was their trump card.

After this duel at the Platform of Life and Death, Liu Yuan used all sorts of spirit medicine on Feng Wutian, and he recovered after a day. He did not say much but left the Green faction silently, and it was only then that Liu Yuan and everyone else could heave a sigh of relief.

Long Chen could finally be at ease and continue to cultivate. The number of Thunder Flame Crystals he could fuse with had yet to reach the limit, and he continued with this task. After fusing with the 28th, Liu Yuan suddenly summoned him.

"What does that old geezer want me for?"

He finally had the chance to get some rest, and Long Chen had been planning to visit the Sky Martial Realm again to obtain more contribution points. Unexpectedly enough, Liu Yuan picked this moment to summon him.

After entering the main hall in the Green Sun Hall, he found only Liu Yuan seated there. Upon seeing Long Chen, he was all smiles as he welcomed Long Chen.

“Could the reason for Elder Yuan’s cheerful mood be a new addition to the family despite your old age?”

Long Chen’s status was now different, and he made use of it to tease Liu Yuan.

Liu Yuan did not get mad and glanced at this brat helplessly, before he laughed, “Let me tell you some amazing news.”

“What is it?”

He had not expected there to be some surprise, and Long Chen’s ears immediately perked up.

Liu Yuan intentionally tried to be secretive, “Do you know the importance of the first day of the eleventh month is?”

(Eleventh Month = November)

“How would I know? Stop keeping me in suspense and tell me!” Long Chen was filled with anticipation.

“The first day of the eleventh month is the day that the Eastern Green Dragon, which in other words implies the inner faction, begins its selection.”

“What does that have to do with me?” Long Chen brightened up and blurted out, “Old man, are you going to tell me that I passed the verification process? I can take part in the selection?”

The term ‘old man’ had been something Long Chen coined and used only in his thoughts. As he was much too emotional, it had slipped out.

Honestly speaking, Long Chen really did want to enter the inner faction. For one, he would be able to obtain a lot of resources and two, the recent spate of events made it clear the importance of status. From what he knew of Dongfang Tianyu, Feng Wutian, Beitang Mo, as well as the terrible state Mo Xiaolang was in, Long Chen knew that he needed to enter the inner faction in order to be able to raise his head in the Lingwu Family.

More importantly, Yang Lingqing was in the Northern Black Tortoise. Long Chen was most concerned that Yang Lingqing might be bullied, which was why he was so fixated on the inner faction selection.

“No matter what, I have to get into the inner faction...”

However, he had heard that he needed to be at least at the Earth Dan Realm to participate in the selection. Long Chen

was now only at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, which was why he held little hope for himself. However, from Liu Yuan’s words, it seemed...

“You’re really in luck, brat. Yes, the information has confirmed that you have passed the verification process. This is really out of my expectations...”

For young Long Chen to have such luck, Liu Yuan was deeply moved.

After obtaining Liu Yuan’s confirmation, Long Chen was overjoyed.

“I’ll definitely grasp this opportunity, but...” Long Chen glanced at Liu Yuan, “Elder Yuan, I’m still at the Human Dan Realm though. How could I have passed the verification process? Did they make a mistake?”

Liu Yuan shook his head. “I think news of you defeating Feng Wutian has spread. Though you’re at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, you were able to defeat an Earth Dan in the inner faction. The person in charge must have realised this and acknowledged your potential.”

Long Chen pondered over this and found this to be the only answer.

‘Looks like watching Liu Ling bathing wasn’t all for nothing. It’s because I saw her that she got Feng Wutian to beat me up, which ended up with him losing to me, allowing me to even have the qualifications to take part in the selection for the inner faction. The development of matters in the world really takes me by surprise.’

A look of satisfaction appeared on Long Chen's expression as he thought.

"Long Chen, don't be too happy just yet." Liu Yuan's words were like a bucket of cold water being splashed all over Long Chen.

"Why?" He could not understand why this old man was suddenly so stern.

Watching this kid who thought too highly of himself, Liu Yuan shook his head, "The name list for the selection has already come down. A total of 20 people are qualified to participate in the selection. The Gold and Silver factions each have three places, while the other seven each have two places. For our Green Faction, there's only you and Chu Yunxi."

"What's the problem? Chu Yunxi seems to be at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm. I'm not a match for him." Long Chen knew this very well.

Liu Yuan nodded. "Out of the 20 people, 5 obtained their places directly, of which Chu Yunxi is included. Those at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm able to gain these places are the cream of the crop, their strength even nearing Lan'er. The weakest of all who have passed the verification process has just entered the Earth Dan Realm, and even then, is considered a peak existence who is slightly stronger than Feng Wutian. I'm going to be blunt- in all areas, you are the weakest person in this selection."

Liu Yuan analysed the situation for Long Chen, and he now knew why Liu Yuan told him not to be too overjoyed so early.

"Elder Yuan, out of the 20 people, how many can pass?" Long Chen wanted to enter the inner faction, which was why he needed to know the answer to this question.

"Two."

Liu Yuan could only answer, "That's why I said not to celebrate too early. Even if you get a place, the difficulty in getting into the inner faction is beyond your imagination. Even the famous young expert, Chu Yunxi, isn't that confident, let alone you."

“In that case, what’s the point of this selection process? Am I going there just to have fun?” At the thought of this level of difficulty, Long Chen was speechless.

Liu Yuan could only laugh bitterly, “You’re absolutely right. This is just for you to broaden your horizons and know how powerful the other experts in the outer faction are. This is also very important for you. However, Long Chen, there is a chance of death in the selection, so you’d better prepare yourself. I don’t want my Green Faction to lose a genius.”

“There’s a chance of death?”

Long Chen could feel the pressure bearing down on him. After all, he had already done all he could to deal with Feng Wutian. In the face of 20 geniuses who were even more formidable than Feng Wutian, it was basically impossible to be one of the two to enter the inner faction.

“All opportunities are accompanied with a certain risk, and the inner faction selection is no different. If you’re afraid, you’re fated to be held back forever. Only the brave can move on in the path of cultivation.”

Liu Yuan stroked his beard, sighing ruefully.

Long Chen was unafraid, but he did feel a lot of pressure on him.

“Whatever it is, there’s still some time before the first day of the eleventh month. If I work hard now, I might be a whole level stronger. Even if I don’t enter the inner faction, I need to keep my own life.”

Long Chen was going to compete against the best talents in all nine great outer factions.

His opponents had ranged from Huang Xiang to Huang Feiyang, and even to someone who was about the same level as Chu Yunxi, who was the number one genius in the Green faction. It was apparent how fast his progress was.

However, at the thought of Lingqing, whose strength was far too weak in the inner faction, Long Chen knew he needed to go all out for her sake.

Seeing the fighting spirit in Long Chen's eyes, Liu Yuan nodded in satisfaction. However, another matter came to mind, and his brows furrowed, "Long Chen, there's something you did that's really too much."

There were far too many things that Long Chen should not have done. Liu Yuan's sudden words gave him a shock, "Could it be that the old man found out about me seeing Liu Ling while she was bathing? If he makes me marry her, I'm done for!"

He was right about to look for an excuse, but Liu Yuan was actually referring to something else.

"I told you to get 500 contribution points, and I'll give you the beast spirit of the Enchanted Purple Dragon. What's this about you using 300 contribution points to exchange for Spirit Grass?"

So it was about this matter. Long Chen sighed in relief and immediately answered, "Elder Yuan, the Spirit Grass is very important to me, but it's not like I don't want the beast spirit either. I'll go to the Sky Martial Realm right now and get some contribution points."

At the mention of this, Liu Yuan was really quite annoyed. He had bestowed it to Long Chen because he thought it would be very important to him, but Long Chen did not seem to want it. What was with this situation?

"Forget it." Liu Yuan waved his hands, "There's not much time left till the selection. For the remaining time you have, just train hard. Treat the beast spirit of the Enchanted Purple Dragon as a gift from me."

"Really?" Long Chen was elated, because this was worth a hundred thousand deity jades.

In general, this old man treated him quite well. Long Chen had had some misgivings about him, but Long Chen was now truly grateful towards him.

Liu Yuan treated him as the trump card of the Green Sun Hall, and his reputation rose along with Long Chen's own. However, something like the beast spirit of a level 6 profound-grade was not something that could be gifted so easily.

He produced a spirit congealing bead from his cosmos pouch. The bead had already been dyed purple from the beast spirit of the Enchanted Purple Dragon, and Long Chen could somewhat see a purple demonic dragon roaring within it.

“Don’t waste any time and make this dragon your life beast spirit at the Deity Dan Realm. When the time comes, your strength will definitely be pulled up!”

At the mention of this, Long Chen paled. He could not refine beast spirits at all.

However, all he could do now was to take it.

“Go back and cultivate. Oh, right, there’s something else...” Liu Yuan suddenly remembered something and reminded him, “Five days later, Chu Yunxi will come and propose to Lan’er. When that happens, I’ll arrange for you two to meet, since you’re going to become a team.”

Chapter 142 – Number 1 Genius of the Green Faction

Chu Yunxi? A proposal?

Long Chen was stunned. “Isn’t Chu Yunxi the 18-year-old genius? He’s proposing to Liu Lan, instead of Liu Ling?”

Longchen thought Liu Yuan had misspoken.

“Yes, it’s Liu Lan. Everyone knows Yunxi has been harbouring a crush on Liu Lan for awhile now, but it’s normal for you not to know since you’ve only just joined the Lingwu family.”

“An 18-year-old crushing on Liu Lan... Interesting.”

Long Chen snickered, but at the thought of Liu Lan’s alluring beauty and her thrilling, mature aura, it was no wonder that anyone would be captivated by her. If Long Chen did not have Lingxi around, he might even be tempted.

“Sigh. Lan’er is probably going to marry into the Green Emperor Hall, but if Chu Yunxi enters the inner faction, Lan’er will definitely have a higher status as well.”

Liu Yuan sighed ruefully.

“This exceedingly alluring delicate flower is going to be offered up to a pig?” Long Chen scolded inside.

Seeing Long Chen so silent as if he had no interest in this, Liu Yuan immediately exclaimed, “Anyway, you should leave and refine that beast spirit.”

“Elder Yuan, what was it about teaming up with Chu Yunxi?” Long Chen did not forget about this.

“The inner faction selection is similar to that of the outer faction selection. There are two rounds, and the first is a competition between teams of two. You and Chu Yunxi are members of the Green Faction and can be made into a team. As for more concrete details regarding the selection, I’ll tell you in detail sometime later. If I were to tell you now, I’m not certain if there are any changes to the rules.”

Long Chen nodded and bid Liu Yuan farewell, returning to his residence.

After reaching, Lingxi came out from the sword and seemed to be elated, wandering around everywhere, wrinkling her nose and humming little tunes.

“Little Xi, what’s got you so happy?”

“I’m not going to tell you! Hmph!”

Long Chen teased, “Could it be because beautiful Liu Lan is going to get married?”

Lingxi was astonished. “How did you know? Hmph, I’ve seen that stinking woman trying to get fresh with you. It’s about time she got married!”

“Hm...” Long Chen had long since made sense of Lingxi’s thought processes.

“Do you think I have a chance in the inner faction selection?” Long Chen sat in the basement.

“Of course. Isn’t there still some time? You’re still at the Human Dan Realm, and merely at the bottom-most level in terms of cultivation. Cultivation works very quickly. By merely training a little here and there, I mentioned to break through to the Heaven Dan Realm.”

Lingxi’s tone of difference as she said this surprised Long Chen.

“When she was younger, she must definitely have been high above everyone else. How would she know how hard peasants like us have to work to achieve the same results...”

After refining the Spirit Grass, Lingxi’s energy was at its peak. She spent the day running everywhere in the residence, and Long Chen let her do as she liked.

As long as he had a bit of time, it would be used for cultivation.

“It’s about time to refine the blood of those two Giant Demonic Vicious Bears. If it’s in my cosmos pouch for too long, its effects might decrease.”

There were

still five days until that proposal thing Chu Yunxi was going to do. In those five days, nobody would bother Long Chen either, and he decided to completely refine the blood of these two beasts.

“Two level 4 profound grade demonic beasts filled with blood only allowed me to improve by a little. There’s still a huge distance to the Earth Dan Realm...”

Long Chen picked out the Spirit Congealing Bead with the Enchanted Purple Dragon inside. This was a treasure to all beast cultivators, but it was useless to Long Chen. He was a dragon cultivator, not a beast cultivator.

What he needed was the blood essence inheritance of an ancient dragon, and not a beast spirit...

“Regular beast cultivators probably would have completely refined this beast spirit by the start of the selection. If Old Liu doesn’t see that I’ve refined it, I wonder how he’s going to kill me. Ugh, I need to find a way to exchange it for a hundred thousand deity jades secretly.”

However, Long Chen could not think up anything in a short period, and so kept the beast spirit well and took out the Thunder Flame Crystals.

“I’ve used up almost all the Thunder Flame Crystals. My limit right now should be 30 of them, so in these five days, I’ll fuse with another 3 such that my Thunder Flame Physique can reach a higher level!”

A rank 1 Thunder Flame Physique would require fusion with 10 Thunder Flame Crystals, while for rank 2, he believed he was almost there. As long as he broke through a certain limit, he would definitely be able to obtain the rank 2 Thunder Flame Physique.

A rank 2 Thunder Flame Physique was comparable to a profound high-grade body tempering technique, and would definitely be very formidable!

Four days slowly passed, and on the morning of the fifth day, Long Chen finally escaped from pain and suffering. While using Origin Reversion to heal himself, he was excited, “I’ve fused with a total of 30 Thunder Flame Crystals, and my body is now three times as powerful as when I had just fused with the first. However, it still has yet to become rank 2.”

Only after his body completely recovered under Origin Reversion did Long Chen stand up and wriggle his limbs.

“As my body becomes stronger, the effects of Origin Reversion decrease. If my body reaches the level of a high-grade profound technique, Origin Reversion will definitely weaken further.”

It was now morning, and the day that Liu Yuan had spoken of had just begun. Right at this moment, Long Chen had finished his fusion with the Thunder Flame Crystals, and the timing was impeccable.

“Proposal? I don’t need to be involved in that. After they’re done with that, we’ll meet with that Chu Yunxi and see how powerful the number 1 genius of the Green Faction is!”

After tidying everything up, Long Chen lay on his bed relaxedly, teasing Lingxi and waiting for someone to summon him.

“Hey, that gorgeous lady is going to get married. Aren’t you sad?” Leaning against the edge of the bed, Lingxi pursed her lips, her jealousy evident.

“I’m obviously so sad that I want to die. Little Xi, shall we go steal the bride?” Long Chen suddenly sat up and said excitedly.

Only after Lingxi’s expression turned completely unhappy did Long Chen burst out in laughter, spreading his arms and ready to pinch her little cheeks. With a shout, Lingxi pushed him away and glared at him.

“You bastard, don’t even think about touching me.”

Long Chen immediately apologised, “Don’t get mad, I was just messing around. She’s old and ugly; who would want her? Besides, our Lingxi is young, pretty, and so very lovable.”

“Tch, who wants to be lovable.”

Hearing the praise, Lingxi was in a better mood, though she still retained her expression of nonchalance.

Their time together passed quickly, and before it was even afternoon, someone was already outside knocking the door.

“Long Chen, Enforcer Liu wants you to go to her residence for a while.”

“To her residence? Am I not supposed to go to the Green Sun Hall to meet with Chu Yunxi?”

Gan Lin had no idea either and shook his head, “Just go to Enforcer Liu’s place and see what’s going on. I still have some things to take care of, so I’ll take my leave now.”

Long Chen was baffled, and could only tell Lingxi, “Lingxi, let’s visit her.”

“That’s strange. What does that stupid woman want you there for?” Lingxi tilted her head, annoyed.

“I don’t know. Let’s talk about it later.”

“I’m not going.” Lingxi controlled the Lingxi Sword and left Long Chen’s ear. “I don’t want to see her. Go alone. I’ll be at home, so just come back once you’re done with everything.”

With a huff, Lingxi disappeared. Long Chen could do little but close the door and head towards Liu Lan’s residence, which was also the core of the Green Willow Residence.

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In the Green Sun Hall, Liu Yuan was seated on the left, while there were the other four elders and four enforcers, with Liu Lan not around.

Beside Liu Yuan was a burly middle-aged man, eyes profound and looking extremely powerful. There was also a handsome young man who looked quiet.

The middle-aged man, Chu Fengqing, was the current elder of the strongest hall in the Green faction, the Green Emperor Hall. Beside him was naturally his son, who was proclaimed the number 1 genius in the Green Faction, Chu Yunxi. Chu Yunxi’s outer appearance seemed quite different from Chu Fengqing, and rather, looked more similar to his sister, Chu Yunyao.

The two of them had come here especially to do a marriage proposal.

“Yunxi has always been very diligent and unwilling to lose to anyone else, which is why he’s been so far ahead of everyone else, to the point that he’s even directly gotten the qualification to enter the inner faction selection. If you think about it, he’s probably some boy wonder.”

Chu Fengqing did not hold back at all. At the mention of his son, he was full of praise.

“For the inner faction selection, how confident is Yunxi?”

Liu Yuan chuckled, and then placed his attention on Chu Yunxi.

Chu Yunxi thought for a moment and respectfully answered, “Uncle Liu, I believe I have about a 50% chance. I know how powerful the other competitors are. One spot will definitely belong to Jin Ensheng, while I have some hope of getting the other place.”

At the mention of Jin Ensheng, Chu Fengqing sighed ruefully, “That kid from the Gold faction is truly amazing. Amongst the younger generation in the outer faction, he’s probably at the top.”

Liu Yuan could only nod helplessly, “He really is not half bad.”

“By the way, when Liu Lan participated in the inner faction selection back in the day, was she not on the verge of entry?”

“Brother Chu thinks too highly of Lan’er. She had been at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Real, but she was not all that powerful. In the first round, she was already kicked out. How could that be considered ‘on the verge of entry’?”

Hearing their conversation, Chu Yunxi furrowed his brows, “Uncle Liu, I’ll definitely help Sister Lan fulfil her dreams!”

Liu Yuan admired this young man from the depths of his heart. He was actually rather pleased that Liu Lan would be able to marry him, but Liu Lan’s was slightly too stubborn about this.

“My Xi’er has been thinking of your Lan’er day and night. Brother Liu, seeing how in love he is, let’s just consider this matter done. What do you think?”

Liu Yuan could only smile wryly, “Of course, I want to agree, since I have high hopes for Yunxi. However, Lan’er isn’t here yet. Let’s wait for her before we decide on anything, alright?”

At this moment, a young cultivator knocked the door and entered, respectfully reporting, “Elder Yuan, Enforcer Liu requests that Young Master Yunxi goes to the Green Willow Residence.”

Chu Yunxi got up from his seat.

Chapter 143 – Storm Seizing Finger!

“This girl is being so mysterious. What does she want from me?”

Lingxi did not follow him, leaving Long Chen feeling empty.

At the heart of the Green Willow Residence was a beautiful little courtyard within which Liu Lan resided. Upon arrival, Long Chen realised the door was open and knocked cautiously. He called out a few times but was met with no response and decided to walk right in while wondering about this situation.

“This wretched woman actually lives in a great place, with such enchanting scenery, birdsong and the fragrance of flowers.”

There were dark green bamboos everywhere, and while it was slightly cold, the bamboos were growing extremely well.

After passing through the bamboo forest, there were a few fine wooden houses. He searched around but was not met with the sight of Liu Lan, and was immediately annoyed, “Damn it, how dare you make a fool of me.”

He searched for a while longer and found that there was some sound from within one of the wooden houses. The door was concealed.

“It can’t be that she’s bathing, just like Liu Ling had been, right?”

Long Chen had some unhealthy thoughts, but he knew it was impossible to meet with the same lucky situation twice. It was still manageable with Liu Ling, but if it was Liu Lan and her steaming-hot body, Long Chen might find this all difficult to stomach.

“That woman is really just the devil, tsk tsk...”

Long Chen walked over and, as expected, felt someone’s presence. Having had dealings with her for such a long period of time, he could tell that this was Liu Lan’s aura.

“Great Beauty Liu, what did you want from me when you summoned me here?”

Long Chen spoke loudly and opened the door, only to be caught in a daze, eyes opened as widely as they could be.

This was obviously a bathroom. White steam rose and shrouded the room, revealing a pale white figure. Her lithe body lay languidly within the water, the vague beauty of this scene leaving Long Chen on the verge of a nosebleed.

“Damn it, why is she actually bathing?”

Long Chen had no idea what Liu Lan was planning. This was completely different from that time with Liu Ling. Then, she had forgotten to close the door, and Long Chen had unwittingly entered. This time, Liu Lan was intentionally luring him inside!

“Could it be that she thinks I’m so handsome that, at this critical juncture, she wants to give up her body to me? It’s a good thing Lingxi isn’t around...”

Long Chen wondered vulgarly, eyes fixated on the curves within the mist, a heat rising in his belly.

However, Long Chen knew very well that there was no free lunch in the world. Now that Long Chen had had the lunch, it was time to be tormented by her!

Guessing that Liu Lan must have some crafty plan in place, Long Chen glared at Liu Lan's pale figure once more and prepared to leave. However, at this moment, a powerful aura burst forth from Liu Lan's body, and a white piece of cloth hooked on to Long Chen's left ankle and dragged him inside.

"My precious, you're already here. How could you just walk out like that?"

A voice that made Long Chen's body go numb entered his ears. Before he could even react to it, he had already fallen into the water with a plonk.

He ferociously struggled free of the white cloth and pulled it up from within the water. Opening his eyes, he found Liu Lan in front of him, her tender red lips inches away from him, and unfocused eyes filled with desire glancing at him. Those sexy curves and soft skin were all within Long Chen's reach.

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one thing that was rather disappointing, however, was that the more vital areas were covered by white cloth. In all honesty, it made this all the more exciting.

"Does this look nice?"

Liu Lan seemed to be breathing out flowers, charmingly looking at Long Chen, eyes seemed to be hinting at something.

"What nice, you're not even as sexy as I am!"

Though the scene before him was full of temptations that might be difficult for the average person to hold back from, Long Chen was not one to lose his mind over the charms of a woman. He threw off Liu Lan's bindings and jumped out of the water. Holding on to his wet clothes, he darted out of the room without looking back.

Behind him, Liu Lan giggled.

"What the hell is that woman doing? Why is she letting this happen?"

Though he had gotten quite an eyeful, Long Chen knew something was off. Just as expected, the moment he darted out of her bathing area, he was met with a handsome, impressive young man. When he saw Long Chen, his expression immediately turned cold as he spoke coldly, "You again! Why are you here?"

This young man seemed to recognise himself, but no matter how Long Chen pondered over this, he had no idea who the other party was.

"You know me?"

Long Chen was now completely covered in water from head to toe, and there was even the fragrance that came from women and flowers. It was truly quite a spectacle.

"I've seen you before. You were talking to Sister Lan the other day!"

Long Chen was stunned, and only then did he remember. So this was the young man who had been staring at him from afar. It was the day he had been separated from Yang Lingqing, and he had only spoken to Liu Lan for a short while.

"Kid, I'm speaking to you. Why are you here at Sister Lan's? Where is Sister Lan?!"

At this moment, a sweet female voice travelled from the bathroom.

“Long Lang*, why aren’t you coming in?”

(* In olden times, ‘lang/lang jun’ was a way for females to address their husbands/lovers.)

The moment her words fell, Liu Lan walked out while wrapped in a towel. Upon noticing the young man not far away, her face changed, “Yunxi, why are you here?”

“What’s with this situation?”

Long Chen had been completely bewildered at being called Long Lang. However, after hearing the name ‘Yunxi’ and thinking back to Chu Yunxi’s intentions of proposing to Liu Lan, he immediately understood. He was now being used as a shield.

Meanwhile, Chu Yunxi looked on in grief and despair.

From his point of view, Long Chen had exited his goddess’ bathroom dripping wet, with even a few little flowers in his hair. Liu Lan had even called him ‘Long Lang’ and, while wrapped in a towel and hair damp, followed him outside...

What could they have been doing inside there?

Chu Yunxi, who had come to see Liu Lan in an excellent mood, immediately saw red. Long Chen could feel rage and a murderous spirit exploding from Chu Yunxi’s body. The power that could only belong to the number 1 genius of the Green Faction at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm almost threw Long Chen over!

“You- you! Why? Why?!”

Chu Yunxi, who had initially been all gentlemanly, found his sweetheart doing something with someone he could not even bring himself to say, and instantly turned into a beast.

Uncaring of Liu Lan, his eyes focused on Long Chen.

“That son of a bitch! He wants to kill me!”

Long Chen seemed to be able to understand Chu Yunxi’s intentions from his gaze. Liu Lan, too, was aware of what this meant, and immediately called out, “Yunxi, stop. Listen to me!”

“Who’ll listen to you!”

Long Chen scolded inside, furious. Chu Yunxi had completely lost his rationality and was now focusing on killing Long Chen. That sentence from before was obviously just a pretence.

Upon seeing this scene, Liu Lan hastily rushed back into the bathroom. Long Chen guessed that since her evil plan had already worked out, and she was probably going in there to change.

“That damned woman! If I ever get my hands on you, see if I whip your ass until it blooms like a sunflower!”

Known as the number 1 genius of the Green Faction, how could Chu Yunxi be anyone simple? Just his aura alone was enough to overpower Long Chen. In order to save himself, Long Chen instantly underwent his Dragon Soul Transformation and, with the fastest speed possible, fled backwards.

“Chu Yunxi, don’t do anything yet. Don’t be taken in by Liu Lan’s evil plan! She evidently doesn’t want to get married to you, which is why she’s using me as a shield!”

Long Chen explained while escaping.

“How dare you come up with excuses when I’ve already seen everything! Whoever you are, you must die for touching my girl!”

Long Chen was momentarily stunned into silence. It was no wonder that Chu Yunxi liked a woman like Liu Lan who was years older than him. He was basically an inflexible guy with a one-track mind. If he set his mind to something, nothing could change his mind. Sly old Liu Lan had taken this into account and tricked Long Chen here. With a little acting, Chu Yunxi was thoroughly duped!

“Storm Seizing Finger!”

In that moment, Chu Yunxi used this powerful move, and a grand storm emerged. Dust and sand flew everywhere, and an inexhaustible hurricane holding within a powerful force headed in Long Chen’s direction with the intent to kill!

In the face of such a ferocious move, Long Chen no longer had time to convince anyone. All he could do was grit his teeth and release a fist and struck out with the Demonic Sun Fist!

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

The two forces collided, but what made Long Chen want to break down was that the Storm Seizing Finger that Chu Yunxi had casually used was even more powerful than Feng Wutian’s Sole Flaming Deity Bird. Long Chen’s Piercing Earth Demonic Sun instantly crumbled, and a formidable force struck Long Chen, causing him to fly backwards, fresh blood spurting out.

This injury was even worse than anything he had experienced, to the point that his body continued to convulse while he lay on the ground. After experiencing this move, he had now lost all ability to battle.

He hurriedly got up, enduring the pain in his body. There was no choice but to use Origin Reversion, albeit with some difficulty, and healed his wounds.

There was no way to express the fury Long Chen had from being used by Liu Lan as a pawn out of nowhere, and now gaining these injuries.

Though Chu Yunxi looked to be refined, he was used to considering everyone beneath him. Since he had determined Liu Lan to be his, Long Chen would have to die for touching what belonged to him.

Long Chen had initially believed that all grudges against him was all due to Liu Lan, and this was a huge misunderstanding. However, the moment Chu Yunxi did not bother with making clear the situation, aiming to take Long Chen’s life with one move, Long Chen knew there was no way to make peace.

“Chu Yunxi, I tried to explain this to you, but you did not listen at all and wanted my life. I’ll remember this move of yours. I’ll make sure you regret it if I don’t die today!”

Though this was a misunderstanding, Long Chen was definitely infuriated to be injured so badly.

Seeing Long Chen sitting cross-legged to heal his injuries, the anger on Chu Yunxi’s face did not diminish at all. Sneering at Long Chen, he roared, “That move didn’t take your life? Well then, here’s another. Die!”

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That life-threatening attack instantly closed in on Long Chen.

“He doesn’t see to reason at all and wants my life?”

There were no ripples in Long Chen’s heart. Instead, all was calm.

He knew that he was still valuable to Liu Lan, and she would not let him die by Chu Yunxi’s hands.

Thus, he sat cross-legged at ease, using the profound-grade healing battle technique- Origin Reversion healing.

As expected, full of rage, Chu Yunxi was about to dash towards Long Chen, but a lithe body flew out of the room and quickly stood in front of Long Chen, slapping towards Chu Yunxi. This move held within a huge momentum and sent Chu Yunxi flying.

It was his first time seeing Liu Lan attacking, and the strength of someone at the perfect mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm truly could not be concealed. Just a casual move could send the so-called number 1 genius of the Green Faction flying!

“Sister Lan, you’re actually attacking me for him?”

Chu Yunxi’s eyes were bloodshot, looking grim.

“Yunxi, don’t think too much into this.”

Liu Lan turned, looking as if her heart was breaking at Long Chen’s plight. Putting on a look of misery, she spoke to Chu Yunxi, “Since you’ve seen this, I’m not going to hide this from you anymore. I never agreed in the past, only because I already have someone in my heart...”

Long Chen was on the brink of coughing blood at her shameless words.

He was about to scold Liu Lan, but unexpectedly, Liu Lan seemed to know what he was going to do. With a turn of her head, her hand steadily landed on Long Chen’s shoulder at an angle where Chu Yunxi could not see, and all the words Long Chen wanted to say disappeared into his throat.

“Are you talking about him?”

Chu Yunxi now looked ready to eat Long Chen. Long Chen had suddenly obtained an enemy out of the blue and was almost killed, and the fury in his heart was not lesser than Chu Yunxi’s. However, Liu Lan was stronger than him, and under her control, he could not utter a word.

“I know about him. I heard that he’s going to participate in the inner faction selection as well, yes? Good, good, good!”

Chu Yunxi’s heart clenched as he recalled the scene from before, repeating ‘good’ thrice. He glared at Long Chen and sneered, “I’m not a match for you now. However, since you’re willing to go against me for his sake, let it be known that the day of the inner faction selection shall be the day this kid dies!”

The fiery gaze like that of a ferocious beast lay on Long Chen for a while. He then gazed at Liu Lan, seemingly heartbroken, bit his lips vigorously and left.

The happenings of the day was driving him crazy.

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After Chu Yunxi left for the Green Willow Residence, Liu Yuan and Chu Fengqing had nothing to do and began to joke around while drinking.

“Brother Liu, I heard that your daughter wanted my son to meet her alone. Why is that?”

Liu Yuan was just as baffled and laughed in embarrassment, “That girl has never done anything that I expected. How would I know?”

“Perhaps she wants my son to see her room?” Chu Fengqing clicked his tongue in jest.

At this age, Chu Fengqing knew his words were not quite right, and Liu Yuan was rendered speechless. He continued joking around with Chu Fengqing for a while longer when Chu Yunxi entered, expression dark.

Liu Yuan was startled, “Yunxi, where’s Lan’er?”

“You still have the gall to ask me?” Chu Yunxi sneered and turned towards Chu Fengqing, “Father, let’s go

. We’re never coming back to this damned Green Sun Hall!”

The occupants of the room were instantly stunned. Liu Yuan immediately guessed that something must have gone wrong with Liu Lan and quickly asked, “Yunxi, did Lan’er say something?”

Chu Yunxi glared at him, “You dare say you know nothing about what your daughter has done?”

Before he could respond, Chu Yunxi had already left. Seeing this, Chu Fengqing knew something was off.

In actuality, if not for his son being so persistent, he would definitely not agree to this marriage, much less go through all that bullshit with the weakest of the eight great elders, Liu Yuan.

Hearing his son’s words, he could tell that Liu Lan had made Chu Yunxi completely give up.

“This is even better. Liu Lan doesn’t have a good reputation anyway. If she actually marries into the family, she’ll even be an embarrassment to us!”

With this thought, Chu Fengqing’s attitude had a 180-degree change. Snickering, he followed Chu Yunxi and left the Green Sun Hall, not even turning back.

“Time to see what Liu Lan has been up to!”

He was also an elder, but Liu Yuan had been scorned on. Expression stony, he slammed the table and stood up!

Seeing Liu Yuan angered, the surrounding elders and enforcers were silent in their fear.

“What’s wrong with Enforcer Liu? Even if she doesn’t agree to the proposal from the Green Emperor Hall, there’s no need to make the situation so stiff, is there? The Green Emperor Hall is the number one hall in the Green Faction and has a great reputation in the outer faction. Why doesn’t Liu Lan know how serious this is?”

The elders were all confused.

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Though gravely injured, Long Chen had used Origin Reversion in time, and Liu Lan had produced a few profound middle-grade healing items from her cosmos pouch. After refining them, Long Chen gradually recuperated.

He raised his head to see Liu Lan looking indifferent and chuckled darkly, “Looks like the enmity between us is huge.”

“Is that so?” Liu Lan exclaimed without care, “It’s just a slight injury. Didn’t I let you see more than enough?”

“Is your body that valuable?” Long Chen struggled to stand.

“Come into the room. You can leave after your injuries are healed.”

“Don’t think anything you do will appease me. Whether it’s you or Chu Yunxi, I’ll definitely take revenge. If you have the guts, kill me now. Don’t wait till the time I can crush you...”

Long Chen took several steps forward, looked back and sneered, “I will crush you.”

Liu Lan was startled but immediately laughed, as if provoking him, “Don’t mention anything yet. If you can defeat Chu Yunxi and enter the Inner faction, you can do whatever you wish to me.”

Long Chen clenched his fists tightly, but eventually loosened them. He was definitely not a match for Liu Lan now, so even if she had made use of him, there was nothing he could do as of yet.

“You think I want you?” Long Chen snickered, “I have more girls than you know. Why would I work hard to get an old lady like you?”

“Old lady?”

Liu Lan almost fainted in her anger. She was about to flip out, but Long Chen had already gone far.

She watched Long Chen as he left. While injured, he still stood tall and straight.

“Was it too much for me to make use of him like this? When he gets stronger, it’ll definitely bite me in the ass someday...”

At the thought of how Huang Feiyang and the sect leader had ended up, Liu Lan felt a shiver run down her spine.

“Whatever it is, I managed to get Chu Yunxi to completely give up. Though he seems refined, he’s intense, haughty and arrogant. If I do go with him, my future is destroyed. How can I, Liu Lan, depend on someone for my whole life?”

Those were her true thoughts. In actuality, she was extremely against Chu Yunxi, which was why she had thought up this plan to make him give up.

“This way, all connections between the Green Sun and Green Emperor Hall are destroyed. However, that was fated to happen the moment Chu Yunxi set his eyes on me.”

There was no way around it.

At the thought of Long Chen and the progress he had made in this time, Liu Lan nodded, “I can only gamble everything on him. He was already a person full of miracles, and with more pressure on him, he’ll develop even more quickly. Chu Yunxi tried to kill him today, and with his nature, he’ll definitely plot to take revenge during the inner faction selection!”

Liu Lan knew Long Chen’s temperament inside and out.

All that had happened today might seem sudden, but all were within Liu Lan’s plans. She knew Chu Yunxi and Long Chen well enough that they could not do anything about her. It was obvious how high-handed her methods were.

“But what if he really becomes so lucky and enters the inner faction? Wouldn’t I have to...”

At this thought, as well as how Long Chen had been stunned into a daze at her body, Liu Lan suddenly felt her face burning...

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He had been made a fool of for no reason and almost lost his life. It was impossible for Long Chen not to be furious.

“That wretched woman is really terrifying. She must have planned this for a long time, and I was stupid enough to head straight-on into the hole she dug and jump in. I’ve made enemies with Chu Yunxi, and gotten myself injured at that...”

The thought of Chu Yunxi increased his desire for blood.

Liu Lan had made a fool of him once and used him as a shield. However, Chu Yunxi had truly wanted his life, and almost succeeded.

“Since his strength and status are both higher than mine, he didn’t treat me equally and thought my life to be like grass...”

Long Chen had now guessed at Chu Yunxi’s character. Even if he knew what really had happened, he still wouldn’t let Long Chen off.

“By the way, old Liu also mentioned that I’m going to be in the same team as him during the inner faction selection. How am I going to team up with him in this situation? He’ll probably want my life the moment the selection starts.”

Long Chen frowned.

“Liu Lan keeps arousing hostility in people around me and was especially vicious this time. However, aren’t you afraid of burning yourself when playing with fire? I, Long Chen, am not some sheep that’s so easily manipulated!”

Long Chen did not dare let Lingxi see all his injuries. For one, he had no idea how to explain the happenings of the day, and Lingxi’s distaste towards Liu Lan might result in her charging out and wanting a fight.

Hidden in a corner in the Green Willow Residence, Long Chen used Origin Reversion once more and absorbed the profound middle-grade spirit medicine that Liu Lan had given him as well. Only then did about half his injuries get better. If Long Chen tried a little harder, nobody would be able to tell.

Long Chen headed towards the area where grade 1 disciples resided, but when he was about to approach it, he met Gan Lin.

The moment he saw Long Chen, Gan Lin had a strange expression on his face as he shook his head, “Long Chen, I never expected that you’d get together with Lord Enforcer. However, the pressure you’ll face is more than you expected. I’m sure Chu Yunxi won’t let you off...”

“What are you saying?” Long Chen widened his eyes in surprise.

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“What do you mean, Senior Gan?” Long Chen asked, shocked.

“There’s no need to hide it. Everyone knows already.”

Gan Lin smiled wryly. “We all know what just happened. The two of you admitted your relationship in front of Chu Yunxi, and I believe in no time, this will spread throughout the Green Faction. Before the fight in the inner faction selection begins, I think this will be the biggest piece of gossip...”

“Damn it!”

Long Chen scolded inside. He knew that this was definitely Liu Lan’s work.

He absolutely could not reveal that she had plotted for him to watch her bathing. He could only continue on with this ridiculous lie, but it was this type of gossip that gathered everyone’s interest...

“Looks like my reputation will spread to the nine great outer factions, since I’ve stolen Chu Yunxi’s love from him and thoroughly disregarded him. Damn it, Liu Lan, I’m completely done for in the inner faction selection!”

Long Chen really had the impulse to catch her alive and skin her.

After bidding Gan Lin farewell, Long Chen returned to his residence. Unexpectedly, Liu Ling, who was staying next door, was watching him coldly from the entrance to her residence.

“You bastard, I won’t let you touch a single hair on my sister!”

Having said this, the door closed with a bang.

“Huh?”

There was no way to describe how Long Chen was feeling.

“Oh well, just do whatever you want. I’ll cultivate diligently, not just for Liu Qing but also for myself. I must definitely pass the inner faction selection!”

“But fighting against the top talents of all the nine great outer factions is incredibly stressful...”

After he opened the door, Lingxi was already awaiting his presence.

When he saw Lingxi’s worried expression, Long Chen suddenly felt a feeling of peace come over him.

It was as if he had been wandering and risking his life outside for ten years, and was only now returning to his anchor, his home.

“You’re back?”

“Yeah.”

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The next ten days were spent on cultivation.

In these ten days, he spent two on killing demonic beasts at the Sky Martial Realm. He was still unable to deal with level 5 profound-grade demonic beasts, and could only settle for hunting level 4 beasts.

In two days, he killed a total of four level 4 profound-grade demonic beasts.

What had happened with Liu Lan had already spread in the outer faction, and the Green Emperor Hall quickly became the laughing stock of the outer faction. All jokes were made at their expense. While in the Sky Martial Realm, Long Chen kept a low profile, and hence, no problems arose.

For those few days, he was truly like a mouse, concealing himself as best as possible to prevent disputes. He did not take the demonic cores and beast spirits to the Treasure Exchange Pavilion to be converted into contribution points.

At this point, Lingxi had already found out what had happened to Long Chen. However, this version had been modified, and she only held more contempt towards Liu Lan.

However, the inner faction selection was right around the corner.

“Let’s not even consider if Chu Yunxi will attack me during the inner faction selection. Many of the other geniuses have the same level of strength as Chu Yunxi. My goal is the inner faction, and the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm is definitely not enough.”

Sitting in the spacious basement, Long Chen de

voured the blood of level 4 profound-grade demonic beasts. However, they had little effect. After using Blood Transmutation, he was only able to get infinitely nearer to the Earth Dan Realm.

The inner faction was definitely holding high expectations for the selection.

Those who could distinguish themselves in each selection were absolute geniuses. Even after entering the inner faction, they would definitely be able to shine. On top of that, this was a platform for competition within the nine outer factions. Though they were generally united, competition was not scarce amongst them. The outer factions had restrained themselves, all so they could show off in the selection and secure their status amongst the outer factions.

Those who were particularly expectant towards the selection were definitely of the Green Faction.

All of the participants from the other factions were on good terms and were exceptional partners. However, on the Green Faction's end, there was Long Chen, who had been chosen despite being at the Human Dan Realm, and had a huge feud with Chu Yunxi.

Everyone loved gossip, and nobody was unaware of Long Chen and Chu Yunxi being at odds over a woman.

The most mysterious character here was Long Chen. He had only just entered the outer faction two months ago, and he had already risen at an insane pace, from the eighth Dragon Vein till the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm.

His success at his cultivation and love life were both shocking. Everyone had assumed that Chu Yunxi would definitely get together with Liu Lan, and yet Long Chen had stolen his superior's heart. It was akin to a great cabbage being provided to swine, or a beautiful flower stuck in cow dung.

These rivals in love would both represent the Green Faction and fight together, and would definitely put on a good show. For this reason, there was boundless anticipation towards this selection.

There were ten more days till the first day of the eleventh month, and everyone felt as if time was crawling.

Though Long Chen might have been on the upper hand in love, he was probably going to have a tragic end on the battlefield.

As he was the only one at the Human Dan Realm, Long Chen caught much attention. His information was read through time and again. While he had defeated Feng Wutian, Long Chen was still undoubtedly the weakest in the selection.

Every time Long Chen went out, he could see everyone discussing the inner faction selection in Lingwu City. Long Chen was one of the most-talked-about topics, but it was clear that nobody expected him to do well. When they spoke of him, what they wanted to see was what would happen between him and his rival in love, Chu Yunxi.

“Chu Yunxi is an exceptional talent, and the Chu family is quite amazing too. I wonder if Liu Lan has a screw loose to choose a pig like Long Chen!”

Every time he heard this, Long Chen had the urge to vomit blood. This was the reason he did not dare go to the Treasure Exchange Pavilion. If he were to be surrounded, he'd probably be drowned by all the saliva they would spit out.

“What a shameless woman.” Lingxi puffed her cheeks in annoyance.

“Long Chen, with your current strength, it really will be difficult to deal with them. Don't worry though. I've taken the Spirit Grass, and can take on an attack that even someone at the perfect mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm cannot block. If that Chu whatever dares touch you, I'll take his wretched life!”

At the thought that he had harmed Long Chen, Lingxi felt indignant.

Long Chen could do little at that.

“Oh well. I can only hope to have some sort of breakthrough during the selection. If not, it's not quite possible...”

Ever since he had entered the Lingwu Family, Long Chen had raised his status step by step. Never had he experienced fear or terror, but now that he would have to compete against geniuses of the outer faction, he was powerless.

“I won’t be able to take revenge against Chu Yunxi’s attack in the near future.”

Just as he was thinking this, Long Chen was annoyed to find that Liu Lan had come looking for him.

Long Chen had no intentions of seeing her, but she was lingering outside.

“Little Xi, I’m going to see what shit she’s going to spout. Don’t get impulsive. She’s very powerful. Once I get stronger, you can attack her. What do you think?”

Before heading out, Long Chen saw Lingxi’s dark expression that hinted at violence, and quickly advised.

“Hmph. Once I regain my strength, she’ll definitely be in for it.”

After opening the door, he found Liu Lan in that black dress that she had worn when she had entered his room for the first time. It presented her curves well, but today, she also had on a black cloak, concealing her charming appearance.

“The inner faction selection is about to start, and you don’t have any trump cards. The Yuanling City’s Daybreak Merchants Union is organising a large-scaled auction today. How about we go take a look?”

Long Chen had planned on sending her away to avoid being unable to hold himself back and responding with violence. However, upon hearing her mention an auction, he hesitated for a moment and decided to go with her.

After getting a cloak from Liu Lan, Long Chen followed behind her and headed towards the outskirts of the Lingwu City.

Amongst cultivators, there were many who had offended others or committed unspeakable sins. They were unwilling to reveal their identities, and this was especially so at auctions, where it had almost become an unspoken rule to wear cloaks to participate.

With this, Long Chen could walk alongside Liu Lan without causing a ruckus.

“These ten days have been very lively. Your love life has already become the topic of everyone’s discussion enjoyed before and after meals.” Long Chen commented.

“Are you complaining or taking pleasure in it?” Liu Lan seemed to smile.

“Are you teasing me?”

Liu Lan did not deny this.

“Just ignore this. Long Chen...” Her brows furrowed slightly, “The danger of the inner faction selection is something you can’t even begin to imagine. Whether you believe it or not, I don’t want you to die.”

“Are you really an old cow trying to eat young grass*?”

(tln: someone who is much older getting together with someone significantly younger)

Being called an old cow multiple times brought Liu Lan closer to the brink of getting violent, no matter how well-mannered she was. However, as she had been in the wrong, it wouldn’t do her good to get mad.

Rolling her eyes, Liu Lan continued, “I can only apologise to you for what happened. Chu Yunxi was even more extreme than I expected. If there’s any opportunity at all, I believe he’ll find a way to kill you regardless of the repercussions.”

“What is that supposed to mean? Schadenfreude?” Long Chen’s voice had turned cold.

“I didn’t mean that.” Liu Lan was anxious, “I’m just telling you that it’s best to exercise restraint this time. You need to keep your life. Besides, you’re a few years younger than Chu Yunxi and only just entered the Lingwu family, It’s not like you won’t have any chances at surpassing him.”

“Stop it. I won’t hold back when it comes to people I need to kill.”

Long Chen spat out these words and walked ahead.

Chapter 146 – Jin Sheng'en

The Daybreak Merchant Union's auction this time was held at the East Ling Region. It was a joint operation by all the branches.

Manager Zhao Tianfang's branch was also included.

Due to the matter regarding the Thunder Flame Physique, Long Chen was slightly fearful towards them. However, with Liu Lan beside him, he had nothing to fear.

Even if the sky were to collapse, the Lingwu Family would be there to take the brunt of it in his stead.

The auction grounds was huge. In the giant public square, ten thousands of people gathered. In the middle was a platform whereby large amounts of light was gathered. The floor of the platform was made entirely out of deity jades, and it was apparent that the Daybreak Merchant Union was spending extravagantly for this event.

Above the square were almost two hundred compartments. Long Chen and Liu Lan were now in one of them. Though it was not large, it was exquisite.

With Liu Lan's status, it was no big deal to get a compartment like this.

Seated in such a narrow area next to someone rumoured to be his woman, Long Chen felt rather uncomfortable as he constantly breathed in a tempting aroma from her.

If not for what had just happened, he might even take enjoyment in this. However, much of him held hatred and anger towards Liu Lan, which diminished his interest in the beautiful woman beside him.

His indifferent attitude gave Liu Lan impression that he was stirring restlessly inside.

“What are you so anxious about...”

Liu Lan watched him with interest. She then stretched out her body, revealing bits of skin underneath the thin black clothing, looking very enticing.

“If you can fulfil the goals I’ve set for you, everything of mine shall be yours. Hehe...”

She chuckled in a charming manner, while Long Chen ignored her and turned his head towards the platform at the centre of the plaza. It was the most dazzling place in the entire square, and also the focal point of this auction.

A gorgeous woman was now walking to the centre of the platform, her beautiful eyes sweeping the area. Only after that did an elegant voice sound.

“Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Daybreak Merchant Union’s auction. We have made preparations for almost two months for this event. We are sure that the precious items we have will satisfy all of you. Let me now announce the commencement of the auction!”

“The rules of this auction are obviously that the person with the highest price obtains it. However, if you could supply an item of equivalent value, our Daybreak Merchant Union welcomes that as well. However, the value of the item shall be determined by us.”

Though she was not powerful, she had a very strong mind. Her voice was sweet and she was very tactful, leaving people feeling comfortable. Hosting large events such as auctions like this were very suitable for her.

Liu Lan had planned to tease Long Chen further to brighten the atmosphere, but Long Chen had no reaction at all. She then looked downwards as well and spoke, “The reason why we’re here is to look for something you can use during the inner faction selection. If there’s anything you want, tell me.”

“I have my own money. Don’t worry about me.”

If he were to take something more from her, he would owe her a favour. Long Chen had plans to teach Liu Lan an unforgettable lesson. If he were to use her money now, it would not make sense to attack her afterwards.

He and Liu Lan might be sitting together and even exchanging a few words, but that was only because he was no match for her. Liu Lan had made use of him, and once h

e had enough strength, the first person he would deal with was her.

Hearing such unyielding words from Long Chen, Liu Lan was slightly surprised. However, she knew how little Long Chen had received from his family. It was almost laughable hearing Long Chen's words.

"I'm not in the mood to argue with you. I'm here at the auction for your sake. Don't think too much of it. At most, everyone else would think that you're my man. If you lose too badly, I'll lose face, so paying for you is my attempt at saving face," Liu Lan said.

"I told you already. I'll get what I want with my own means." Long Chen answered calmly.

Seeing Long Chen so untactful, Liu Lan was already slightly unhappy. However, she was the one in the wrong and could only ridicule him, "You're pretty good at bragging, huh. I wonder how you're going to do that in an auction of this level."

She knew how much Long Chen had in his pockets. This auction was one of the highest grade in the Eastern Ling Region, and everything being auctioned off here had a starting price of over a thousand spirit jades.

If Long Chen had this amount of wealth, the sun must probably have risen from the west.

While they were conversing, time slipped away. In no time, two items had been auctioned off. The first was a profound middle-grade divine weapon, and had been bought at the high price of fifty thousand deity jades. The second had been sold for thirty thousand deity jades.

The first few items of the auctions were generally more precious. Long Chen knew of this practice.

The entirety of the wealth of one at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm was generally at a hundred thousand. Any random item at the auction was enough for cultivators at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm to go broke.

This was why Liu Lan was sure that Long Chen was just bragging.

“Don’t get the price wrong. If you can’t produce the money, you’ll be unable to leave the Daybreak Merchant Union. Though this is just a branch, there are many experts here at the Heaven Dan Realm. I won’t be able to save you.”

Seeing Long Chen still so stubborn and unwilling to admit defeat, Liu Lan warned him.

Long Chen continued gazing at the auction, not replying her at all.

Liu Lan shook her head at his response and silently thought, “This guy is really too immature. He’s already so old and is still sulking. The reason why I’m here is to help him, but if this goes on, it’ll be useless for me to be here. I need to do something about this.”

After a while, Liu Lan’s eyes brightened, “Long Chen, how many contribution points do you have now?”

“361. Why?”

Long Chen had no idea why she was suddenly asking this.

“If you want to purchase something with your own abilities, I won’t force you to do otherwise. However, I know full well how many deity jades you have. How about this; for every contribution point you have, you can exchange it for ten deity jades with me. I’ll give you a total of four thousand deity jades. How about that?”

If that was the case, Long Chen wasn't exactly relying on her. He could somewhat accept her suggestion and nodded.

When it came down to it, Long Chen knew there were definitely going to be some treasures, judging by what had already been auctioned off. They would be the key in his battles in the inner faction selection. It would be for the best if he could obtain them.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the next item is the Seven-coloured Glass Metal. This metal is ten times of a better quality than regular glass metal. If there is a craftsman to work on it, it can basically create two or more profound middle-grade divine weapons. If the craftsman is sufficiently skilful, it is not impossible to create a profound high-grade divine weapon! Starting price at ten thousand deity jades! Each increase in price must be by more than five hundred deity jades!"

With the incitement from the beautiful girl, a wave surged in the auction.

"12 000 deity jades!"

"13 000 deity jades!"

"15 000!"

"20 000!"

As this Seven-coloured Glass Metal was extremely precious and a profound high-grade divine weapon could potentially be forged from it, the atmosphere was heated, and the price constantly increased. Soon enough, it had almost reached 60 000.

Long Chen had no interest in this sort of thing. However, in this bidding, Liu Lan did notice a familiar person in the compartment nearby. This person had also participated in the bidding and seemed rather wealthy. Each time, he would increase the price by thousands, and finally, the Seven-coloured Glass Metal was sold off to him for 70 000 deity jades.

“It’s actually him? I didn’t expect him to come to this auction as well.” Hearing his voice, Liu Lan was slightly surprised.

“Who’s that?” Long Chen asked.

“The number one seed at the inner faction selection. He’s said to be the current number one genius of the outer faction— Jin Sheng’en of the Gold Faction. I’ve seen him in battle before, and he’s definitely not ordinary. He’s battle might should probably have reached the realm of the perfect mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm.”

“Jin Sheng’en, at the perfect mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm?”

Long Chen was speechless. This guy was truly heaven-defying. Long Chen had constantly been progressing, but he did understand there would always be someone who surpassed him.

In his eyes, Chu Yunxi was already a genius difficult to compare to. Jin Sheng’en was even more terrifying, with his battle might at the perfect mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm.

“Do you know what’s so outstanding about him?” Long Chen was very curious about this.

It was only because he had his Dragon Soul Transformation, Thunder Flame Physique and other methods that he could kill people despite the difference in levels.

“The most genius part about Jin Sheng’en is the profound high-grade tempering battle technique that he trains in— Gilding Physique! The Gilding Physique is the top-grade tempering battle technique belonging to the Gold Faction. Within the Gold Faction, there are few who succeed at it, and yet Jin Sheng’en had actually succeeded in cultivation while merely at the initial mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm. Isn’t he amazing?”

Long Chen’s trump card was his body that was stronger than that of average people. Jin Sheng’en trained in a profound high-grade tempering battle technique and had one up over Long Chen, even lording over Long Chen in terms of real Qi.

Hearing Liu Lan's narration and realising the proximity of this monster to him right now, Long Chen completely gave up.

"What, do you finally know how cruel the inner faction selection is now?"

Liu Lan watched him, her eyes glinting with pride.

"It's still too early to say who will emerge the champion."

Long Chen knew that no matter what, he could not fear anyone for Yang Lingqing and his own sake. Even if his enemies were powerful, he had to endure and give it his all!

"Hehe..." Liu Lan covered her mouth as she chuckled, "Go on, keep bragging. Let me tell you something else. Jin Sheng'en and Chu Yunxi are good friends, so if you do meet him, you'd probably be skinned if you're not already dead..."

Long Chen's mind went blank.

"What is up with the world? Why are all the geniuses huddled up together? If I offend one, that means I'm offending a few others as well? On top of that, each of them is stronger than the other?"

There was little Long Chen could say in response.

Liu Lan's intentions in pointing this out was to get Long Chen to recognise the dangers and difficulty of the selection, all so he would let her pay. Now that he was convinced, she was obviously elated.

"Now, I'm going to announce the next item to be auctioned off— Thunder Flame Crystals!"

Chapter 147 – Demonic Blood Soul Essence

“Thunder Flame Crystals?”

Liu Lan’s cherry lips opened slightly in her surprise.

“How did the Daybreak Merchants Union get them? Thunder Flame Crystals are extremely rare in the Yuanling region. They probably obtained them through other means.”

Long Chen never expected the Daybreak Merchants Union to auction off the Thunder Flame Crystals.

He had gathered forty or so crystals from Zhao Tianfang’s pockets. It was evident that they probably had quite a number of them.

No matter how powerful a cultivator was, a hundred Thunder Flame Crystals were more than enough. However, if one could be in possession of great amounts, the strength of an organisation would rise greatly, and there would naturally be multiple benefits.

Lingxi did mention that the Daybreak Merchants Union likely had a mine of Thunder Flame Crystals.

If that was truly the case, the strength of the Daybreak Merchants Union now was probably even more formidable, and thus put pressure on the Lingwu Family and Beast Spirit Palace. If there really was a mine, the Lingwu Family would definitely covet it.

“There are a total of ten Thunder Flame Crystals. If all ten are fused with, one will become a Thunder Flame cultivator and form the Thunder Flame Physique. That would be equivalent to a profound middle-grade body-tempering battle technique or even more than that. Everyone should understand the effects. I won’t say more at this point. The starting price of these ten crystals is 20 000 deity jades! Each increase in price cannot be less than a thousand deity jades!”

Ever since the Thunder Flame Crystals appeared, all the guests had begun chattering. Thunder Flame Crystals may not be any top-rated treasure, but it was still a rarity.

The Thunder Flame Crystals caused a burning desire amongst the audience.

“Long Chen, what do you think of these crystals?”

Liu Lan turned her head and glanced at Long Chen through her lashes.

From her perspective, Long Chen was a beast cultivator. If he cultivated in another profound middle-grade body-tempering battle technique, his battle might would definitely increase in this time and give him better chances in the upcoming inner faction selection.

Thunder Flame Crystals differed from other tempering battle techniques. Others required time to hammer the technique in, but this just required fusion.

If she knew that Long Chen had already fused with 30 crystals, her expression would be marvellous.

Long Chen had always been in need of Thunder Flame Crystals. His goal was to reach level 2, or even level 3 of the Thunder Flame Physique.

However, the issue now was that with the contribution points Long Chen had on hand, he could only exchange for 4000 deity jades. The wealth he had on him was negligible. Just the starting price alone for these ten Thunder Flame Crystals far exceeded 4000.

Long Chen had had around fifty Thunder Flame Crystals, which was equal to more than a hundred thousand deity jades.

Unexpectedly, the items that Lingxi had spent two Spirit Recovery Fruits to rob was so valuable. He had used up almost a hundred thousand deity jades so easily, and his heart was bleeding at the mere thought of it.

Long Chen was too poor to purchase the crystals, which was why he did not bother replying.

Liu Lan had now hit a snag, but she did not get mad. The price was already increasing outside, and without hesitation, she yelled a price based on what was already being shouted.

“35 000 deity jades.”

Her cold voice resounded in the spacious square.

The number of deity jades had only reached 31 000 deity jades till then, an

d Liu Lan had shouted 35 000 all of a sudden. Nobody tried to increase the price.

Ten Thunder Flame Crystals were bought with 35 000 deity jades, which was a rather unreasonable price. Regular body-tempering battle techniques usually cost 100 000 deity jades, and they also lacked the risks that came with Thunder Flame Crystals.

Liu Lan got the crystals and then sent a smile Long Chen’s way, her beam provocative.

“I’m going to say this upfront. This is something you wanted to buy, so don’t blame it on me.”

When it came to this woman, she was rather irresistible, but Long Chen knew she was similar to a rose. While the aroma was strong and it was beautiful, attracting men to come closer, they might get pricked by her thorns if they stood too close.

While Long Chen had wanted the Thunder Flame Crystals, he wanted to avoid this situation.

“Did you think I was begging for your forgiveness?”

Seeing Long Chen so standoffish with her, Liu Lan was slightly infuriated. She got serious and, with a grim tone, spoke, “I’m here to get you things because I’m afraid you’ll lose your life to Chu Yunxi in the inner faction selection. There isn’t much time till the first of the eleventh month. If you’re sulking and won’t accept what I’ve gotten you, then you’re an idiot. An incredible idiot.”

It was true that Long Chen was not very confident regarding the inner faction selection.

“I’ll take the Thunder Flame Crystals. I’ll return you the 35 000 deity jades after the auction is over.”

The moment Liu Lan finished talking, he spoke matter-of-factly.

“Oh?”

He did not have money now, but he would have it after the auction ended. What logic was this?

Liu Lan was at her wit’s end when it came to this guy. She was rather curious of how Long Chen would get the money at the end of the auction, and nodded.

“I’ll be waiting then. When the time comes, don’t blame me if I laugh at you if you don’t have the money.”

“Whatever.”

After the Thunder Flame Crystals were auctioned off, someone sent them to their compartment. Long Chen took the crystals while the crazy bitch, Liu Lan, produced the money. The deliverer, who was of the Daybreak Merchants Union, had a strange expression on his face.

After he left, Liu Lan had on a charming, gentle grin.

“Do you know what kind of expression he had on?”

“He probably thinks you’re a wealthy woman, while I’m a pretty boy you take care of, all so to fill the void in your heart. Am I right?”

Liu Lan smiled sweetly, her beauty incomparable.

After the two brief climaxes from the Seven-coloured Glass Metal and the Thunder Flame Crystals, the auction gradually reached its end.

After two hours, the items that were saved for last began to appear. There were a total of three. The first was a profound high-grade offensive battle technique that was sold off for 80 000 deity jades.

Usually, 80 000 deity jades were far from enough to obtain the high-grade battle technique on the table. The truly remarkable battle techniques could be sold for a million or even millions, and it was thus obvious that while they could be of the same rank, battle techniques differed in preciousness.

The profound high-grade battle technique that was sold for 80 000 deity jades was probably slightly stronger or possibly weaker than regular profound-grade battle techniques.

There were few experts in Yuanling City who were at the Heaven Dan Realm, and each and every one of them had great status. In an auction like this held by the branches of the Daybreak Merchants Union, Earth Dan Realm cultivators were considered distinguished guests, while those of the Human Dan Realm were the bottommost level.

The last item was a profound high-grade spirit medicine with a starting price of 200 000 deity jades. However, it was useless to Long Chen. His eyes were fixated on the second-last item.

“Demonic Blood Soul Essence. It is the demonic blood essence of a profound level 8 demonic beast. As long as you are powerful enough to refine it, your real Qi will definitely increase by a large amount. However, as much time has already passed, the power left within this essence can only allow cultivators at the beginning of the Human Dan Realm to reach the initial mastery stage, or those at the initial mastery stage to reach the perfect mastery stage!”

The elegant female voice resounded in the square.

“Demonic Blood Soul Essence?”

Lingxi’s voice portrayed her surprise as she whispered, “Long Chen, it’s best to get that soul essence.”

“What can it do? Though it might be useful for others at the Human Dan Realm, it should be useless to me.”

“Demonic Blood Soul Essence is a demonic core that has been soaked in blood for over a hundred years after the demonic beast has died. Sometimes, it does not disappear but forms a soul essence. The demonic core’s strength and that of the blood mix together, forming a strange spirit force. As long as one is a cultivator, all can absorb this strength. To be honest, the Demonic Blood Soul Essence is rather similar to the Soul Diffusion Fruit.”

“How so?” Long Chen asked.

“The Soul Diffusion Fruit allows one to raise one’s level in a very short period of time and reach the Human Dan Realm. There aren’t any negative effects either. The Demonic Blood Soul Essence has the same effect. This piece in front of us has a strength comparable to the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, so even if those who have just entered the Human Dan Realm were to consume it, they might very well reach the perfect mastery stage if they have good luck.”

As Lingxi was speaking, Long Chen shifted his body such that he faced the edge of the compartment.

Lingxi’s voice was sounded using her soul and reached Long Chen’s own soul. Though soft, Long Chen heard everything clearly. Long Chen’s question was able to be heard by Liu Lan, but it happened to be noisy from the auction, and his voice was thus unheard.

“The heaven-defying part of blood transmutation is how the aura of fresh blood is transformed into your real Qi. For this reason, Blood Transmutation is amazing, and this soul essence is even more useful to you. Others who take in the Demonic Blood Soul Essence will absorb the strength from the demonic core, but what you’re doing is to absorb the force of the blood. With it, I reckon you can break through to the Earth Dan Realm.”

Long Chen heard the words “Earth Dan Realm” loud and clear, which was exactly what he was hoping to achieve.

He was definitely unable to win against a level 5 profound grade demonic beast, and he needed to hunt a certain number of level 4 beasts such that he could enter the Earth Dan Realm.

The inner faction selection was right around the corner, but because of Liu Lan, it was inconvenient to move around. Entering the Earth Dan Realm was definitely a problem.

“Looks like even with Blood Transmutation, it’s difficult to gain strength. On top of that, it doesn’t do me good to use it too often.”

Long Chen thought inside.

Right after Lingxi explained everything thoroughly, Long Chen knew that this Demonic Blood Soul Essence was something that would determine his life. For that reason, he had to have it.

Chapter 148

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Many of high statuses were very willing to buy this and pass it to the younger generation in the family as a reward, allowing them to advance further .

Neither Xue Yuanzi nor Bai Yangzhen and the others knew the value of the Soul Diffusion Fruit from before . It was actually a profound elementary-grade spirit medicine that was able to help one condense the Deity Dan . A Soul Diffusion Fruit was priced around 10 000 deity jades .

The sole harvest from the auction were the ten Thunder Flame Crystals, which left Liu Lan unsatisfied . However, with the auction about to end and the rest of the items unsuitable for Long Chen, Liu Lan was prepared to bring Long Chen back .

Within the square, there was a large number of people who had gathered an interest in the Demonic Blood Soul Essence, and many had already begun bidding .

What gained Liu Lan's interest was that Jin Sheng'en, who was in the compartment beside them, was participating .

"40 000 deity jades . "

A cold voice sounded from the compartment beside them . The owner sounded careless, and his tone was somewhat similar to the Long Chen of the past while he had still been in Poplar Town .

"41 000!"

"42 000!"

"45 000!"

The price constantly went up .

One of the previous items had started with a price of 50 000 deity jades and been sold for 80 000 . This Demonic Blood Soul Essence was the second-last item, and its price and value were all incomparable .

Keeping the Demonic Blood Soul Essence and arranging it second-last was to attract powerful, wealthy people to purchase and give it to the younger

generation . At the same time, it would calm the hearts of the honoured guests before they went on with the final item of the day .

However, the final item was of no use to Long Chen, while the Demonic Blood Soul Essence was very important .

When the price of the Demonic Blood Soul Essence reached 50 000, it was evident there were lesser people bidding . After all, it was only valued at around 50 000 deity jades .

“55 000 deity jades .”

Jing Sheng'en laughed gently in the room beside them, firmly calling a price . Everyone pondered over it for a moment, and began to consider giving up .

“55 000 deity jades . Is there a higher price?”

That sweet and agreeable voice resounded in the square .

“No . Just countdown . I, Jin Sheng'en, want the Demonic Blood Soul Essence .”

That arrogant voice gave rise to feelings of dissatisfaction amongst the crowd .

By announcing his identity, it was apparent that he wanted to make use of his status and force those of lesser backgrounds to back down . Even if one had money and wanted the essence, they could only give up .

“Jin Sheng'en has a large reputation in Yuanling City . On one hand, he is very proud and likes to stir up trouble, but he's strong and said to be the number 1 genius of the outer faction . Most importantly, his father is the youngest and strongest great elder in the outer faction!”

Liu Lan, who had heard Jin Sheng'en name the price, was speechless . From her tone, it seemed she held dislike towards him .

After speaking, she glanced towards Long Chen, who was more sombre than usual . Just as her words sounded, the beautiful woman in the square was about to announce the results while looking unhappy, when a low voice rang .

“I'll give 60 000 deity jades .” Long Chen spoke .

“Who is this?”

The sudden unfamiliar voice of a person actually daring to go against the prince of the Gold Clan caused everyone to be startled, and also filled with curiosity .

The beauty looked in this direction, puzzled, “The compartment next to the little prince of the Gold Clan should be the area where Liu

Liu Lan of the Green Faction is . There’s a man inside there...? He must have some great background for daring to snatch something from Jin Sheng’en . ”

She did not like the way Jin Sheng’en worked, which was why when someone bid with a large increase of 5000 deity jades, she was stunned for a moment and immediately announced loudly, “60 000 deity jades . Is there anyone bidding higher than this? If not, the Demonic Blood Soul Essence shall belong to this brother!”

Liu Lan was shocked at Long Chen actions . “Long Chen, what are you doing? You’re already at the perfect mastery stage at the Human Dan Realm, and that essence is completely useless to you . ”

Long Chen’s gaze exhibited his stubbornness . He did not change his expression because of Liu Lan’s words and let her worry on, not saying a word .

Since the essence could help him reach the Earth Dan Realm, he needed to obtain it at all costs .

“Which brother out there is not giving me face?”

That enraged voice that was right beside them sounded .

The voice was icy-cold, and Long Chen could definitely feel it .

Jin Sheng’en began to threaten him, completely disregarding the Daybreak Merchants Union .

At this moment, an old man with white hair and twinkling eyes, who was of the internal board of the Daybreak Merchants Union stood up, “Young master Jin, please don’t break the rules of our Daybreak Merchants Union’s auction . If not, I can only ask that your father bring you back . Every trade has its rules, and while young master Jin may have a high status, please don’t ruin our way of making a living!”

Jin Sheng’en was definitely in the wrong this time, and had been sternly warned by the Daybreak Merchants Union . Jin Sheng’en had completely lost face .

He had originally planned to gift the Demonic Blood Soul Essence to a younger brother in the family, and did not actually need it . He had even caused some awkwardness between him and the organisation, which was something he had not planned for .

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“This person obviously does not fear me, and it seems like he must get ahold of the essence . If I

If I try to raise the price, I might be unable to control myself and make a huge loss . I might as well just give it to him . However, do you think you’ll live well after offending me, Jin Sheng’en?”

Thinking this, he spoke aloud, “Please refrain from babbling nonsense . I merely wanted to have a conversation with this brother . How did I break your rules? You are taking this much too seriously . I shall give up the Demonic Blood Soul Essence to this brother . ”

Jin Sheng’en’s words meant that he wanted to give Daybreak Merchants Union some face . He would not cause a ruckus, and they did not want to do so either, and so, replied respectfully, “Looks like I, Chen Mou, have thought too much of this matter . I present to you my sincerest apology . After the auction, I, Chen Mou, shall personally visit and apologise to Young Master Jin . ”

Now that both sides had taken a step back, the situation was solved . The beautiful girl immediately exclaimed, “In that case, I shall announce that the Demonic Blood Soul Essence has been auctioned off to the brother in the rose compartment at a price of 60 000 deity jades!”

Liu Lan watched the scene unfold . Long Chen's indifferent attitude towards her was already making her feel annoyed . The Daybreak Merchants Union prepared to auction off the last item after a small intermission, and Liu Lan's eyes were fixed coldly on Long Chen .

“Long Chen, are you truly unafraid of death?”

“Why do you say that?”

After obtaining the Demonic Blood Soul Essence, Long Chen saw the unhappy expression she had on and was afraid she might flip out . Only then did he answer her .

Seeing Long Chen acting so recklessly, Liu Lan was disappointed .

Though everyone thought Long Chen to be a joke, Liu Lan still held a trace of hope for Long Chen, since he had constantly created miracles in front of her .

However, upon seeing Long Chen's immature and reckless actions, she found that she had overestimated him .

“You know you have to face Chu Yunxi, but Jin Sheng'en is an expert even more terrifying than Chu Yunxi . Aren't you seeking death by provoking him?”

Long Chen knew him?”

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“You truly disappoint me too much, Long Chen . I’d believed you were an amazing person, but it looks like you were only lucky .”

Liu Lan just could not comprehend why Long Chen would provoke Jin Sheng’en for no reason .

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Chapter 149 – Arrogant Man

In the hands of the man of the Daybreak Merchants Union was a black tray, with a red oval crystal the size of a chicken egg .

There were a few black threads within the red crystal, a pure aura emanating from the Demonic Blood Soul Essence .

“It’s not bad, and the power is rather pure . It should have been a level 9 profound-grade demonic beast that left this soul essence behind, and not level 8 .”

Lingxi explained .

A level 9 profound-grade demonic beast was a great expert even more powerful than a cultivator at the perfect mastery stage at the Heaven Dan Realm . In the entire Yuanling region, it was a very rare existence . The great elder of the Green Faction was merely at this level of strength .

However, the mighty level 9 demonic beast left behind just this pure force .

“Here is your Demonic Blood Soul Essence, and it amounts to 60 000 deity jades . ”

Upon hearing this, Liu Lan still retained her anger towards Long Chen . Knowing someone was coming to ask for money, she pretended she knew nothing of what was going on and waited to watch Long Chen make a fool of himself .

Since Long Chen had made everything very clear, it would be extremely humiliating if he didn't have enough money .

All Liu Lan wanted was to watch him humiliate himself completely . Only then would she feel better .

This person had already come around once, and Liu Lan had been the one to pay up, which was why he had determined that Liu Lan was providing for Long Chen . He shifted his gaze to Liu Lan, but her arms were in front of her chest, looking as if this was of no concern to her .

“What's with this situation?”

The man then shifted his gaze to Long Chen . Liu Lan watched Long Chen from the corner of her eyes, wanting to see how he would get embarrassed .

“Unless you beg me for it, don't even think about me paying for you!”

Liu Lan had known she could ever get so petty, but Long Chen's words were too haughty that even she had been overwhelmed .

Meeting their gazes, Long Chen did not hesitate in the slightest and calmly produced a purple bead from his

cosmos pouch . “The Daybreak Merchants Union said that they had a rule of using items to exchange for deity jades, right? Please appraise this and tell me how many deity jades it's worth . It's a level 6 profound-grade demonic beast— the beast spirit of the Purple Enchanted Dragon . ”

This person had initially not thought Long Chen to be someone able to produce 60 000 deity jades, but Leylin actually had a level 6 profound-grade demonic beasts, and his eyes were immediately filled with astonishment .

“Long Chen, that beast spirit-!”

Liu Lan’s expression changed .

She knew that Long Chen’s level 6 profound-grade beast spirit was something her father, Liu Yuan, had given to Long Chen out of the kindness of his heart . It was a beast spirit for him to use as the source of his Deity Dan!

Because of this, Liu Yuan had even argued with the five other elders . However, since Long Chen had defeated Feng Wutian of the Earth Dan Realm, they had no other objections .

However, Long Chen wanted to sell off this level 6 profound-grade demonic beast?

How much of a failure could he be?

Liu Lan felt things start to go black in front of her, almost fainting in her anger .

She was about to stop him, but Long Chen’s movements were quick as he stuffed the beast spirit into the hands of the person from the Union .

“Long Chen, have you lost your mind?”

Besides the Thunder Flame Crystals, Liu Lan believed the level 6 profound-grade beast spirit were what Long Chen could depend on in the inner faction selection . As long as Long Chen refined the beast spirit, his strength would definitely increase by leaps and bounds, and with the miracles that Long Chen had created, she believed he had a chance .

However, not only had Long Chen offended Jin Sheng'en over a useless Demonic Blood Soul Essence, he had even sold off the most important Purple Enchanted demonic beast!

"What's wrong with it? It's mine . Can't I use it as I wish?"

Long Chen raised his head, speaking roguishly .

He had long since wanted to get the beast spirit out of his hands, and had initially been hesitant to do so . However, after that one time Liu Lan had made use of him, there was no trace of unwillingness left his body .

"What are you saying? Is

Is your brain all mush now?"

Liu Lan was speechless .

She found she could not understand what this idiot was thinking at all .

Since things had reached this stage, she no longer wanted to ponder over Long Chen's intentions .
"Don't mess around with things that will affect your life . It is my fault that you'll be facing Chu Yunxi head on, but you can't just give up yourself and rebel this way . Long Chen, it's not like you to run away!"

"How am I running away?" Long Chen asked .

"You sold off the most important beast spirit of the Purple Enchanted Dragon and offended Jin Sheng'en for it . Aren't you trying to get back at me? Whatever . I'm not going to waste my breath on you . When he comes back later, I'll just give him 60 000 deity jades . If you don't want to owe me, just return it in the future ."

"What are you thinking?"

Long Chen had nothing to say in response to this woman's imagination . "Let me make it clear . I've never been afraid of Chu Yunxi or Jin Sheng'en before . There's a reason for whatever I do, and an ignorant woman like you has no business in this!"

"Ignorant woman?" Liu Lan wanted to vomit blood .

"That's all I'm going to say . If you have any questions, wait till the battlefield of the inner faction selection and watch my performance . You'll understand then . No matter what it is, I'm selling that beast spirit . You can't stop me even if you kill me . "

Honestly speaking, this was the first time that Liu Lan was driven so mad that she wanted to leave .

She gazed at Long Chen with all the disappointment she could muster, and Long Chen stared right back without fear . Noticing how this kid wasn't even lowering his head, Liu Lan held back the urge to smack him to death, albeit with some difficulty, and gradually calmed down .

Coldly glaring at him, she clenched her teeth as she ground out, "What's the point of dreaming in front of me? I dare say there'll be a day you'll regret your actions, and I reckon it won't be long now!"

"Is that so?" Long Chen sneered . "Let's wait and see then, Enforcer Liu .

Liu . "

Long Chen's opponents this time were much stronger than before, and there were twenty people . Nobody thought he had any chance at all, and the only one holding any hope for him was Liu Lan . Now, however, she was completely disappointed .

"Let's wait and see then . "

Liu Lan shook her head helplessly, no longer looking at him . She sat on a chair and sat with her back to the entrance to their compartment, and it was obvious that she was still so angry to the point that her shoulders were shaking .

If this was in the past, Liu Lan would long since have killed Long Chen with a single move . However, since Long Chen had qualifications to enter the inner faction selection, things would get messy if she did kill him . Liu Yuan might not even be able to protect her, and since she did owe Long Chen for what had happened, she could only accept this .

Meanwhile, Long Chen was feeling great .

Since he had been plotted against by Liu Lan the previous time, Lingxi and he were both very annoyed about it . However, not only had he obtained what would turn the tables for the selection, he had even completely frustrated Liu Lan . The pleasure of this was something he couldn't describe with words .

“Good job, you rascal . Excellent job, hehe...”

From within the Lingxi Sword, Lingxi's little body danced around as she giggled .

With Liu Lan around, Long Chen did not dare speak to Lingxi, but couldn't help but begin to chuckle .

At this moment, the person from the Daybreak Merchants Union had returned . The beast spirit and soul essence were all on the tray, as well as a cosmos pouch . His gaze was no longer that of contempt towards Long Chen, and in its place was respect . “Hello . The appraisal from our Daybreak Merchants Union has determined the beast spirit to be worth 95 000 deity jades . Deducting the 60 000 deity jades from the soul essence, there are a total of 35 000 deity jades here . Please check it!”

Long Chen kept the Demonic Blood Soul Essence well and took a look at the cosmos pouch, which indeed held 35 000 deity jades .

Having taken care of everything, Long Chen smashed Long Chen smashed the 35 000 deity jades on the wooden table in front of Liu Lan, speaking unenthusiastically . “35 000 deity jades, which is the exact price of the Thunder Flame Crystals . How about it? Didn't I tell you that I'd return you the money before the end of the auction? I didn't go back on my words, did I?”

These 35 000 deity jades had been exchanged for with the beast spirit of the level 6 profound-grade Purple Enchanted Dragon . At the thought of this, she could feel a fire coming up in her stomach and

glared at Long Chen . “You’re really taking it easy, huh . Now that you’re without the beast spirit, I’ll watch how you die in the inner faction selection with pleasure!”

“It’s my problem whether or not I die . Chu Yunxi isn’t bothering you anymore anyway . Haven’t you already met your goal?”

In Long Chen’s eyes, if Liu Lan truly was a vicious and merciless woman, she could just leave Long Chen in the ditch . There wasn’t a need to bring him to the auction a few days before the selection, which was why his intent to kill her had lessened slightly .

Long Chen’s words were very polite . Liu Lan was the one at fault and had nothing to say in return . She watched Long Chen coldly, “You’ve sold the beast spirit away . What am I going to tell my father?”

Long Chen laughed, “I need to trouble Enforcer Liu not to leak details of what happened today . ”

“You-!”

Liu Lan finally realised that Long Chen, who had once seemed to be a pure teenager, was actually such an evil person .

Taking a glimpse of Long Chen’s chest that was bobbing up and down in her anger, Long Chen mocked, “Stop moving . Aren’t you afraid they’ll jiggle out?”

How could Liu Lan not know what he was referring to with where his eyes were aimed at?

Though she might seem sleazy, she was still an old virgin maid . Hearing Long Chen say that, she immediately flushed in her embarrassment and anger, wanting to tear Long Chen apart .

At this moment, the door to the compartment was kicked open with a loud bang . An arrogant man in a robe alternating between white and gold came in, expression dark .

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The young man who kicked the door down was looking unbelievably arrogant. This was obviously the little prince of the Gold Faction, Jin Sheng'en. Even 'the little prince of the Gold Faction' was a self-conferred title.

"You two have quite the nerve to not even care about the reputation of I, Jin Sheng'en, huh?"

Upon seeing the unfamiliar face that belonged to Long Chen and faced with Liu Lan's back, Jin Sheng'en had no idea who he was but could guess that Long Chen was nobody special. He was already holding a grudge.

Just as he finished speaking, a sharp, penetrating glare was fixed on Long Chen.

Long Chen could feel a very pointed aura. It was as if Jin Sheng'en was a very sharp sword, and while the two of them were not physically close, the edged tip from Jin Sheng'en's aura had stabbed at him.

Feeling little beads of blood already seeping from the surface of his skin, Long Chen was certain that this was no accident.

If Long Chen had some status and damaged his reputation, Jin Sheng'en had nothing to say. However, it was merely a kid at the Human Dan Realm who had done challenged him. The nerve of this kid!

Hence, he had not been the least bit apprehensive while kicking down the door. Letting the power of his Gilding Physique explode, he advanced towards Long Chen.

"He's able to injure me just by standing in front of me. Is this the power of the high profound-grade battle technique, the Gilding Physique?"

Long Chen was surprised but unafraid. If he had come here alone, he might have had some reservations about challenging Jin Sheng'en like he had just then. However, he had Liu Lan around.

As expected, Liu Lan had already stood up and turned, her sweet face and devilish figure facing Jin Sheng'en.

At the sight of such a beauty, the handsome Jin Sheng'en visibly gulped and was about to say something, but suddenly found her incredibly familiar. Taking a closer look, he found that it was the woman Chu Yunxi liked.

"This kid is the Long Chen that Chu Yunxi spoke of?"

Jin Sheng'en immediately realised who they were. He had planned on teaching Long Chen a lesson and take the Demonic Blood Soul Essence. However, with Liu Lan around, this plan was not viable.

Even if he ignored the issue regarding the essence, Jin Sheng'en could not let the matter relating to Chu Yunxi go like this.

"And here I was wondering who it was... so it's the shameless couple. What's your purpose in coming out here today? Finding a place to embarrass yourselves?"

Jin Sheng'en might look cultured, but his words were difficult to bear. Hearing this, Liu Lan immediately revealed an expression of disgust as she spat out, "I've long since heard rumours of the little prince's uncultured speech, which is very unbecoming of someone of your status. What I'm seeing is truly an eye-opener."

In terms of bickering, she might not be able to win against Long Chen, but Jin Sheng'en had been the first to humiliate them. She was not so easily bullied.

"What did you say?"

Jin Sheng'en was beginning to get angry, but he knew that he had no chances of winning against her. If they were to fight here, the Daybreak Merchants Union might flip out, which was why he could only swallow his anger and mocked Long Chen while looking away from Liu Lan, "I've long since heard of Liu Lan's flirtatious ways. It's quite hilarious that someone would like a loose woman like her..."

"Is that so?"

Long Chen didn't back down, "Why does it sound like a case of a fox saying grapes are sour when it couldn't reach them? Chu Yunxi seems to be that fox."

(TLN: There's a story about how a fox wanted to get some delicious grapes and couldn't reach it no matter what it did, so it gave up and said the grapes were sour to make itself feel better about not obtaining them.)

"What did you say?"

He'd thought Long Chen to be a lucky gigolo with Liu Lan providing for him. However, knowing Long Chen had had the nerve to go against him, Jin Sheng'en immediately revealed his murderous intentions.

His previous words had been a huge blow to Liu Lan. She knew she didn't have a very good reputation, but no matter how strong her heart was, she was still affected by his biting words. However, with Long Chen's reply, all feelings of hurt dissipated, and she was able to laugh.

She shot Long Chen a look of gratitude, eyes still holding bewilderment.

"I've made myself extremely clear. I believe Young Master Jin should, by right, be able to understand something so simple, yes? I think even swine should be able to understand."

Long Chen spoke nonchalantly while smiling.

"Pfft!" Liu Lan covered her mouth and laughed femininely.

Their reactions were the ultimate insult to the little prince of the Gold Faction. His fists were now tightly clenched, eyes turning blood-red.

"Long Chen, are you wishing for death?"

Jin Sheng'en spat out. Long Chen had expected him to make a move, but in the end, Jin Sheng'en had restrained himself.

This level of endurance worried Long Chen. The little prince wasn't as impulsive or stupid as he appeared. On the contrary, he was very intelligent and did not lack patience.

An opponent like this and of such strength was extremely terrifying.

"If there's nothing else, please leave. I doubt you don't know how impolite it is to disturb a couple when they're enjoying each other's company."

Long Chen did not yield.

"Good, good!"

Jin Sheng'en snickered and watched Liu Lan, and then Long Chen. "What a great shameless couple. You're definitely despicable enough! Long Chen, was it? I heard that you're going to participate in the inner faction selection. I hope you'll be able to return to the Green Faction alive, or else this woman might fool around when she starts feeling lonely..."

"You don't have to worry about that, I'm definitely able to satisfy her."

Long Chen's expression was very natural here, but Lingxi couldn't take it anymore. He suddenly felt a piercing pain at his ear, and could only grit his teeth and bear it.

"How could I forget this little devil was still around!"

Meanwhile, Jin Sheng'en, who had noticed that Long Chen was still unperturbed by the threats, could feel his thirst for blood rising.

He could only suppress the anger he felt and sneered, "Since you aren't afraid of death, let me tell you something else. For the first part of the inner faction selection, I am Chu Yunxi's teammate. I'm pretty sure nobody's willing to be yours, right? Haha..."

While laughing, he spoke to Liu Lan after a quick glance at Long Chen, "Bitch, I'll make sure you see him kneeling before me, begging for mercy in front of everyone. I might even let him off he does that..."

Snickering, Jin Sheng'en turned and left the compartment elegantly.

The powerful aura that had been pressurising Long Chen disappeared.

Long Chen found that from Jin Sheng'en's powerful Gilded Physique, there were already tens of fine injuries on his body, as if he had been pricked by needles.

"Are you alright?"

Seeing the traces of blood on Long Chen's face, Liu Lan asked worriedly.

"Don't worry about it."

Lightly rubbing the blood away, these tiny injuries disappeared under Origin Reversion in moments.

"Are you satisfied now?"

Rolling her eyes at Long Chen, Liu Lan took a seat bonelessly, eyes full of despair.

"Initially, you had the beast spirit and crystals. If you didn't offend Jin Sheng'en, you might just have a chance, but things are different now. You have nothing left. How can you compare with Chu Yunxi and Jin Sheng'en, whose battle strength is nearly comparable to the perfect mastery stage at the Earth Dan Realm?"

Long Chen laughed but made no explanation. There were some things that needed no explanation, and only required actions.

"Looks like you aren't feeling the pressure yet..."

Liu Lan shook her head helplessly.

"Long Chen, there's something I didn't tell you because I'd thought it would stress you out."

"What is it?" Liu Lan's grim expression was making Long Chen nervous.

Liu Lan pursed her lips and looked at Long Chen, "It's about your sister entering the inner faction."

At the mention of Yang Lingqing, Long Chen had a very bad feeling about this. He questioned closely, "What can happen to Lingqing?"

"You don't understand how things are in the inner faction. Most of the people there were originally of the inner faction, with their surnames of Dongfang, Ximen, Nangong and Beitang. For the past few years, the Lingwu inner faction has been taking in new blood from the outer faction, and from what I know, all of the girls who enter, and have acceptable appearances become targets for the young and talented in the inner faction to fight over. Male cultivators are usually sent straight to the Lingwu inner faction. Do you understand what I mean?"

Long Chen furrowed his brows, "You're saying that in order to prevent the members of the outer faction who have entered the inner faction from differing from the inner faction, they have found a way to make these outer faction members completely theirs. This is through making the outer faction members family and therefore tying them firmly to the inner faction, completely becoming one of them. Is that right?"

"Exactly. Basically, as long as you enter the inner faction, you must marry someone in there."

In other words, if Long Chen entered the inner faction, his future wife would be someone of the inner faction. Of course, men were allowed to take on multiple wives, and if Long Chen was truly powerful, it was possible to take other wives.

Liu Yuan initially did have such plans. If Chu Yunxi entered the inner faction, he would allow Liu Lan to become Chu Yunxi's wife, but she would definitely not be his main wife.

This was the reason why Liu Lan had not chosen Chu Yunxi.

It was impossible for a prideful woman like her to share her husband with someone else.

Meanwhile, Long Chen was not thinking about himself, but Yang Lingqing.

"In other words, Lingqing will marry into the Beitang Family even if she isn't willing to do so?"

At this thought, he frowned deeper.

Liu Lan nodded. "Exactly. You still remember Beitang Mo, right? After hearing that Yang Lingqing had the Abstruse Shadow Body, he immediately rushed to the Crimson Blood Sacred Sect. His intentions were actually very clear. He will groom Yang Lingqing as quickly as he can and marry her..."

"What?"

Long Chen's expression turned incomparably dark.