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Chapter 241: Reappearance of the Ghost-Masked Man

Of course, besides the Xiao Clan, Duan Ling Tian also entered the Imperial Palace and asked the Emperor to help him gather these materials.

Besides that, he also went to the Divine Might Marquis Estate and the Duan Clan.

The Duan Clan currently regarded Duan Ling Tian as their hope....

When the Duan Clan higher-ups heard that Duan Ling Tian would be leaving the Crimson Sky Kingdom and head to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom to enter one of the five great sects of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, they agreed to Duan Ling Tian's requests without condition.

"Kid, our Duan Clan will pay for the materials you asked others to gather as well!" The Duan Clan's Grand Elder, Duan Zhen, said readily.

"Then I'll thank Grand Elder first." Duan Ling Tian laughed and didn't refuse, since he and the Duan Clan were each taking what they needed.

What the Duan Clan wanted was the Void Advancement Pill.

Even if he were unable to obtain one from one of the sects in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, once his own cultivation steps into the seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage and he becomes a grade five alchemist, he will be able to refine one himself.

After leaving the Duan Clan, Duan Ling Tian went to the Su Clan.

The Su Clan's Patriarch, Su Bo Ya, personally greeted Duan Ling Tian in. "Commander Duan!"

Duan Ling Tian went straight to the point. "Patriarch Su, I came here today because I want to ask you to help me gather some materials....In a month, I'll come to get them, and at that time, Patriarch Su can quote a price."

"This is naturally not a problem." Su Bo Ya nodded and received the piece of paper with a pile of materials written on it from Duan Ling Tian.

His gaze was extremely complicated.

In the past, he was discussing with all of the Su Clan's elders about how to deal with Duan Ling Tian.

But in the blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian instead abruptly turned his situation around, and now even their Su Clan didn't dare offend him.

Moreover, he suspected that Duan Ling Tian was surely involved in the disappearance of their Su Clan's Grand Elder, Su Nan....But not to mention the fact that he didn't have any proof, even if he did have proof, he still wouldn't dare look for trouble with Duan Ling Tian.

To a certain degree, Duan Ling Tian was already bound to the Imperial Family and the Divine Might Marquis Estate, so he was far from something the Su Clan could match!

"Thank you, Patriarch Su. Farewell." Duan Ling Tian bid his farewell and left, directly walking out of the audience hall.

Right at this moment, vigilance arose in Duan Ling Tian's heart, and his body moved. He noticed a figure flash over, and on the silver, grade eight spirit weapon in the figure's hand, a sheen that was jet-black like ink flickered, obviously having been tainted with toxic poison.

"Duan Ling Tian, I want you dead!" The person once again rushed at Duan Ling Tian; however, the person's ninth level Body Tempering cultivation was nothing in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, so he was directly kicked away by Duan Ling Tian.

"Su Tong, I never thought that even after you lost your cultivation, you'd still be so vicious." Duan Ling Tian's face sank, as the person that had sneak attacked him was precisely Su Tong.

This was also the reason why his Spiritual Force didn't have any reaction.

A martial artist at the ninth level of the Body Tempering Stage couldn't pose any threat to him.

Su Tong was injured by Duan Ling Tian's kick and crashed onto the ground. It was difficult for him to stand up once more, and his vicious gazed stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, you crippled my Dantian and killed my grandfather. I resolve to destroy you or die trying!"

"Resolve to destroy me or die trying? You?" Duan Ling Tian's gaze went cold. This Su Tong really hadn't learned his lesson!

"Su Tong!" Meanwhile, Su Bo Ya, who had noticed the movement, had come out as well, and his face sank when he saw the scene before him. "What are you doing?"

"Patriarch, I want to take revenge for my grandfather and for myself!" Su Tong said coldly.

"Enough! From today onwards, the resentment between you and Duan Ling Tian is abolished....If the incident from today happens once more, I'll expel you from the Su Clan!" Su Bo Ya slightly frowned. This Su Tong was truly mad.

Not to mention the fact that Su Tong was only a cripple, even the entire Su Clan couldn't afford to offend the current Duan Ling Tian.

Su Tong's body trembled when he heard what Su Bo Ya said, and he lowered his head, but the accumulated hatred in his eyes were almost capable of causing his eyes to explode.

"Patriarch Su, farewell." Duan Ling Tian nodded to Su Bo Ya and left the Su Clan to return home.

Meanwhile, the sky had turned dark.

However, when he had just arrived before the gate to his house, Duan Ling Tian noticed a figure that seemed to transform into a specter and silently descended before him....

Whoosh!

And at almost the exact same time, Xiong Quan appeared behind Duan Ling Tian.

Xiong Quan was concealed by Duan Ling Tian's side all this while; it was as if he had transformed into Duan Ling Tian's shadow that followed close behind him.

"It's you!" Through the dim light of the night, Duan Ling Tian clearly saw the attire of the person before him and recognized the person.

Black-clothed, and a ghost mask on his face....

Wasn't this person the Ghost-Masked Man that killed the Half-step Void Stage powerhouse by Duan Ru Lei's side the other day?

According to Duan Ling Tian's guess, it was extremely likely that this person was the elusive leader of the Ghastly Shadow....Of course, it was only a guess.

"Follow me." A hoarse voice sounded out from the person's mouth.

This was also the first time Duan Ling Tian had heard the person's voice.

Duan Ling Tian could still remember that when this Ghost-Masked Man appeared to kill that old man in Duan Ru Lei's courtyard house that day, from the beginning until the end, he hadn't said a sentence, not a word.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian noticed that the Ghost-Masked Man left with a speed that he could catch up to.

"Let's go!" Even though he didn't know why the Ghost-Masked Man was acting this way, Duan Ling Tian still followed with Xiong Quan.

He could feel that the Ghost-Masked Man bore no ill will towards him.

Eventually, the Ghost-Masked Man brought Duan Ling Tian into an unoccupied courtyard house, then he walked into a room and lit up the lantern.

"Did you look for me for something?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the Ghost-Masked Man before him. Earlier, on the way here, he felt that the Ghost-Masked Man's figure seemed familiar; it was as if he'd seen it before somewhere, but for a moment, he couldn't recall it.

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian noticed the Ghost-Masked Man actually extend his hand to take off his mask....

The Ghost-Masked Man's true face was completely revealed before Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

"Si....Teacher Sima!" Duan Ling Tian was stupefied. No matter what, he never would've thought that the Ghost-Masked Man that appeared that day was actually the teacher of Paladin Academy's Star Mastermind Department and also the dean of Paladin Academy, Sima Chang Feng!

No wonder he felt like the figure of the Ghost-Masked Man from behind seemed familiar.

Sima Chang Feng lightly smiled. "Kid, you seem to have offended quite a few people...."

Duan Ling Tian was stunned. "Teacher, what do you mean by this?"

"You just arrived in the Imperial City today, right? At dusk, someone came to the Ghastly Shadow's point of operations to buy your life...." Sima Chang Feng glanced deeply at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian suddenly laughed. "Teacher, you're the leader of Ghastly Shadow?"

Sima Chang Feng lightly smiled, but he didn't admit nor deny it.

But Duan Ling Tian already had the answer in his heart.

He once thought that Sima Chang Feng was the fourth Void Stage powerhouse that was concealed within the Crimson Sky Kingdom, but now it would seem that it wasn't so.

Sima Chang Feng was precisely the elusive leader of the Ghastly Shadow!

"Teacher, who bought my life?" Duan Ling Tian changed questions, and his eyes flickered with a ghastly flowing light.

"In fact, that person has quite a deep connection with you," Sima Chang Feng said, with a smile.

"Teacher, stop beating around the bush....Who actually was it?" Duan Ling Tian laughed bitterly and slightly lost his patience. Now he slightly missed that Ghost-Masked Man that was sparing in speech.

"Duan Ru Lei's wife, or in other words, Duan Ling Xing's mother....Yun Ping!" Sima Chang Feng slowly said.

Yun Ping?

This name was completely unfamiliar to Duan Ling Tian.

However, once he knew her identity, he could understand why she wanted to buy his life.

Truly like a haunting ghost that just wouldn't go away!

"Do you need me to deal with it?" Sima Chang Feng asked Duan Ling Tian, with a spurious smile on his face.

"Deal with it for free?" Duan Ling Tian laughed as well.

"You wish, kid. Do you even lack that little money? I naturally have to take money if I help you deal with it," Sima Chang Feng derided.

"Teacher." Duan Ling Tian's expression abruptly went serious. "My Uncle Nie seems to not know about you being the leader of Ghastly Shadow....Does his Majesty know?"

Sima Chang Feng nodded. "His Majesty knows. In fact, the Ghastly Shadow was something his Majesty asked me to establish."

"Teacher Sima, I'm extremely curious, why do you serve the Emperor so willingly?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously. He believed that with Sima Chang Feng's strength, he was completely capable of not being under the control of the Emperor.

Sima Chang Feng's gaze became misty when he heard Duan Ling Tian's question, and he sighed after a long time. "That year, it was his Majesty who saved my life...I owe him."

Duan Ling Tian came to a sudden understanding, and he didn't ask in detail.

This reason was already sufficient.

A life-saving kindness was sufficient for someone to be willing to serve another with their own life.

Deep into the night, the winds of autumn rustled in the air.

Inner city, in an antique styled inn.

The fat married woman paced up and down within a superior room, and every step she took seemed as if it could cause the ground to quake slightly.

"Little bastard, with Ghastly Shadow making a move, I'll make you die a graveless death!" The voice of the fat married woman revealed gloominess and viciousness. It was as if so long as the person she hated to the bones was before her, she would tear him into a thousand pieces at the first possible moment.

"Really?" Right at this moment, an icy-cold voice echoed out from the roof.

Subsequently, the roof was blasted apart.

A violet-colored figure flew down to descend into the room.

It was precisely Duan Ling Tian.

Yun Ping noticed the movement and her face went pale. When she noticed Duan Ling Tian, her gaze abruptly went cold. "Little bastard, it's you!"

Although she'd never seen Duan Ling Tian after he'd grown up, Duan Ling Tian's face was 60% or 70% similar to Duan Ru Feng's, allowing her to recognize Duan Ling Tian with a single glance.

"Little bastard?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes went cold and killing intent flickered within.

Noticing the killing intent within Duan Ling Tian's eyes, Yun Ping shuddered. Only now did she realize that Duan Ling Tian was also an Origin Core martial artist.

Instantly, a ghastly pale expression appeared on her fat face, and her fat figure even started to slightly tremble.

Duan Ling Tian took a large step forward, and in his hand, a jade-green grade eight spirit sword appeared out of thin air, flickering with an icy-cold sheen from the moonlight that descended down through the broken roof....

"Little bastard, I'll kill you and take revenge for Xing!" Yun Ping gritted her teeth, and the fat on her entire body trembled as she pounced towards Duan Ling Tian, facing death with no regrets.

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Bang!

Duan Ling Tian kicked out when faced with the enormous body that pounced towards him, sending Yun Ping flying out to collide onto the wall.

However, Yun Ping, who had a body full of fat as protection, quickly stood up as if she was fine, and she viciously stared at Duan Ling Tian. "Little bastard, what I regret the most in my life is when forcing your mother out of the Duan Clan, I didn't kill you in your cradle!"

Duan Ling Tian frowned. "You forced my mother out of the Duan Clan?"

This was something he'd never heard his mother mention before.

"Exactly!" Yun Ping sneered. "That year, it was precisely I who instigated the others to force your mother out! I originally thought that you, the little bastard, would be nothing to worry about once you left the Duan Clan....I never imagined that after 10 over years, it instead allowed you to become the greatest hidden peril! I regret it! Ah!" As she finished speaking, Yun Ping was slightly insane.

As far as she was concerned, if she had killed Duan Ling Tian when he was still in his cradle that year, all the recent incidents wouldn't have happened!

Her most beloved son would be alive as well!

"Hmph!" Duan Ling Tian's gaze was cold and indifferent as he spoke in a deep voice. "Instead of regretting this, why don't you regret not knowing how to teach your son properly? The hatred between my father and your husband, that's the hatred of the previous generation! But your son instead moved all of this onto me and even attacked me with a killing blow."

"If it wasn't for that, he wouldn't have died!" As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian's tone was incomparably low....

"You little bastard! Your life is lowly like grass; so what if my son kills you? Could it be that your life can compare to the life of my son?" Yun Ping's eyes revealed insanity. "Unfortunately, I don't have the ability to take revenge for my son....Otherwise, after I killed you, I would kill your mother. Only then would I be able to vent the hatred in my heart!"

"You're courting death!" Duan Ling Tian couldn't restrain himself any longer when he heard Yun Ping's vicious words, and his sword flashed out to lodge itself within Yun Ping's body.

Every dragon has a reverse scale; touch it and one would absolutely die!

His mother was precisely his reverse scale!

Bang!

Yun Ping's enormous figure crashed onto the ground, causing the inn to sway for a while.

Although she had died, her pair of vicious eyes still fiercely stared at Duan Ling Tian, seeming like even in death, she wouldn't let Duan Ling Tian off.

Duan Ling Tian swept Yun Ping's corpse with a cold and indifferent gaze. He didn't even have the interest to burn the corpse and destroy the evidence before directly leaving.

The next day, a piece of news spread out.

The wife of the Duan Clan's Second master, Duan Ru Lei, had lost her life in an inn in the inner city.

Towards this, the Duan Clan didn't make any remarks about it; they only buried Yun Ping out of consideration towards the contributions of Duan Ru Lei towards the Duan Clan in all these years.

They more or less were able to guess some of the reasons behind Yun Ping's death.

However, they wouldn't investigate the matter.

"Tian, does your second aunt's death have anything to do with you?" In the rear courtyard of his house, Li Rou had a serious expression as she asked Duan Ling Tian. Her gaze didn't leave Duan Ling Tian's eyes, seeming to want to see if Duan Ling Tian would lie to her.

"I killed her." Duan Ling Tian nodded and didn't deny it.

"You, this kid....Your second uncle has already died and she was just a widow, was there any need to?" Li Rou sighed as if she had lost all the strength within her body, and a sense of guilt appeared on her face.

"Mom, why don't you ask me why I killed her?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head, then he slowly spoke of what Yun Ping did.

"What? She looked for the Ghastly Shadow to post an assignment to kill you?" Li Rou instantly stood up from her seat. She seemed to be totally enraged, and her face was covered with a layer of ice. "This Yun Ping deserved to die! It's fine that she secretly played dirty tricks to force me to leave the Duan Clan, I can endure it, but now she actually wanted to kill you....Tian, Mother has wrongly blamed you for this matter. You've done well!"

Li Rou suddenly turning hostile shocked Duan Ling Tian as well.

But Duan Ling Tian could still notice his mother's care from it, and warmth couldn't help but arise within his heart.

"Mom, do you really not intend to go to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom with us?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Li Rou, and he was puzzled towards the decision Li Rou had made last night.

Li Rou lightly smiled and said, "Tian, Mom won't follow and be a burden to you."

"Mom, what're you talking about?" Duan Ling Tian frowned, then he stared at his mother. "Wait, you're surely not going because of another reason....Is it because of Father?"

Li Rou didn't conceal it when she saw her son see through her thoughts, and she nodded. "Yes, it's because of your father. I have this feeling that your father isn't dead, and one day, he will return to look for me....If I stay in the Imperial City, if he returns, he can find me in the first possible moment. If I leave, where would he go to look for me?"

Duan Ling Tian was speechless. "Mom, it's been so many years. Shouldn't you let go of some things?"

Li Rou was quiet for a moment, then she asked, "Tian, you don't believe your father is still alive?"

"This isn't about whether I believe it or not....I hope he's alive as well. However, it's been nearly 20 years since he disappeared now...If he was still alive, he'd have returned long ago." Duan Ling Tian laughed

bitterly. He naturally hoped that that deadbeat father of his returned. In this way, his mother would be happy as well.

However, this hope was extremely small.

"Tian, you must believe mother. Mother really has a strong feeling....You father will surely return." Li Rou persisted, and her eyes looked at Duan Ling Tian in anticipation, seeming to want to obtain Duan Ling Tian's approval.

Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart, but he still nodded. "Mom, I believe you. Father will surely return."

Only then did Li Rou's face reveal a smile.

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Whoosh! Whoosh!

Right at this moment, a black and a white bolt of lightning flashed over and directly descended onto Duan Ling Tian's head.

They were precisely Little Black and Little White.

Duan Ling Tian swung his palm out and grabbed the two little pythons, then he glared as he said, "You two little fellows have only just awakened and you've already started being mischievous, huh?"

Last time, Duan Ling Tian refined many Origin Strengthening Pills, and these two little pythons directly swallowed half of them. After doing so, they once again fell into a deep slumber and had awakened a few days ago....

Their strength had advanced a step and broke through to the sixth level of the Nascent Soul Stage!

If it was a human martial artist or an ordinary fierce beast, even if they were only at the first level of the Nascent Soul Stage, there would be no effect no matter how many Origin Strengthening Pills they consumed.

These two little pythons seemed to not have such limitations, and to a certain degree, they were simply two gluttons!

Of course, Duan Ling Tian was still extremely happy towards the Origin Strengthening Pill being able to assist the two little pythons in advancing their strength.

The strength of the little pythons advancing would also mean his life would have an extra layer of protection.

Although he had Xiong Quan, a second level Void Prying martial artist that had comprehended Advanced Sword Force, by his side, Xiong Quan was bound to be unable to follow him into the top sects in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom....

When he arrives at the top sect in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, he will only be able to rely on himself and the two little pythons that can conceal themselves beneath his sleeve.

"Come, I still have quite a few Origin Strengthening Pills here. Do you two want to eat them or not?" Duan Ling Tian withdrew a pile of Origin Strengthening Pills, but he quickly noticed that the two little pythons turned their heads away, refusing to spare them a single glance.

"You two little fellows, now you dislike Origin Strengthening Pills? Didn't you two eat them rather happily last time?" Duan Ling Tian derided.

But he vaguely guessed some of the reasons behind it.

Actually, it wasn't only Origin Strengthening Pills. After the two little pythons ate the Origin Increasing Pills once, they weren't willing to touch the Origin Increasing Pills later on. It was as if eating the Origin Increasing Pills for a second time would have no benefit to them.

"If it's really because of this....Perhaps I can refine other medicinal pills for them. Even though they wouldn't have as good of an effect as the Origin Strengthening Pills, it should be useful to them," Duan Ling Tian thought in his heart, and an idea arose in his heart.

Within the lifelong memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, besides the Origin Strengthening Pill, there were still three other types of medicinal pills that were capable of increasing the speed at which an Origin Core martial artist cultivated, and they were medicinal pills that he was capable of refining now.

Of course, those three types of medicinal pills had medicinal effects that were far inferior to the Origin Strengthening Pill.

But he didn't need the medicinal effects of the Origin Strengthening Pill and instead hoped that the other three types of medicinal pills would allow the two little pythons' strength to advance a step further.

If the medicinal effect wasn't sufficient, then he would use quantity to make it up.

If 10 wasn't enough, he give them 20, and if 20 wasn't enough, he would give them 50. If 50 wasn't enough, he would give them 100!

In any case, these two little fellows were gluttons, and they wouldn't die from eating too much.

Putting what he thought of into action right away, Duan Ling Tian went out with Xiong Quan to the medicine store to buy the required medicinal materials. The medicinal materials required for these three medicinal pills were ordinary and easy to buy.

However, what caught Duan Ling Tian by surprise was that as soon as he walked out of the medicine store's door, he saw a familiar face walking straight at him.

Xiao He!

Xiao Xun's older brother.

The Xiao Clan's genius alchemist.

That person that was cheated out of 5 million silver one year ago in the Alchemist Guild's main guild.

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth curled into a meaningful smile as he glanced at Xiao He, then he directly left with Xiong Quan.

"Hmm?" Xiao He frowned. Could it be that the violet-clothed young man from before recognized him?

But he didn't have the slightest impression of the young man.

Shaking his head, Xiao He stopped thinking and walked into the medicine store.

No matter what, Xiao He had no way of connecting Duan Ling Tian to the violet-clothed youth that cheated him of 5 million silver a year ago....

After all, that violet-clothed youth was truly too ordinary-looking.

Duan Ling Tian started getting busy once he returned home. The three medicinal pills he wanted to refine were respectively the Cloud Mist Pill, Flowing Water Pill, and Crimson Jade Pill.

These three medicinal pills had similar medicinal effects, but they were all inferior to the Origin Strengthening Pill.

Whoosh!

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian withdrew his cauldron and started refining the medicinal pills.

To Duan Ling Tian, the medicinal pills he intended to refine now were only ordinary, and every type only required him to spend half an hour to refine around 10 of them.

Duan Ling Tian spent two hours and concentrated on refining 43 Cloud Mist Pills.

"I hope these two little fellows are willing to eat," Duan Ling Tian said in his heart.

"Hiss hiss~" When he saw the two little pythons' eyes light up and violently flick their tongues when they saw the Cloud Mist Pills, Duan Ling Tian knew that his idea was correct.

The 43 Cloud Mist Pills were directly shared between the two little pythons!

Right when Duan Ling Tian thought the two little pythons would fall into a deep sleep, he instead noticed the two little pythons staring at him full of spirit....

"You two little fellows are simply bottomless pits!" Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he laughed bitterly. He could only continue refining Cloud Mist Pills.

Chapter 243: Burying The Hatchet

Eventually, under Duan Ling Tian's tireless refining, another 100 plus Cloud Mist Pills were created.

After the two little pythons shared the Cloud Mist Pills, they were finally satisfied.

What Duan Ling Tian didn't expect was that they didn't fall into a deep slumber this time and instead were full of spirit as they looked at Duan Ling Tian with eager eyes.

Now the two little pythons had started to dislike the Cloud Mist Pills.

In the following days, Duan Ling Tian started refining the Flowing Water Pills and Crimson Jade Pills....

After the two little pythons shared and swallowed up over a hundred Flowing Water Pills and Crimson Jade Pills, they were similarly unwilling to eat the Flowing Water Pill and Crimson Jade Pill anymore.

However, they still showed no signs of falling into a deep slumber, and they were full of spirit, brimming with energy and vitality.

"Two gluttons!" Duan Ling Tian was slightly helpless when he looked at the two little pythons that stared at him in anticipation, and he suddenly felt that perhaps his idea was a mistake, and the advancement of the strength of the two little pythons wasn't so simple.

Duan Ling Tian placed the remaining Cloud Mist Pills, Flowing Water Pills, and Crimson Jade Pills on the table, and he acted fiercely as he glared at the two little pythons and said, "It's all gone! There's only these medicinal pills, so eat them if you want."

"Hiss hiss~" Unexpectedly, the two little pythons swiftly flicked their tongues, and their two little tails flashed out like lightning, sending all the medicinal pills on the table flying.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be stunned when he saw this.

"You two little fellows, who're you showing your temper to?" Duan Ling Tian swung out his palm, directly grabbing the two little pythons and throwing them up onto a tree in the rear courtyard, then he left the rear courtyard while ignoring their protests and returned to his room to cultivate.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Wyrm Python Form!

In the following one month, although Duan Ling Tian touched the threshold of the fourth level of the Origin Core Stage, he was unable to break through after a long time.

On the other hand, with the two layers of assistance from the Monkey Wine and Origin Strengthening Pills, Ke Er smoothly broke through to the third level of the Origin Core Stage!

As for Li Fei, she was only half a step away from the third level of the Origin Core Stage.

In this one month's time, besides Xiao Lan, who occasionally dropped around to chat with his mother, Duan Ling Tian's courtyard house was peaceful as usual.

One month later, Duan Ling Tian left his courtyard house and started slowly going to collect the materials one by one.

Starting from the Divine Might Marquis Estate, then to the Su Clan, then to the Xiao Clan.

Duan Ling Tian and Xiao Xun had just gotten the materials from the Xiao Clan's Patriarch when they unexpectedly encountered Xiao He....

"Little Xun, this is?" Xiao He was slightly surprised when he saw Duan Ling Tian. Wasn't this violetclothed young man the person he met outside a medicine store in the inner city?

The violet-clothed youth was handsome and extraordinary and had a graceful bearing, thus he had a deep impression.

"Brother, he's Duan Ling Tian." Xiao Xun introduced with a smile, then said to Duan Ling Tian, "Duan Ling Tian, this is my brother, Xiao He."

"So it's Commander Duan." Xiao He was shocked in his heart when he heard what Xiao Xun said, and a trace of respect appeared on his face.

"You're Xiao Xun's brother, so just call me Duan Ling Tian; you don't have to be so formal." Duan Ling Tian gave Xiao He a friendly smile. He was able to discern that the current Xiao He had indeed changed a lot from the Xiao He that Duan Ling Tian encountered in the Alchemist Guild's Main Guild that time.

He'd lost his arrogance and become much more humble.

"Then I'll call you Brother Ling Tian." Xiao He nodded, but when he focused his gaze at Duan Ling Tian's eyes and carefully sized them up for a moment, the smile on his face completely froze....

This pair of eyes was familiar to him.

He wouldn't forget it in his entire lifetime!

However, the violet-clothed youth from that day and the violet-clothed young man before him, he was unable to link the two together no matter what.

But thinking from another perspective, according to what Xiao Xun had said, the violet-clothed young man before him had already become a grade nine alchemist when he was 18....

This point coincided with the violet-clothed youth from that day.

When Duan Ling Tian noticed Xiao He's focused gaze on himself, his heart jerked.

This Xiao He seemed to have noticed something....

But where did he notice it from?

However, Duan Ling Tian also noticed that Xiao He seemed to not dare confirm it after a long time.

Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled when he saw the puzzled expression in Xiao He's eyes grow deeper, and with a raise of his hand, a stack of silver in his palm, precisely 5 million silver. He then passed it to Xiao He. "This money now can be considered to be returned to its rightful owner."

"You....You really are...." Xiao He didn't move to receive the silver. Instead, his pupils constricted as if he'd seen a ghost.

"Brother, what's wrong? Duan Ling Tian, why are you giving my brother money?" The nearby Xiao Xun had a bewildered expression; he didn't know what had happened.

"Little Xun, he's the violet-clothed youth that made a bet with me in the Alchemist Guild and earned 5 million silver from me. I had noticed earlier that Brother Ling Tian's eyes were exactly the same as the youth from that day....I didn't dare confirm it earlier, but I never imagined that they were actually the same person. Unbelievable!" A bitter smile appeared on Xiao He's face, as he never imagined that when he met the genius youth alchemist from that day once again, it would be under such circumstances.

Xiao Xun was stupefied. "Brother, didn't you say that the youth from that day had an ordinary appearance?"

"This is something you might have to ask Brother Ling Tian." Xiao He glanced deeply at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated gaze.

"Duan Ling Tian." Xiao Xun looked at Duan Ling Tian with a bewildered expression.

Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled. "For the sake of not allowing others to find out my identity, I used some methods to make a disguise that day....However, I never imagined that he'd actually remember my eyes." As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian looked at Xiao He with a surprised expression.

He finally found out how Xiao He recognized him.

He could put on a disguise, but it only changed his face, whereas his eyes didn't change in the slightest.

"Actually, after I lost the gamble to you that day, I was extremely furious in my heart and wished for nothing more than to take revenge on you....So, before I left, I deeply remembered your face, your eyes, and your everything." Xiao He shook his head and laughed, and as he recalled that day, he felt as if he'd change a lot.

"What? Don't want to take revenge on me now?" Duan Ling Tian joked.

Xiao He shook his head. "After I returned to the clan that day, I thought about many things....In the end, I realized that I was indeed too arrogant in the past and had an exaggerated opinion of my abilities. In fact, I want to thank you, as it's you that allowed me to realize my flaws."

"Like the old saying, nothing is better than being able to notice and rectify oneself after making a mistake....Xiao He, you have such a mentality, so I believe that in the future you'll surely be able to develop your own school in the Dao of alchemy and stand at the peak of the Crimson Sky Kingdom."

Duan Ling Tian looked more highly upon Xiao He after hearing what he said.

Xiao He nodded and said modestly, "I wish."

In the end, Xiao He wasn't willing to take the silver from Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian didn't force him either and instead guided Xiao He in medicine refinement for a bit.

Needless to say, Xiao He indeed had a high natural talent in medicine refinement, so he quickly understood Duan Ling Tian's guidance in many aspects.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but secretly praise him in his heart.

Xiao He had a heartfelt admiration towards the profound understanding that Duan Ling Tian had of the Dao of alchemy, and when Duan Ling Tian left, he even personally sent Duan Ling Tian out of the Xiao Clan Estate's gate.

The two of them could be considered to have buried the hatchet.

After leaving the Xiao Clan Estate, Duan Ling Tian went to the Imperial Palace.

Within the Imperial Garden.

The Emperor passed a Spatial Ring to Duan Ling Tian. "These are all the reserves within the Imperial Palace, as well as the materials I ordered people to gather from all over."

After expressing his gratitude, Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled as he asked, "Thank you, your Majesty. Your Majesty, how much were these materials?"

"Money?" The Emperor shook his head and waved his hand. "There's no need for money. If you're considerate, then go see Bi Yao before leaving."

Duan Ling Tian was startled, but he understood what the Emperor meant, and he nodded.

When he met Princess Bi Yao once again, Duan Ling Tian noticed that Princess Bi Yao's body was obviously weaker and thinner, and even Duan Ling Tian couldn't help feel pity upon seeing her.

"Princess." Duan Ling Tian bowed to Princess Bi Yao.

A pleasantly surprised expression appeared on Princess Bi Yao's face when she saw Duan Ling Tian. "You've come."

"Mmm." Duan Ling Tian lightly nodded and sighed in his heart.

There were some things that were like unintentionally inserting a willow branch into the ground and the willow becoming a source of shade.

Needless to say, Princess Bi Yao was extremely outstanding and very kind, not one bit inferior to Ke Er and Li Fei.

However, it was difficult for him to take that final step in his heart in the end.

One step, although it was very close, it seemed far in the horizon.

"When do you intend to leave?" Princess Bi Yao asked, in a low voice. Her clear and melodious voice trembled slightly, and her delicate and touching bearing caused one to be unable to stop oneself from feeling tender and protective towards her.

"Tomorrow morning," Duan Ling Tian lightly said.

"So soon?" Princess Bi Yao's delicate body trembled, and she snuck a peak at Duan Ling Tian. When she noticed Duan Ling Tian looking over as well, she timidly turned her head away, seeming extremely like a small child that was caught eating candy, and her beautiful face blushed red.

Duan Ling Tian's gaze twitched, and he slowly said, "Princess, I'll accompany you on a stroll."

"OK." Princess Bi Yao obediently nodded.

Unlike in the past, this time, Duan Ling Tian accompanied Princess Bi Yao to walk and chat for a long time....

And the two of them understood each other a little bit more.

Duan Ling Tian even intentionally spoke about himself with Ke Er and Li Fei. He originally thought that Princess Bi Yao would feel a sense of loss.

But unexpectedly, Princess Bi Yao's face had a trace of a smile from the beginning until the end. "In other words, Big Sister Li Fei and Ke Er will be accompanying you to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled as he nodded, and the corners of his mouth curled into a smile of happiness.

But he instead didn't notice that in the instant that Princess Bi Yao turned her head away, a flowing light that had a sense of jealousy mixed within was vaguely present deep within her beautiful eyes....As if she wished for nothing more than to be able to replace Ke Er or Li Fei and accompany Duan Ling Tian by his side.

"You....Will you ever return?" When they were bidding their farewells, Princess Bi Yao asked in a light voice, and her beautiful face had a trace of a perturbed expression.

"I'll surely return." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled. "This time, my mother won't be leaving with me. When I'm free in the future, I'll return to see her."

Princess Bi Yao's eyes lit up when she heard what he said. "Can I go meet your mother?"

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

Only now did Princess Bi Yao realize that she was too straightforward, and the blush on her face grew deeper. It seemed as if blood would drip out from her face.

Chapter 244: Earth Dragon's Shield

"This...." Duan Ling Tian was in a slightly difficult situation. If he were to bring Princess Bi Yao home, would Little Fei skin him?

Duan Ling Tian felt a chill run down his spine when he recalled Little Fei's jealousy.

However, when he saw Princess Bi Yao looking at him with a delicate and touching gaze and a face full of anticipation, his heart softened in the end.

Just take her as a guest....

Duan Ling Tian consoled himself.

As expected, when Duan Ling Tian brought Princess Bi Yao back to his home, Li Fei's gaze became vigilant at the first possible moment.

Li Rou's face instead had a trace of a dubious smile.

Xiao Lan happened to be accompanying Li Rou, and when she saw Princess Bi Yao, a trace of shock appeared on her peerlessly beautiful face.

She's never imagined that a woman Duan Ling Tian casually brought home would have an appearance that wasn't inferior to hers, Ke Er's, and Li Fei's.

"Young Master, who's this beautiful big sister?" Ke Er blinked her big eyes and looked at Princess Bi Yao as she asked Duan Ling Tian.

"This is Princess Bi Yao." Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled as he introduced Princess Bi Yao to the women in his home.

Instantly, they were all moved. Even Li Fei's face revealed surprise, as she never thought that the woman Duan Ling Tian brought home would actually be Princess Bi Yao.

Li Fei had heard of Princess Bi Yao, the number one beauty in the Imperial City.

"Greetings, Princess!" For a moment, including Li Rou, all the four woman lightly bowed to Princess Bi Yao as they respectfully addressed her.

Princess Bi Yao walked over with graceful steps to help Li Rou up and lightly smiled as she said, "Aunt Rou, this isn't the Imperial Palace, so you don't have to treat me as a Princess."

Li Rou lightly smiled and nodded. Her beautiful eyes were like water as her gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian. Vaguely mixed within her gaze was a dubious expression, causing Duan Ling Tian to feel slightly embarrassed.

"You're Big Sister Fei, right?" Princess Bi Yao looked at Li Fei, and her delicate and touching expression caused Li Fei to be unable to help herself from revealing a light smile. "Princes, you know me?"

"Big Sister Fei, you're as beautiful as Duan Ling Tian said." Princess Bi Yao's mouth was even sweeter than honey, completely eliminating the hostility and vigilance Li Fei had towards her. "Big Sister Fei, call me Bi Yao in the future."

"OK....Little Sister Bi Yao, you're extremely beautiful as well; as expected of the Imperial City's number one beauty." Li Fei lightly nodded, and a favorable impression arose within her heart when she saw that Princess Bi Yao didn't put on airs in the slightest.

Princess Bi Yao looked at Ke Er and asked, with a light smile, "You're Ke Er, right? I heard Duan Ling Tian say that you're the same age as me. What month were you born?"

"Princess, my birthday is in September." The current Ke Er wasn't the Ke Er from the past anymore. Even when facing a Princess, she wasn't perturbed in the slightest and was able to chat without restraint.

"Then I'm younger than you. My birthday is in December. In the future, I'll call you Big Sister Ke Er. You can call me Little Sister Bi Yao like how Big Sister Li Fei calls me." Princess Bi Yao playfully stuck out her cute tongue when she heard what Ke Er said, causing Ke Er to have a favorable impression of her as well.

"Ah! I have a little sister as well now," Ke Er exclaimed in a low voice. Her beautiful face was slightly red, and the light smile that the corners of her mouth curled into had a trace of excitement mixed within.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but sigh emotionally when he saw this scene.

As expected of someone from the Imperial Family, Princess Bi Yao was indeed skilled in managing affairs with people, and it wasn't long before she obtained the approval of the three beauties within Duan Ling Tian's house.

"This is?" Princess Bi Yao looked at Xiao Lan in the end. Even Princess Bi Yao couldn't help but have a favorable impression towards this woman who was like a celestial maiden that had fallen into the mortal world.

Today, the shock in her heart had practically never stopped.

Originally, as the publically acknowledged number one beauty in the Imperial City, Princess Bi Yao was extremely confident of her appearance.

But today, she successively saw three women with appearances that weren't inferior to hers.

Besides Duan Ling Tian's two women, who she already knew of, the appearance of this beautiful and refined woman caused her heart to ripple....

She noticed that this woman was similar to her and was attracted to Duan Ling Tian.

For a moment, a feeling of mutual sympathy towards a fellow sufferer arose within her heart.

"Princess, I'm Xiao Lan." Xiao Lan lightly smiled to Princess Bi Yao. She felt slightly bitter in her heart.

She was naturally able to discern Princess Bi Yao's thoughts towards Duan Ling Tian, and she was extremely jealous of how Princess Bi Yao was capable of obtaining the approval of Duan Ling Tian's family in such a short amount of time.

After all, she and Duan Ling Tian's family had been together for a few months, but she had only obtained Li Rou's and Ke Er's approval.

Li Fei was constantly vigilant towards her....

"Big Sister Xiao Lan." Princess Bi Yao smiled sweetly to Xiao Lan.

"That....All of you chat, I'm going back to my room to cultivate." A bitter smile appeared on the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth when he saw that he had become a prop to them. He notified them and returned to his room.

As the saying goes, three women is the best amount for women to discuss amongst themselves. These four women gathered together, in the Earth that Duan Ling Tian was from in his past life, would be able to form a table for mahjong....

After returning to his room, Duan Ling Tian started cultivation the third form of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, the Wyrm Python Form's supplementary martial skill.

Defensive martial skill, Earth Dragon's Shield!

This Earth Dragon's Shield was extremely domineering. Even though it didn't have the ability to reverse and move attacks like Greater Teleportation, in terms of defense, it was a level stronger than an ordinary high grade Profound Rank defensive martial skill.

Even if the Earth Dragon's Shield was only at the Mastery Stage, its defense could match an ordinary high grade Profound Rank martial skill at the Perfection Stage!

"My Greater Teleportation relied upon the medicinal effect of the Blood Lingzhi to break through to its current Perfection Stage....According to Rebirth Martial Emperor's memories, if I refine an Inverse Source Pill, I can once again stimulate the medicinal strength of the Blood Lingzhi within my fleshly body, vital energy, and blood."

The materials for the Inverse Source Pill were on the list of materials that Duan Ling Tian asked all the powers to gather one month ago.

Duan Ling Tian withdrew his cauldron and started refining the Inverse Source Pill.

After an hour, the Inverse Source Pill was completed.

Subsequently, he consumed the pill and started stimulating the medicinal strength of the Blood Linzhi that was concealed within his fleshly body, vital energy, and blood....

At the same time, he started circulating the Earth Dragon's Shield.

In the end, under the assistance of the vast amounts of medicinal strength from the Blood Lingzhi, the Earth Dragon's Shield smoothly broke through to the Perfection Stage.

"Although the Earth Dragon's Shield is much stronger than an ordinary high grade Profound Rank martial skill... in the Origin Core Stage, when strength is raised to a certain level, even if the defensive martial skill is stronger, it will at most only be capable of neutralizing a portion of the strength."

This was something Duan Ling Tian was clear of in his heart.

Based on Duan Ling Tian's estimations, with his current cultivation at the third level of the Origin Core Stage, if he were to circulate the Earth Dragon's Shield at full force, he would be able to completely neutralize the attack of a martial artist below the Origin Core Stage.

However, if it was an attack from an Origin Core martial artist, then it would be impossible to completely neutralize the attack.

He could only neutralize a portion of his opponent's attack.

But even then, the defensive martial skill was still important.

For example in a battle between two martial artists with similar cultivation levels and attack strength....If one of the two people didn't cultivate a defensive martial skill and the other person did, under these circumstances, the latter would absolutely obtain a firm victory against the former!

Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses after completing the cultivation of the Earth Dragon's Shield.

Meanwhile, he noticed that the sky had turned dark.

"I forgot the time." Duan Ling Tian was slightly embarrassed as he walked out of his room, and after he had dinner with the girls, he proposed to send Princess Bi Yao back.

As for Xiao Lan, she chose to stay.

Duan Ling Tian didn't feel anything towards Xiao Lan's decision, and what was rare was that Li Fei didn't mind.

After Duan Ling Tian took Princess Bi Yao back and returned, only then did he know why Li Fei was suddenly so magnanimous.

"We're leaving tomorrow. With Xiao Lan accompanying Aunt Rou, Aunt Rou won't be so lonely." What Li Fei said caused Duan Ling Tian to be extremely moved.

That night, after Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei had a good time together, Li Fei lied on his shoulder and said, in a low voice, "Scoundrel, I know that Xiao Lan and Little Sister Bi Yao are attracted to you...."

"Little Fei, what're you talking about?" Duan Ling Tian embraced Li Fei in his arms and rubbed her beautiful hair. This little bottle of vinegar....

"Hmph! You dare say you don't have any thoughts?" Li Fei's watery, beautiful eyes squinted as she glared at Duan Ling Tian, causing Duan Ling Tian to smile bitterly.

As a normal man, how could he not have any thoughts when he saw two beauties?

Moreover, those two beauties were so kind and lovely.

Li Fei's expression went serious as she said. "I've thought it through."

"Thought what though?" Duan Ling Tian felt a slight chill run down his back. This Little Fei wouldn't have some insane idea, right?

"....I've thought it through, that if they want to enter out family, then they must first pass my test." Li Fei smiled mysteriously, with an appearance that showed that she felt a feeling of superiority.

"What test?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

"Secret!" Li Fei rolled her eyes at Duan Ling Tian and didn't say anything else.

At dawn the next day, Duan Ling Tian brought Ke Er, Li Fei, and Xiong Quan to say their farewells to Li Rou, Xiao Lan, and his house manager, Jing Ru, before spurring their horses to leave the courtyard house and leave the Imperial City.

As for the other people, Duan Ling Tian had already bid his farewells to them one by one two days ago.

The domain of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom was situated to the northeast of the Crimson Sky Kingdom, and Duan Ling Tian's group of four dashed onwards on Ferghana Horses, as if transforming into four red bolts of lightning that kicked up endless amounts of dirt into the air.

"Hiss hiss~" Inside Duan Ling Tian's sleeve, the two little pythons disobediently came out and excitedly flicked their tongues in incomparable joy.

"You two little fellow know that we're about to leave the Crimson Sky Kingdom as well?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the two little pythons and shook his head with a smile.

Unexpectedly, the two little pythons nodded to him like humans and were extremely playful.

"Xiong Quan, if we travel by Ferghana Horse and rest in the night...how long will it take for us to arrive at the Seven Star Sword Sect?" Duan Ling Tian asked Xiong Quan as he spurred his horse forward.

The Seven Star Sword Sect was one of the top five sects in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Over 90% of the disciples within the Seven Star Sword Sect were sword cultivators. Because the attack strength of sword cultivators was extremely strong, the Seven Star Sword Sect was extremely domineering within the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Even the other four top sects didn't dare rashly offend the Seven Star Sword Sect.

Duan Ling Tian heard of all this from Xiong Quan.

According to what Xiong Quan said, the influence of the Seven Star Sword Sect within the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom was only inferior to the Imperial Family!

Most importantly, the Seven Star Sword Sect would recruit outer court disciples every six months, much more frequently than the other four top sects....

However, even then, the members of the Seven Star Sword Sect were far lesser than the other four top sects.

The Seven Star Sword Sect was famous for being extremely harsh when recruiting outer court disciples!

Chapter 245: Black Wind City

Xiong Quan pondered for a moment, then he said to Duan Ling Tian, "Around half a year."

Duan Ling Tian nodded. He was already mentally prepared for this answer.

It would take three months to arrive at the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's domain from the Crimson Sky Kingdom's Imperial City, and going from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom's border to the Seven Star Sword Sect was still quite a long distance.

Duan Ling Tian's group of three had the protection of Xiong Quan, this second level Void Prying Stage powerhouse that had comprehended Advanced Sword Force, so they didn't encounter any trouble during the journey from Crimson Sky Kingdom to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Occasionally, when bandits dashed over, they would be completely slaughtered by Xiong Quan.

Similar to Duan Ling Tian's expectations, after three months, they arrived at a city that was situated between the Crimson Sky Kingdom and the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

Even though this city wasn't a county city of the Crimson Sky Kingdom, the area it occupied wasn't smaller than a county city.

"Xiong Quan, have you been to this city before?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

Xiong Quan shook his head.

"Let's go inside." Duan Ling Tian's brows rose, then he directly entered the city with the two little girls who wore veils to cover their faces.

This city was extremely bustling, and many travelling merchants could be seen going in and out of it....

According to Duan Ling Tian's guess, these travelling merchants ought to be going back and forth between the Crimson Sky Kingdom and the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

After entering the city, people riding Ferghana Horses could be seen everywhere, thus Duan Ling Tian's group of four riding Ferghana Horses into the city didn't draw the attention of other people.

Under Duan Ling Tian's lead, the four of them found a restaurant to have a meal.

Before ordering the dishes, Duan Ling Tian gave the restaurant attendant a small tip and asked curiously, "Introduce this city to me?"

The attendant would naturally speak of all he knew without reserve when he saw Duan Ling Tian be so generous, and he lightly smiled. "Customer, is this the first time you've come to our Black Wind City?"

"Black Wind City?" Duan Ling Tian's brows raised, and he continued to listen to the attendant.

"Customer, our Black Wind City is a border merchant city under the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom. It is situated on the northeast border of the Crimson Sky Kingdom....Normally, some of the travelling merchants that go back and forth between the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom and the Crimson Sky Kingdom rest in our Black Wind City," the attendant slowly said.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. This was something he'd noticed on the way here earlier.

The attendant continued, "Customer, since it's your first time in our Black Wind City, you must remember....Never offend people with the surnames Huang, Zhong, or Ma." As he spoke up to this point, the attendant's face was slightly serious.

"What's special about these three surnames?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously.

The attendant shook his head. "There isn't anything special. These surnames are precisely the surnames of the three great clans in our Black Wind City....Customer, you ought to be from the Crimson Sky Kingdom, right?"

"How do you know?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised.

The attendant smiled as he said, "Because people who are heading to the Crimson Sky Kingdom from the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom mostly follow travelling merchants on their journey, and there're hardly any individual travelers. So I guessed customer was from the Crimson Sky Kingdom....Customer intends to head to the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom?"

"Exactly." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"Customer, be sure to remember what I said earlier....Even though Black Wind City's three great clans are nothing in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, they're much stronger than many clans from your Crimson Sky Kingdom. Even to the extent that they're only inferior to the three top clans of the Crimson Sky Kingdom's Imperial City!" The attendant reminded again.

"I understand." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and the corners of his mouth curled into a smile.

He naturally knew that the three top clans of the Crimson Sky Kingdom that the attendant spoke of were precisely the Duan Clan, the Xiao Clan, and the Su Clan.

Not to mention an existence that was inferior to the three great clans, with Xiong Quan here, Duan Ling Tian wasn't even afraid of the three great clans themselves.

"Customer, what're all of you eating?" the attendant asked respectfully.

"Help us choose a few, we don't avoid any foods," Duan Ling Tian said to the attendant.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the two little girls beside him and lightly smiled as he said, "It's time to eat, take off your veils."

The two little girls blinked their beautiful eyes, then they obediently removed the veils on their faces....

And right at this moment, sounds of cups dropping echoed out within the restaurant.

It was some of the male customers being completely dumbstruck when they saw Ke Er and Li Fei, and they even weren't aware that the cups in their hands had fallen.

In next to no time, their food had arrived.

"Xiong Quan, sit down and eat," Duan Ling Tian said to Xiong Quan, and Xiong Quan replied before sitting down.

The four of them had been hungry for a day, thus they were like whirlwinds that swept away the clouds, sweeping away the food on the table. Meanwhile, the sky slowly dimmed, but the restaurant was still brightly lit by lanterns.

"I heard that the auction in the Ma Clan Auction House tonight will have a batch of slaves on auction."

"I've heard of it as well. Not only are there slaves, but allegedly the Ma Clan Auction House has many good things this time."

"Hurry up and finish eating, let's go have a look."

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Right at this moment, the discussion of a few middle-aged men from a nearby table entered Duan Ling Tian's ears.

Ma Clan Auction House?

Auction?

Duan Ling Tian was suddenly interested.

This Black Wind City was a city that was situated at the border between the Crimson Sky Kingdom and the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, so there were extremely large amounts of travelling merchants that

had passed here. Thus, there would surely have been many travelling merchants that had sold off some good things here.

Perhaps some things that he'd be interested in would appear during the auction.

After eating their fill, Duan Ling Tian waved his hand at the attendant.

"Customer, do you have any instructions?" the attendant asked Duan Ling Tian respectfully.

"I want to ask you this: if I want to participate in the Ma Clan Auction House's auction, what should I do?" Duan Ling Tian went straight to the point, and at the same time, he put down a silver ingot.

The attendant's eyes lit up, and after putting away the silver, he hurriedly said, "Customer, there are three great auction houses within our Black Wind City, and they're respectively controlled by the three great clans....Every auction house holds an auction every three months. The two months in between are left for the other two auction houses to hold their auctions. In other words, there's an action in Black Wind City every month.

"Tonight just happens to be the day the Ma Clan Auction House holds an auction, and customer can be considered to have come at the right time.

"After exiting our restaurant door, take a left turn and walk to the end of the street, then turn right and you can see the Ma Clan Auction House....

"There're two grades of entrance fees to the Ma Clan Auction House. The first, spend 1,000 silver to obtain the right to bid and to sit on a seat in the hall....The second, spend 100,000 silver to obtain the right to bid, and the Ma Clan will provide a private room and the most comprehensive service." As he spoke up to this point, the attendant couldn't help but be amazed.

To him, Black Wind City's auction house was something he wouldn't have the opportunity to enter in his entire lifetime.

Just a normal seat requires 1,000 silver?

Duan Ling Tian's eyes squinted and were slightly surprised.

And that private room actually required 100,000 silver....

After leaving the Crimson Sky Kingdom, the worth of silver has lowered too sharply, right?

Duan Ling Tian nodded, then he brought along the two girls that had put on their veils and walked out of the restaurant.

Xiong Quan led the four Ferghana Horses and followed behind them.

Duan Ling Tian's group of four directly went to the Ma Clan Auction House.

Meanwhile, the Ma Clan Auction House had already started allowing guests to enter; however, there weren't many people were entering, as there was still a period of time before the auction started.

At the auction house door, a row of attendants stood there like bell boys.

Duan Ling Tian's group of four had only just arrived at the auction house's door when an attendant came forward and greeted them, then they received the reins of the four Ferghana Horses from Xiong Quan.

Another attendant walked up and asked respectfully, "Guest, may I know if you need seats in the hall, or a private room?"

"A private room," Duan Ling Tian said to the attendant.

"Guest, please follow me." The attendant's attitude became even more humble when he heard what Duan Ling Tian said. He led Duan Ling Tian's group to enter the auction house, then he brought them to the private rooms on the second floor of the auction house.

The clean and tidy room gave one a comfortable feeling.

The room was extremely vast and was more than sufficient to fit Duan Ling Tian's group of four.

Duan Ling Tian walked around the room, and through the window in the room, he was able to see the auction platform below, which was extremely convenient.

After the attendant entered, he started pouring hot tea for Duan Ling Tian and the two little girls, then he prepared some refreshments before respectfully standing at the side.

After a short moment, the sound of the door being knocked on echoed out. The attendant walked out in large strides to open the room door, then he respectfully greeted the person outside. "Manager."

A middle-aged man with a face full of stubble slowly walked in, then he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "Guest, nice to meet you. I'm the Ma Clan Auction House's Manager, Ma Qin." Duan Ling Tian naturally was able to guess the reason why the manager of the auction house had come.

With a raise of his hand, 100,000 silver appeared out of thin air, and he passed it to Ma Qin.

When Ma Qin received the silver, his gaze abruptly shone!

The first thought that flashed within his mind was that this young man that looked to be not even 20 wasn't simple!

Having a Spatial Ring at such a young age, his background was obviously extraordinary.

"Thank you, guest." After Ma Qin put away the silver, he deeply glanced at Xiong Quan, who was behind Duan Ling Tian, then turned around and left.

"Guests, if you have any needs, feel free to instruct me, I'll be guarding outside the door," the attendant said respectfully, then he walked out and closed the door.

Meanwhile, Ke Er and Li Fei removed their veils.

"We need to spend 100,000 silver just to stay in this lousy place for a few hours?" Li Fei shook her head. She felt it difficult to accept this fact.

Although Ke Er didn't say anything, her face was still filled with astonishment.

Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled. This was something he could understand.

After all, this place couldn't be compared to those cities within the Crimson Sky Kingdom.

Up to a certain extent, this place could be considered a city of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom; moreover, this Black Wind City was a place that travelling merchants must traverse. Thus, the standard of expenses here would probably not be much different from those cities within the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

This was something Duan Ling Tian had already noticed when he paid the bill at the restaurant.

"It's still not starting?" After half an hour, Li Fei's beautiful brows frowned and she was slightly impatient.

Chapter 246: An Origin Strengthening Pill

"It should be soon." Duan Ling Tian's brows raised, seeming to have noticed something.

Meanwhile, through the room's window, people could be vaguely seen walking into the hall with large strides and finding a seat.

As time went by....More and more people arrived.

Before long, the hall was filled with a dense crowd of people.

"The seats in the hall are 1,000 silver each....Just from the entrance fees, this Ma Clan Auction House is able to receive money until their hands go soft." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be astonished.

When there were many people in one place, it would naturally become extremely noisy.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian noticed an old man slowly walking up the auction platform.... And he knew that the auction was about to begin.

"Everyone, welcome to our Ma Clan Auction House. I guarantee to everyone that today, you will all feel that your time wasn't wasted." As expected, after walking up the auction platform, the old man spouted out a bunch of worthless nonsense.

Nothing other than advertising and praising how great the items for auction in their Ma Clan Auction House today were.

This was nothing more than ringing one's own bell.

"Alright, I can see that everyone can't want. The first auction item will be presented right now!" The old man's voice abruptly sounded.

For a moment, the people that were dozing off in the hall shuddered and woke up.

A young girl held a tray that was covered by a red cloth in her hand as she walked up the auction platform.

When the young girl lifted up the red cloth, the item on the tray appeared before the eyes of everyone, and it was a pill bottle.

The old man picked up the pill bottle, swept the hall with his gaze, and then said, with a clear voice, "Everyone, within this pill bottle are 10 Origin Strengthening Pills!"

The Origin Strengthening Pill, a medicinal pill used by Origin Core martial artists. It is able to increase their speed of cultivation.

However, even in the medicine stores, Origin Strengthening Pills were sold everywhere.

For a moment, many people lacked any interest.

And there were even people who said in disdain, "When did the Ma Clan Auction House decline to such a level? Actually auctioning such a common item....Origin Strengthening Pills are sold at medicine stores at 10,000 silver each and are sold at prices that are marked clearly."

"Exactly, there's no need to auction this kind of item, right?"

"Hurry up and change it to the next auction item!"

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The crowd of people in hall started shouting out.

"Everyone, please be silent!" The old man's expression didn't change when faced with such a scene, even to the extent that he seemed to have known since long ago that this would happen.

When the old man raised his hand, the hall guieted down.

"Everyone, do all of you think that our Ma Clan Auction House would auction an ordinary Origin Strengthening Pill?" The old man's eyes squinted, then he lightly smiled. "Everyone knows that medicinal pills refined by ordinary alchemists have a purity that's a little over 60% at most....And being able to possess a purity of 65% is extremely hard to come by. However, the Origin Strengthening Pills in the pill bottle in my hand have a purity that has achieved 75%! 75%, what sort of notion is that?!

"Once an Origin Strengthening Pill with a 75% purity is consumed and used to cultivate, the increase in cultivation speed is double the speed of an ordinary Origin Strengthening Pill! If it were to be given to an Origin Core martial artist who was trapped in a bottleneck and unable to break through after a long time, if they consumed this Origin Strengthening Pill, they would have the possibility to directly break through!" As expected, the old man's words caused a stir within the hall.

"75% purity Origin Strengthening Pill?"

"Is it real or fake?"

"Which alchemist is so formidable? Who is able to refine an Origin Strengthening Pill with such high purity!?"

Many people within the hall didn't quite believe it.

As far as they knew, a medicinal pill with a purity at 70% could already be considered an existence of rumor....

A medicinal pill with a purity of 75% was already close to the 80% purity medicinal pills of legend.

Seeing this, the old man continued, "Everyone, these 10 Origin Strengthening Pills have been personally tested and verified by our Ma Clan's Lord Hu Jun. So there's no need for everyone to worry whether the purity of these medicinal pills conform to what this old man has said....Among these 10 Origin Strengthening Pills, seven have a purity of 75% and three have a purity that is extremely close to 76%.

"Moreover, our Ma Clan's trustworthiness is recognized by everyone!" Many people within the hall nodded upon hearing the old man's words.

The Ma Clan indeed hadn't done anything untrustworthy during their auctions.

"Since Lord Hu Jun has tested and verified it, there's naturally no problem."

"Exactly, Lord Hu Jun is the only grade seven alchemist in Black Wind City. His judgment would surely not be wrong!"

"Geezer Ma, hurry up and announce the starting bid!"

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The people in the hall spoke out, urging the old man to announce the starting bid.

Within the room, a trace of surprise appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face.

75% purity?

He'd never imagined that such a high purity medicinal pill could appear in the border between the Crimson Sky Kingdom and the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom.

A purity of 75% was sufficient to show that the alchemist that refined the Origin Strengthening Pill was an alchemist with rich experience and extraordinary natural talent.

Of course, Duan Ling Tian looked down upon this little bit of purity.

Not to mention a 75% purity, even a purity of 90% was something he could freely refine.

If he were to seriously refine the medicinal pill, it would even be possible for him to refine a medicinal pill with a purity of 99%....

The lifetime of experience and ability in medicine refining that he obtained from Rebirth Martial Emperor was no joke.

"Aren't they embarrassed from auctioning a medicinal pill with only 75% purity?" Li Fei grunted in a low voice. She still remembered that the Origin Strengthening Pills her man refined had a purity that exceeded 90%....

As far as she was concerned, an Origin Strengthening Pill with a purity of 75% was simply trash compared to the Origin Strengthening Pills her man had refined!

But even though it was trash, the bid price shocked Li Fei.

Along with the old man announcing the big price, the 10 Origin Strengthening Pills with 75% purity were actually bid to a high price of 300,000 silver.

Not only that, the bidding was still going on.

"400,000 silver!"

"500.000 silver!"

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Li Fei was stupefied when she heard the bidding in the hall. "Madmen, they're surely madmen!"

Duan Ling Tian lightly smiled. He understood what she was thinking.

To a certain extent, an Origin Strengthening Pill with a purity of 75% was indeed capable of assisting an Origin Core martial artist in breaking through the final bottleneck and smoothly step into the next level.

Of course, it was only limited to martial artists at the first level and second level of the Origin Core Stage.

After all, it was only an Origin Strengthening Pill with 75% purity.

"One million silver!" Finally, after a deep voice sounded out of one of the rooms on the second floor, the bottle of Origin Strengthening Pills with 75% purity was won by that person.

"The guest in room number five has obtained this bottle of Origin Strengthening Pills with 75% purity!" the old man on the auction platform announced.

Subsequently, another young girl held a tray as she ascended the auction platform. The auction item this time was a grade eight spirit weapon that provided an 18% amplification.

Duan Ling Tian's group was without a shred of interest towards this auction item.

"Scoundrel, those 10 Origin Strengthening Pills with only 75% purity were actually able to sell for 1 million silver....If the Origin Strengthening Pills you refined were to be sold, wouldn't they be worth even more money?" After Li Fei recovered from her shock, she looked at Duan Ling Tian with a pair of beautiful eyes that had traces of bright lights within.

Duan Ling Tian smiled as he said, "Of course."

"One Origin Strengthening Pill with a purity of 75% is worth 100,000 silver....I wonder how much the Origin Strengthening Pills with over 90% purity that you refine are able to sell for." Li Fei had a curious expression; it was as if she urgently wanted to know the answer.

Duan Ling Tian was, of course, able to see through Li Fei's thoughts, and he shook his head with a smile. "Little Fei, if you really want to know, then I'll choose an Origin Strengthening Pill with the lowest purity to give the Ma Clan Auction House to auction out..... I assume that they would be interested as well."

Li Fei's beautiful eyes shone, and the nearby Ke Er had a face full of curiosity.

"Xiong Quan, call the attendant in," Duan Ling Tian instructed Xiong Quan.

In next to no time, the attendant entered. "Guest, do you have any instructions?"

Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and a pill bottle appeared in it, then he passed it to the attendant. "There's a medicinal pill within. I intend to auction it away in your auction house....Ask the manager to arrange it."

Without asking anything, the attendant extended his hand to receive it after hearing what Duan Ling Tian said.

He knew what to ask and what not to ask.

After the attendant left, Duan Ling Tian looked at the auction platform again and noticed that the grade eight spirit weapon had been bid away.

"Manager!" After the attendant received the pill bottle from Duan Ling Tian, he went to look for the Manager, Ma Qin."

"Hmm?" Ma Qin's gaze descended onto the attendant's hand, and he asked. "A guest wants to auction an item?"

"Yes, Manager, it's that young guest," the attendant respectfully said.

"Young guest? That violet-clothed young man?" Ma Qin asked curiously.

"Yes." The attendant nodded.

Ma Qin received the pill bottle and opened it to take a look. He couldn't help but frown when he noticed that it was actually an Origin Strengthening Pill within. "What does that guest mean by this? Origin Strengthening Pill? And only one?"

In the end, he didn't send this Origin Strengthening Pill back directly after all and instead took it to the back of the auction house.

"Lord Hu Jun!" Before long, Ma Qin found the only grade seven alchemist in their Ma Clan, Hu Jun.

So long as the Ma Clan Auction House was carrying out an auction, Hu Jun would be in charge.

"Yes?" Hu Jun was an old man past 70, and he asked in wonder when he saw Ma Qin arrive, "Manager Qin, is something the matter?"

Ma Qin passed over the pill bottle in his hand. "Lord Hu Jun, this is an auction item that one of our guests wants to auction off in our auction house....Help me see if it's special in any way."

Hu Jun received the pill bottle and asked curiously, "What's this?"

"Origin Strengthening Pill." The corners of Ma Qin's mouth curled into a bitter smile.

Origin Strengthening Pill?

Hu Jun couldn't help but be stupefied, then he frowned. "Is this a joke? Which guest wants to auction this? Unless it's an Origin Strengthening Pill with a purity of 70% and above, there's no value in auctioning it."

Ma Qin was slightly embarrassed as he said, "Lord Hu Jun, the guest that wants to auction this Origin Strengthening Pill seems to have an extraordinary background, so I didn't directly send it back to him. Help me take a look first. If it's really not good, then I'll send it back to him."

Hu Jun nodded, then he opened the pill bottle and poured out the medicinal pill from within.

"One?" When he saw that there was only one Origin Strengthening Pill within, Hu Jun was stupefied, and then his face flushed red. "Is that guest intentionally playing tricks on our Ma Clan Auction House? One Origin Strengthening Pill....Does he really think his Origin Strengthening Pill has a purity of 80% or above?"

Chapter 247: Extreme Shock

Ma Qin wasn't surprised that Hu Jun got enraged, as he was already mentally prepared.

"Manager Qin, quickly return this Origin Strengthening Pill. Isn't this just intentionally making trouble?" Hu Jun took a deep breath and stuffed the Origin Strengthening Pill in his hand back into the pill bottle, then he covered it up once again before passing it to Ma Qin.

Ma Qin didn't take it from him and said, "Lord Hu Jun, you'd better just examine it according to usual practice....You acting like this doesn't conform to the rules."

Hu Jun frowned and asked, in a low voice, "Does this even need a test? Could it be that you think this Origin Strengthening Pill is able to compare to that bottle of Origin Strengthening Pills that was just auctioned out?"

However, even though he spoke in this way, Hu Jun still took out the Origin Strengthening Pill and carefully examined it.

Ma Qin concentrated his gaze on Hu Jun's expression and awaited a miracle to occur even though the chances were extremely slim....

Before long, Ma Qin noticed that the enraged expression on Ma Qin's face completely froze.

There's a chance!

Ma Qin's eyes shone.

"This...." The enraged expression on Hu Jun's face had vanished, and replacing it was an expression of excitement. "Simply....Simply a work of art that overcomes that of nature, a work of art that overcomes that of nature! Perfect, too perfect!"

Ma Qin was shocked by Hu Jun. "Lord Hu Jun, you....Are you alright?"

It wasn't the first day that he'd known this grade seven alchemist, but he could be sure that it was absolutely the first time that he had seen this grade seven alchemist be so excited.

Even when he appraised the bottle of 75% purity Origin Strengthening Pills, this grade seven alchemist wasn't so excited.

"Manager Qin, who placed this Origin Strengthening Pill for auction? I want to meet him." Hu Jun instantly stood up from his seat and had completely lost his composure.

"Lord Hu Jun, you are...." Ma Qin couldn't wrap his head around the matter. Could it be that this Origin Strengthening Pill is a medicinal pill with a purity above 80%?

Isn't this too unbelievable?

Hu Jun took a deep breath, suppressed the excitement in his heart, and slowly asked, "Manager Qin, do you know what the purity of this Origin Strengthening Pill is?"

"Could it be that it really has 80% or above in purity?" Ma Qin eyes opened wide like saucers and had a face full of astonishment. If it really was a medicinal pill with a purity of 80% or above, then their Ma Clan Auction House was really going to be in the limelight this time!

Although rare, within the entire Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, there were some medicinal pills with a purity of 75%.

But a medicinal pill with a purity of 80% or above....

In the history of the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, it seems to have never appeared before!

"80%?" Hu Jun was stunned when he heard what Ma Qin said. "Who told you that the purity of this Origin Strengthening Pill is at 80%?"

"Could it be that it isn't at 80%? 79%?" Ma Qin had a bewildered expression, and his excited mood had calmed down slightly.

Like he thought, how could it be possible for a medicinal pill with a purity at 80% or above to appear...?

Hu Jun grunted coldly and said, with a clear voice, "79%? Hmph! The purity of this Origin Strengthening Pill, if I didn't feel it wrongly, it's at least at 90% or above!" As he finished speaking, a trace of excitement appeared on his face.

To an alchemist, being able to see a medicinal pill with a purity at 90% or above was undoubtedly an extremely great honor....

What he wanted to do now the most was meet the person that placed this medicinal pill for auction. If he could contact the alchemist that refined this Origin Strengthening Pill and obtain guidance from that alchemist, his achievements in the Dao of alchemy would surely advance!

Thus, Hu Jun was anxious in his heart and wished for nothing more than to directly meet the guest that placed this Origin Strengthening Pill with a purity of 90% or above for auction.

"Manager Qin, hurry and take me to see that respected guest!" Hu Jun's tone was extremely anxious, his chest rose and fell like bellows, and his eyes flickered with excitement.

However, he quickly noticed that Ma Qin didn't react in the slightest, as if Ma Qin had completely not heard a word he said.

"90% purity or above?" Ma Qin was stunned, and his heart trembled. In the next moment, his entire body seemed as if he was held by the throat, and his face flushed red.

Even though he wasn't an alchemist, he knew what a medicinal pill with a purity of 90% or above represented!

Heavens!

A medicinal pill like this is absolutely an existence of legend, and existence of myth!

Now it had appeared within their Ma Clan Auction House?

"Manager Qin!" With Hu Jun's cold shout, Ma Qin recovered from his shock. "Lord Hu Jun, my apologies, I was enthralled earlier."

"Hurry and take me to see that respected guest!" Hu Jun continued to repeat with an anxious tone.

Within the room, Duan Ling Tian was dozing off. He originally thought that an item that he would be interested in might appear during the Ma Clan Auction House's auction, but up till now, five items had been auctioned and none were things that he was interested in.

Ke Er and Li Fei, however, looked on in interest.

Xiong Quan stood behind Duan Ling Tian with a calm expression, not a bit concerned with everything in the outside world.

Knock! Knock! Right at this moment, the sound of door knocking echoed out, and the attendant's voice sounded. "Guest, our Manager wants to see you."

Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses and his eyebrows rose. The corners of his mouth curled into a smile, as he wasn't surprised.

Although that Origin Strengthening Pill was substandard in his eyes, its purity was still at 91%.

Not to mention the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, even in the entire Darkhan Dynasty, or even the 'Foreign Lands,' a medicinal pill with a purity of 91% was something that almost no alchemists could refine.

This was something that only Rebirth Martial Emperor was capable of as a Royal Grade Alchemist!

He'd long since guessed that so long as the Ma Clan's grade seven alchemist were to identify the purity of that Origin Strengthening Pill, the alchemist would surely come look for him.

"Come in," Duan Ling Tian said indifferently.

Duan Ling Tian once again saw Ma Qin, and he also saw an old man behind Ma Qin. Even though it was the first time he'd seen this old man, but Duan Ling Tian still guessed his identity at the first possible moment.

The old man ought to be the Ma Clan's grade seven alchemist.

"Guest." The gaze that Ma Qin used to look at Duan Ling Tian now was filled with reverence.

What a joke!

A person that was capable of taking out an Origin Strengthening Pill with a purity of 90% or above, even if he thought with his ass, he would still be able to realize that the person wasn't simple.

Behind the person was obviously an extremely formidable alchemist!

No, terrifying wasn't enough to describe an alchemist that's capable of refining a medicinal pill with a purity at 90% or above.

It wasn't too much to call the alchemist abnormal!

Duan Ling Tian glanced at Ma Qin indifferently and asked, "Is something the matter?"

Ma Qin took a deep breath and introduced the old man by his side to Duan Ling Tian. "Guest, this is my Ma Clan's grade seven alchemist, Lord Hu Jun. It's Lord Hu Jun that wants to meet you."

"Respected Guest." Hu Jun looked at Duan Ling Tian with an excited expression. "May I ask, which respected alchemist refined this Origin Strengthening Pill that you placed for auction?"

Duan Ling Tian shook his head when faced with Hu Jun's burning gaze. "I don't know either."

What?

Hu Jun was stupefied, and Ma Qin was stupefied as well.

Duan Ling Tian continued, "That Origin Strengthening Pill was gifted to me by an old man....However, that's a matter of a few months ago. I only have one last pill now, and the others have already been consumed by me."

Hu Jun deeply glanced at Duan Ling Tian when he heard what Duan Ling Tian said, and when he noticed that there wasn't the slightest inkling on Duan Ling Tian's face, he asked. "Guest, do you know where that Senior has gone?"

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "I don't know. I only happened to meet him once. He said that I have a handsome appearance and I am pleasing to the eye, so he gave me some Origin Strengthening Pills....In the start, I still thought he was stingy, but later on I noticed that the Origin Strengthening Pills he gave me weren't simple!

"Alas....If I knew earlier that his Origin Strengthening Pills were so good, I would have asked for a few hundred more from him." As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian had a face full of regret.

A few hundred?

Hu Jun and Ma Qin looked at each other, and they both had bitter smiles on their faces.

This young man was really a newborn calf that wasn't afraid of a tiger!

This is an Origin Strengthening Pill with a purity of 90% or above. Him being able to obtain a few was already an extremely great fortune.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Ma Qin and Hu Jun and asked like a fool, "Right, this Origin Strengthening Pill of mine ought to be able to sell for some money, right?"

"Guest, don't worry, we will absolutely auction out a price that is beyond your imagination....However, Guest, the rules of our Ma Clan Auction House requires the deduction of a 10% administration fee," Ma Qin added.

"10%? That's too much, right?" Duan Ling Tian frowned.

"Guest, our Ma Clan Auction House's rules have always been like this. Do you still want to auction off this Origin Strengthening Pill?" Ma Qin asked.

"If there's an administration fee deduction of 10%, then I'm not auctioning it." Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

Ma Qin was stupefied. "Guest, you....Do you want to consider for a moment?"

"There's no need, I'm not auctioning it. Return it to me," Duan Ling Tian said firmly. At the same time, he extended his hand and looked at Hu Jun, who held the Origin Strengthening Pill.

Hu Jun took a deep breath and looked at Duan Ling Tian. "Guest, if you really give it to us to auction, we won't deduct the administration fee from it."

"Lord Hu Jun!" Ma Qin was stupefied.

"Manager Qin, I'm confident that even if the Patriarch was present, he would make this decision. You ought to be able to realize the extraordinary meaning this pill has to our Ma Clan Auction House." Hu Jun had a serious expression as he spoke.

Ma Qin pondered for a moment, then he nodded. "OK, then we'll do it according to Lord Hu Jun....Guest, we won't deduct the administration fee from you, are you willing to giving this Origin Strengthening Pill to our Ma Clan Auction House to auction away?"

"Since you aren't deducting the administration fee, then I'll naturally be willing to give it to you to auction," Duan Ling Tian said, in all seriousness.

"Thank you, Guest." Ma Qin and Hu Jun nodded to Duan Ling Tian before leaving.

After they found out that the Origin Strengthening Pill with a purity of 90% or above was only an unexpected gain of Duan Ling Tian's, they both lost interest in Duan Ling Tian.

The room's door closed once again.

Li Fei, who was holding back her laughter all this time, couldn't stop herself from bursting out in laughter, and her face revealed a beautiful and brilliant smile. "Scoundrel, when you were bluffing people earlier, it seemed so real....If it wasn't for me knowing the truth, I might have been cheated by you."

"Yes, Young Master, your act was really too convincing." Ke Er nodded in deep agreement, and her beautiful face was filled with adoration....

"What I'm curious of the most now is how much money that Origin Strengthening Pill will actually sell for." Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed and he lightly smiled.

And right at this moment, the voice of the old man sounded out from the auction platform and caused Duan Ling Tian's gaze to abruptly light up.

"Silver Fire Grass!"

Chapter 248: Blaze Inscription

Silver Fire Grass?

Duan Ling Tian's gaze passed through the window in the room to descend onto the hand of the old man in the auction platform.

The old man held an extremely special medical grass in his hand.

Unlike an ordinary medicinal grass, this medicinal grass was completely silvery-white in color and flickered with a light sheen. With a glance, one would know that it wasn't an ordinary medicinal grass.

In the hall, a wave of sounds of surprise sounded out as expected.

"It's really the Silver Fire Grass!"

"I heard that when refining a medicine of grade six or below, so long this Silver Fire Grass is placed into the cauldron, it will be able to increase the purity by 10%!"

"This Silver Fire Grass is a treasure to an alchemist."

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The old man on the auction platform lightly smiled. "Guests, it looks like all of you are well acquainted with the Silver Fire Grass. Exactly, the Silver Fire Grass is indeed capable of increasing the purity of a grade six medicinal pill or below, and it can increase the purity by at least 10%. If one's luck I good, it's even capable of increasing the purity by nearly 15%."

Increasing the purity of a grade six or below medicinal pill?

In the room, disdain appeared on the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth.

As far as he was concerned, this was only the most ordinary and widespread use of the Silver Fire Grass. It was difficult to fully express the worth of the Silver Fire Grass....

This Silver Fire Grass, in his hands, could become an ever successful weapon!

"Guests, the starting bid price for the Silver Fire Grass is 100,000 silver....Now, interested guests may bid!" the old man on the auction platform slowly said.

"100,000 silver!" At almost the exact moment the old man finished speaking, someone in the hall made a bid.

"200,000 silver!"

"300,000 silver!"

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In a short moment, the price of the Silver Fire Grass rose steadily.

"Scoundrel, you're interested in this Silver Fire Grass?" Li Fei glanced at Duan Ling Tian and blinked her beautiful eyes.

She noticed that Duan Ling Tian's gaze hadn't left the Silver Fire Grass at all.

"I'm determined to get this Silver Fire Grass." A trace of a smile appeared on the corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth, and he nodded.

"Young Master, could it be that you want to use this Silver Fire Grass to refine medicinal pills?" Ke Er looked at Duan Ling Tian with a curious expression.

"Refine medicinal pills?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head. "Ke Er, the purity of the medicinal pills I refine are all at 90% or above, so there isn't much difference if I add Silver Fire Grass or not....I want to obtain this Silver Fire Grass not to use it to refine a medicinal pills, but instead to use it to inscribe an inscription!"

The Silver Fire Grass was the core material for a formidable offensive inscription that Duan Ling Tian was able to inscribe currently.

That type of offensive inscription was also one of the most formidable inscriptions that Duan Ling Tian was able to inscribe currently, and it was extremely domineering!

Ke Er came to a sudden understanding and nodded, Li Fei understood as well.

Meanwhile, the bidding in the hall had slowed down.

The current price of the Silver Fire Grass was 900,000 silver....

The person that placed this bid was a fatty in luxurious clothing in the hall, and seeing that no one was continuing to bid with him, the fatty crossed his legs and a trace of complacence appeared on his face.

"1 million silver!" Right at this moment, a sonorous voice sounded out from a room on the second floor.

Causing the smile on the fatty's face to freeze, he cursed as he said, "I don't want it anymore!"

Duan Ling Tian's gaze focused, as he understood that the guests in the second floor rooms were about to make their moves....

He wasn't in a hurry to bid.

"1,100,000 silver!" A voice sounded out from another room.

In the end, these two people bid until the bid price of the Silver Fire Grass rose to 1,700,000 silver.

"The guest in room number 7 has placed a bid of 1,700,000 silver, are there any other guests that require it?" The old man on the auction platform slowly said, "1,700,000 silver going once, 1,700,000 silver going twice...."

"Two million!" Right at this moment, Duan Ling Tian spoke out. He was precisely waiting for the last moment to make his move.

For a moment, room number 7 went silent.

The hall burst into an uproar.

"Insane! It's only a Silver Fire Grass, actually bidding until two million silver...."

"Exactly, the Silver Fire Grass can at most increase the purity of a batch of grade six medicinal pills. 1,700,000 silver is already a sky high price."

"We don't understand the world of the rich."

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Most of the people in the hall felt that the person who bid a price of two million silver was a sucker.

The old man on the auction platform didn't expect that the Silver Fire Grass could be bid to a high price of two million silver either, and his face was slightly flushed red. "The guest in room number 1 has bid two million silver. Are there any other guests that want to bid a higher price? Two million going once....Two million going twice....Two million going thrice! Deal!"

"The Silver Fire Grass belongs to the guest in room number 1." In the end, Duan Ling Tian won the bid for the Silver Fire Grass.

Duan Ling Tian's face revealed a smile.

In a short moment, the sound of door knocking resounded, and an attendant respectfully said, "Guest, the Silver Fire Grass you bid for has been sent over."

"Bring it in," Duan Ling Tian replied indifferently.

The room door was opened, Duan Ling Tian received the Silver Fire Grass, and at the same time paid two million silver.

A grass for two million silver, this was something unbelievable in the eyes of another, and it was difficult to understand for them....But as far as Duan Ling Tian was concerned, this two million silver was worth spending!

The Silver Fire Grass was the core material for the Blaze Inscription.

The Blaze Inscription was a formidable offensive inscription.

Once utilized, a martial artist below the Void Prying Stage would surely die without a doubt!

It would be impossible for even a Half-step Void Stage martial artist to escape with their lives.

How domineering the Blaze Inscription was could be easily imagined.

"Unfortunately....One Blaze Inscription requires a complete Silver Fire Grass as the core material." Duan Ling Tian now wished for nothing more than to use one Silver Fire Grass to inscribe many Blaze Inscriptions, but he knew that this was only his wishful thinking.

If it wasn't inscribed with a complete Silver Fire Grass, then the might of the Blaze Inscription would decline greatly.

Even to the extent of even being inferior to the Bone Corrosion Inscription!

"I'm still too greedy." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and sighed in his heart. Being able to obtain one Silver Fire Grass and inscribe one Blaze Inscription could already be considered his good fortune.

Li Fei noticed the excited expression on Duan Ling Tian's face and asked curiously, "Scoundrel, what inscription can this Silver Fire Grass inscribe?"

Ke Er looked at Duan Ling Tian as well.

Even Xiong Quan, although his current expression didn't have any great change, his eyes revealed a sense of curiosity.

After following the Young Master for some time, he'd grown from the shock at the beginning to the current numbness.

The shocks that the Young Master brought him were too many!

Now he wouldn't feel it to be strange if a miracle were to happen to the Young Master.

"The Blaze Inscription." Duan Ling Tian's eyes squinted, then he spoke of the might of the Blaze Inscription....

"Able to annihilate any existence below the Void Prying Stage?" Li Fei and Ke Er's delicate figures trembled, as they were both shocked. What a terrifying offensive inscription!

Fright appeared on Xiong Quan's face as well.

Even though he was from a sect in the Azure Forest Imperial Kingdom, a formidable offensive inscription that was able to annihilate any martial artist below the Void Prying Stage was something he'd heard of but had never once seen....

According to his knowledge, this type of inscription could only be inscribed by those heaven-defying inscription masters.

He suddenly felt that even now, his understanding of the Young Master was still a drop in the ocean and was not worth mentioning.

"Being able to obtain the Silver Fire Grass, my gains can be considered to be not bad." Duan Ling Tian smiled in satisfaction, and his gaze once again descended onto the auction platform in the hall. What

was currently being auctioned on the auction platform wasn't an item, it was a person, a robust man that was tied up in iron chains.

On the robust man's face was a strange brand.

"Slave?" Duan Ling Tian's brows rose, as he recognized this brand.

This brand was also present on Xiong Quan's face.

However, the brand on Xiong Quan's face was currently covered by his mask, and others were unable to notice it.

The robust man stood on the auction platform and swept the auction house's hall with a cold gaze, causing the faces of many to go pale.

"Third level of the Nascent Soul Stage?" Relying on his formidable Spiritual Force and the experience of Rebirth Martial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian could vaguely identify the cultivation level of this robust man.

Meanwhile, the old man on the auction platform spoke. "Everyone, the person beside me is a slave with a cultivation at the third level of the Nascent Soul Stage....Everyone understands what slaves are, so I won't introduce him any further. The starting bid is one million silver!"

"One million silver?" Duan Ling Tian watched the scene before him with a cold and indifferent gaze as if it didn't have any relation to him.

Even after merging with the memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian wasn't Rebirth Martial Emperor after all, so he had his own thoughts. Now, looking at the slave before him being bid on by others, his heart slowly went cold.

In this world where the strong were respected, a human's life was lowly like grass and could be measured with money.

Only by becoming a true expert could he be able to protect himself and protect everyone beside him.

He knew that if he wanted to become a true expert, the road he had to take was still far....

"5 million silver!"

"6 million silver!"

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The price of the third level Nascent Soul Stage slave rose steadily.

In the end, he was bought by someone for the high price of 8 million silver.

Subsequently, another few slaves were auctioned.

The strengths of the slaves that were auctioned later on increased.

The strongest was actually an existence at the sixth level of the Nascent Soul Stage, and he was bought by someone for the high price of 80 million silver.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be astounded.

"These people spend so much money to buy these slaves; could it be that they aren't afraid that these slaves would betray them?" It was slightly difficult for Li Fei to understand. As far as she was concerned, easily spending a few million silver or even a few tens of millions of silver to buy a slave that might betray you was too dangerous.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled. "Little Fei, people who dare bid for these slaves ordinarily wouldn't lack powerhouses by their side. So they aren't afraid of these slaves betraying them....Since these people have been reduced to becoming slaves, it shows that they're afraid of death. For the sake of living, they wouldn't dare act rashly."

Li Fei nodded and then was absorbed in thought.

The following item wasn't a slave anymore.

A young girl held a tray that was covered in red cloth as she walked up the auction platform.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

And almost at that exact moment, the two little pythons that were inside Duan Ling Tian's sleeve flashed out and descended before the window.

"Hiss hiss~" Little Black and Little White flicked their tongues, and their sharp eyes stared fixedly at the tray that was covered by the red cloth, as if they'd noticed something.

Chapter 249: Mysterious Little Gold Mouse

Needless to say, the actions of the two little pythons startled Duan Ling Tian as well.

"Could it be that Little Black and Little White noticed something that can be eaten?" Li Fei's voice abruptly sounded and was filled with surprise.

"Probably." Duan Ling Tian approved of what Li Fei said, as these two little pythons were basically gluttons.

However, he was slightly curious about what exactly would cause these two little fellows to be so excited.

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons seemed to be able to understand Duan Ling Tian and Li Fei's conversation, and they turned their heads and fiercely flicked their tongues as if they were announcing their dissatisfaction....

"Young Master, Big Sister Fei, don't talk about Little Black and Little White anymore. Look, they're both angry." Ke Er lightly stroked the small heads of the two little pythons, and the two little fellows meekly rubbed Ke Er, then they turned their heads to continue staring fixedly at the tray that was covered in red cloth.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled, his gaze then returned to the auction platform.

And right at this moment, the old man on the auction platform lifted off the red cloth....

It could be vaguely seen that within a special little cage was a fierce beast with a dejected aura.

This fierce beast was only a little mouse, and unlike an ordinary mouse that would cause one to feel disgust, this mouse had an entire body of golden fur that was extremely fluffy, extremely similar to a plush toy from Duan Ling Tian's previous life on Earth.

Presently, this little mouse lay there in a drowsy state.

"Drugged?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. He was able to discern with a glance that this gold little mouse had been given medicine similar to the Origin Sealing Parasite.

The Origin Sealing Parasite, the poison that Xiong Quan was infected with before, which was able to suppress Origin Energy.

"So cute!" Li Fei and Ke Er's beautiful eyes lit up when they saw this gold little mouse, and traces of a maternal lustre appeared within their eyes.

"Hiss hiss~" After the two little pythons saw the little gold mouse, they were extremely agitated, and if it wasn't for Duan Ling Tian being there watching them, it was very likely that they'd already directly shattered the window and rushed down.

"Little Black, Little White....You two wouldn't be thinking of eating it, right?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the two little fellows with a strange gaze.

"Little Black, Little White, you two must be obedient, you can't eat it!" Li Fei and Ke Er hurriedly looked at the two little fellows and spoke at almost the exact same time.

Instantly, the two little fellows drooped their heads, and flowing lights revolved within their eyes. Obviously, they were slightly unhappy.

"You two really intended to eat it?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly speechless.

"However, if the poison in its body is removed, I'm afraid it will be impossible you two little fellows to eat it." Duan Ling Tian's gaze once again descended onto the little gold mouse, he was able to discern that at its prime, this little gold mouse would probably be not one bit inferior to the two little pythons....

Even to the extent that it was even stronger!

"Young Master, you're saying that that little gold mouse is even stronger than Little Black and Little White?" Ke Er couldn't help but exclaim in a low voice, as she knew the strength of the two little pythons....

That cute little gold mouse that looked harmless was stronger than them?

Li Fei was stupefied and had a face full of disbelief. "Scoundrel, did you make a mistake?"

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons seemed to understand what Duan Ling Tian said, and they once again glared at Duan Ling Tian. When they saw Duan Ling Tian return a glare at them, they instantly waned and drooped their heads in dejection.

"You two little fellows don't be unconvinced." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"Young Master, can you buy it?" Ke Er looked at the little gold mouse, and her pair of beautiful eyes flickered with a maternal lustre.

"Yeah, Scoundrel, this little gold mouse is too cute," Li Fei said as well.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled. "Since you both like it, then I'll buy it....If I'm not wrong, this little gold mouse is very likely a Goldfur Mouse.

"Goldfur Mouse?" Ke Er didn't have a big reaction; however, Li Fei was slightly moved. "Goldfur Mouse? The mouse that's known as the strongest king of fierce beasts below a demon beasts? The strongest mouse-type fierce beast?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded. "According to its characteristics, there's a 90% and above chance it's a Goldfur Mouse....As for if it actually is one, it would have to wait until I buy it and examine it closely."

The old man on the auction platform had now already started introducing the little gold mouse. "Everyone, this auction item now is one of the last three auction items of our auction today....I presume some guests have already discerned it, you're right, this is a Goldfur Mouse; moreover, it's an infant mouse!

"Normally speaking, a Goldfur Mouse infant would at most have a strength at the Nascent Soul Stage....But this infant mouse has a strength at the seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage!"

The hall went into a complete uproar as soon as the old man finished speaking.

"Infant Goldfur Mouse, seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage?"

"In this way, when this infant mouse matures, it will be very likely to transform into an existence at the Half-step Void Stage?"

"Not only the Half-step Void Stage....A Goldfur Mouse that has a strength at the seventh level of the Nascent Soul Stage during infancy can be considered to be special amongst Goldfur Mouses, and its natural talent would be outstanding! Even to the extent it might possibly transform into a demon beast."

"Demon beast? That's an existence at the Void Stage and above!"

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Everyone was excited.

Buying this infant Goldfur Mouse was comparable to buying an existence that had the potential to transform into a demon beast.

A demon beast was comparable to a Void Stage powerhouse!

"Humph! Don't get happy too early, the Goldfur Mouse is famous for being fierce. Do all of you think you're able to control it?" Right at this moment, a voice of ridicule sounded out from the corner of the hall.

Instantly, the clamor in the hall guieted down.

Yeah, a king of fierce beasts like the Goldfur Mouse wouldn't willingly become a human's vassal.

If you don't have formidable strength, then don't hope to control the Goldfur Mouse.

"Everyone, this Goldfur Mouse has been drugged with the Origin Sealing Liquid, so only the strength at the ninth level of the Body Tempering Stage remains....Once it's bought by a guest, our Ma Clan Auction House will send it out with the antidote," the old man said slowly.

"Young Master, what's the Origin Sealing Liquid?" In the room, Ke Er had a face full of curiosity as she asked Duan Ling Tian.

"Origin Sealing Liquid is a type of toxic poison that suppresses the Origin Energy; however, it can only suppress the Origin Energy of fierce beasts and martial artists below the Void Prying Stage," Duan Ling Tian explained. The Origin Sealing Liquid could be considered the lower version of the Origin Sealing Parasite.

And it was far less domineering that the Origin Sealing Parasite!

If it was the Origin Sealing Parasite, so long as it wasn't an existence at the Void Initiation Stage or above, they would practically all be infected.

Just like Xiong Quan, at that time he was precisely infected with the poison of the Origin Sealing Parasite.

Ke Er came to a sudden understanding when she heard what Duan Ling Tian said.

"I really never would have imagined that this infant Goldfur Mouse was stronger that Little Black and Little White...." Li Fei said in surprise. What she said also caused the two little pythons to become restless, and their two little eyes were filled with refusal to accept it.

"You two little fellows are still unwilling to accept it?" Duan Ling Tian extended his hand and flicked the small heads of the two little pythons, then his gaze once again descended onto the infant Goldfur Mouse, and he frowned. "Logically speaking, before an infant Goldfur Mouse matures, it would at most be at the ninth level of the Origin Core Stage....Looks like this little gold mouse isn't so simple."

Earlier, Duan Ling Tian didn't notice that this little gold mouse was an infant mouse.

When he heard the old man's words, he came to a sudden understanding and realized the mysteriousness of this little gold mouse and that it wasn't simple.

Meanwhile, the bidding for the infant Goldfur Mouse had started....

"1 million gold!" A sonorous voice sounded out from a room on the second floor, directly suppressing all the voices of bids from before.

Instantly, the hall was deathly silent.

1 million gold was equivalent to 100 million silver!

Practically no one within the hall was able to produce so much money.

"Room number 7 again!" Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised. He had used two million silver to suppress the bid of 1,700,000 silver from room number 7 to obtain the Silver Fire Grass earlier.

"1,500,000 gold!" A voice sounded from another room.

The corners of Duan Ling Tian's mouth twitched. These people were really wealthy....

Eventually, after room number 7 bid three million gold, the bidding of the infant Goldfur Mouse temporarily quieted down.

"Three million gold! That's 300 million silver!"

"Who the heck is in room number 7? So wealthy!"

"Only the Ma Clan Auction House knows the identities of the people within the rooms on the second floor, and when they leave, it's all through special passages."

"Maybe it's someone from Black Wind City's three great clans, or maybe it's someone from those large merchant groups."

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The people in the hall were now only considered spectators, and they were shocked by such sky high prices.

Three million gold!

To them, this was a wealth that was difficult for them to obtain.

"The guest in room number 7 has bid three million gold....Are there other guests who want to continue bidding?" On the auction platform, the old man was slightly excited. "Three million gold once....Three million gold twice...."

"3,010,000 gold!" Under Li Fei and Ke Er's gazes of anticipation, Duan Ling Tian bid in an unhurried manner.

Duan Ling Tian's voice sounding out caused the entire hall to go silent.

After a moment, the hall went into an uproar.

"Others all add a few hundreds of thousands a time. Isn't this guest from room number 1 too stingy?"

"Exactly, actually only adding 10,000 gold."

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Many people started discussing.

Duan Ling Tian regarded these discussions as beneath his notice when he heard them.

10,000 gold?

It's easy to talk!

That's gold, not silver.

10,000 gold is equivalent to 1 million silver, and that is equivalent to a Ferghana Horse!

Is this still considered a small amount?

The sonorous voice from room number 7 sounded out once again. "3,500,000 gold!"

The crowd in the hall instantly gasped in admiration. "This is what's called domineering, directly adding 490,000 gold...."

"Exactly, compared to the guest in room number 7, that guest in room number 1 is too stingy."

"I wonder if the guest in room number 1 will continue to bid."

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Accompanied by the burst of discussion in the hall, Duan Ling Tian finally opened his mouth lazily. "3,510,000 gold!"

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After Duan Ling Tian once again voiced out his bid.

Silence.

The hall was deathly silent.

No one would have imagined that not only would the guest in room number 1 follow the bid, the guest had once again added 10,000 gold.

"Hmph!" The sonorous voice once again sounded out from room number 7, and it was mixed within was a sense of fury. "3,800,000 gold!"

"3,810,000 gold." Duan Ling Tian said unhurriedly.

This time, the people in the hall were speechless.

However, room number 7 had gone silent and didn't continue bidding. Obviously, 3,800,000 gold was the price the person in room number 7 had set in his heart.

The old man on the auction platform raised his voice. "The guest in room number 1 has bid 3,810,000 gold. Are there any guests who want to continue bidding? 3,810,000 gold going once.... 3,810,000 gold going thrice! Deal!"

"Yeah!" In room number 1, Li Fei and Ke Er had faces full of excitement. Li Fei even bravely came close to Duan Ling Tian and gave Duan Ling Tian a kiss.

Although Duan Ling Tian's face had a smile, he was bleeding in his heart.

The Emperor of the Crimson Sky Kingdom had bestowed 10 million gold to him, and in this short amount of time, he had used up a little less than half of it.

This amount was almost a quarter of all the wealth in his possession.

"Guest!" In next to no time, the attendant's voice sounded.

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian saw the Ma Clan Auction House's Manager, Ma Qin, personally sending the antidote and the cage with the little gold mouse to them.

Ma Qin had a complicated gaze. He never would have imagined that this young man had such a large wealth.

That was nearly 4 million gold!

After Ma Qin put down the little gold mouse and the antidote, Duan Ling Tian withdrew 3,810,000 gold from his Spatial Ring and passed it to Ma Qin.

"Thank you, Guest!" Ma Qin deeply glanced at Duan Ling Tian and then turned around and left.

After the room's door was closed, Duan Ling Tian opened the cage and carried the little gold mouse out.

"Squeak, squeak!" The little gold mouse's pair of jade-green eyes flickered with a fierce light. It wanted to explode out and attack Duan Ling Tian.

However, its current strength at the ninth level of the Body Tempering Stage was nothing in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, and Duan Ling Tian easily caught it. He then smiled and said, "Little fellow, be obedient....Otherwise, I'll let them eat you."

Duan Ling Tian put the little gold mouse on the table, then he glanced at the two little pythons.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The two little pythons flashed out and descended beside the little gold mouse. Their eyes stared fixedly at the little gold mouse as if they had encountered a natural enemy, and they ceaselessly flicked their tongues. "Hiss hiss~"

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse wasn't at a disadvantage at all when facing the two little pythons, and it glared with its jade-green eyes to cross eyes with the two little pythons.

"Jade-green eyes...." Duan Ling Tian suddenly realized that this little gold mouse was indeed not a Goldfur Mouse.

The eyes of a Goldfur Mouse were all crimson-red in color, and that was one of the characteristics of a Goldfur Mouse....Through the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian was extremely sure of this.

Maybe even the members of the Ma Clan Auction House had made a mistake.

"Green eyes, gold fur...." Duan Ling Tian searched the memories of Rebirth Martial Emperor, and he entirely sunk into a state of absent-mindedness. After a short moment, he finally noticed that the little gold mouse was exactly the same as a type of mouse that the Rebirth Martial Emperor knew of.

"That type of mouse is a demon beast!

Moreover, it was a formidable demon beast that possessed the blood of a Demon Emperor!

In Cloud Continent, among the ones who stood at the peak, besides the human Martial Emperors, there were also the demon beasts' Demon Emperors....

The strength of a Demon Emperor wasn't inferior to a human Martial Emperor, even to the extent that they were even stronger than humans in some aspects!

"Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse!" Duan Ling Tian finally confirmed it. The little gold mouse before him that seemed to be similar to a Goldfur Mouse was a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse that had the natural talent to become a Demon Emperor....A demon beast that stood at the peak of Cloud Continent!

Hu!

Duan Ling Tian extended his hand and grabbed the little gold mouse, then he carefully sized up the halos within its eyes.

In the end, he confirmed it.

It hadn't been five years since this little gold mouse was born, and it was around one year older than Little Black and Little White.

Duan Ling Tian's mood couldn't help but surge.

Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse!

That's an existence of legend.

Even Rebirth Martial Emperor had only heard of the existence of Jade-eyed Heavenly Mice and had never seen one.

So long as the Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse doesn't come to a premature end on the road to maturity, relying on its formidable bloodline, becoming a Demon Emperor was only a matter of time.

Now Duan Ling Tian felt that coming to the Ma Clan Auction House was the right decision....

This trip was worthwhile!

Not only did he bid on and obtain a Silver Fire grass, now he had even obtained a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse.

"Young Master, don't grab it like that, it's will feel pain." Ke Er heart ached as she seized the little gold mouse from Duan Ling Tian, then she lightly stroked the little gold mouse's fluffy fur and consoled it. "It doesn't hurt....."

Duan Ling Tian noticed that the little gold mouse's pair of green eyes that fiercely glared at him returned to a gaze of warmth when it looked at Ke Er, and it now even rubbed Ke Er's hand extremely meekly.

"So cute." Li Fei extended her hand to stroke the little gold mouse as well, and the little gold mouse closed it eyes with an expression of enjoyment.

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons that were nearby had eyes that had a sense of envy when they saw this scene.

"This little gold mouse wouldn't be a male, right?" Duan Ling Tian extended his hand. He was full of curiosity as he flipped over the lower half of the little gold mouse and took a look.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse cried out and angrily glared at Duan Ling Tian.

"So it's a little female mouse." Duan Ling Tian smiled, then he extended his hand and grabbed the two little pythons. "Little Black, Little White....If you two are obedient in the future, I'll give you two more good food, and your strengths will surpass it sooner or later. At that time, you two can bully it to your heart's content."

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons rubbed Duan Ling Tian when they heard what he said. They were slightly excited.

"Scoundrel, you're leading Little Black and Little White astray." Li Fei couldn't stop herself from rolling her eyes at Duan Ling Tian when she saw this scene.

Ke Er looked at the antidote on the table and asked, "Young Master, can I give this antidote directly to Little Gold to eat?"

"Little Gold?" Duan Ling Tian was startled. It had only been a moment, but Ke Er had already given the little gold mouse a name. He nodded. "OK, directly give the antidote to it....However, if you give the antidote to it now, it wouldn't hurt you, right?" As he finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian looked at the little gold mouse with a face full of vigilance.

The little gold mouse was a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse after all, a king amongst demon beasts. If it were to throw a tantrum, it wouldn't be a joke.

At that time, even with Xiong Quan's strength, he might not be able to rescue them in time.

Ke Er touched the little gold mouse, and her beautiful eyes were like water as she lightly asked, "Don't worry, Young Master, Little Gold won't attack us....Right, Little Gold?"

The little gold mouse nodded its small head like a human when it heard what Ke Er said, and at the same time, it glanced at Duan Ling Tian complacently, causing Duan Ling Tian to be happy.

In next to no time, Ke Er fed the antidote to the little gold mouse.

After consuming the antidote, the dejected aura on the little gold mouse vanished, and replacing it was a vigorous aura; it was as if the mouse was given a stimulant....

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons that were held by Duan Ling Tian glared at the little gold mouse, and their pair of gold and silver eyes were filled with vigilance.

"Squeak squeak~" The little gold mouse bared its fangs and brandished its claws at the two little pythons, and a formidable aura arose from its body.

Instantly, in the space above the little gold mouse, 1,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes condensed into form....

As if it was telling that its small body contained formidable strength.

Duan Ling Tian's face sank when he saw this scene. "Xiong Quan!"

Xiong Quan took a step forward when he heard Duan Ling Tian, and the formidable aura of a Void Prying Stage powerhouse swept out to envelop the little gold mouse and pressed down upon it.

"Squeak squeak~" Instantly, the 1,000 ancient mammoth silhouettes above the little gold mouse vanished and it suddenly waned. It buried its small head in Ke Er's hand, and its body was even shivering.

"Young Master, how could you ask Xiong Quan to scare it?" Ke Er looked at Duan Ling Tian and pouted, then she extended her hand to stroke the little gold mouse's fluffy fur and comforted it. "Little Gold, it's alright now, it's alright now...."

"Exactly, Scoundrel, it's only just a child," Li Fei said as well, then she went to comfort the little gold mouse with Ke Er.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled bitterly, as he knew that the maternal instinct of the two girls had flowed out again.

However, as far as he was concerned, the deed earlier was a must. He at least needed to let this Jadeeyed Heavenly Mouse infant know who the master was and that it mustn't be presumptuous in front of the master.

"Hiss hiss~" The two little pythons both jumped for joy when they saw the little gold mouse being forced to surrender. They coiled around Duan Ling Tian's arm as they danced about, and their small heads ceaselessly rubbed Duan Ling Tian intimately.

"Little Black, Little White....Luckily, I still have you two; otherwise, I would really not have any place in this family." Duan Ling Tian pretended to sigh, then he looked at the two little pythons with an expression that said 'I can only stick together and depend on you two in the future.'

His tone vaguely had a trace of jealousy mixed within.

"Young Master, what're you saying?"

"Scoundrel!"

Ke Er and Li Fei rolled their eyes at Duan Ling Tian when they heard what he said, as they never expected Duan Ling Tian to be jealous of the little gold mouse.

The little gold mouse became obedient after being intimidated by Xiong Quan, and even when Duan Ling Tian occasionally extended his finger to knock its small head, it would be forced to keep its anger to itself....

However, towards the two girls, the little gold mouse had a heartfelt intimacy to them.

It was as if it had taken the two girls as its mothers.

Based on Duan Ling Tian's evaluations, even if he tried to drive this Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse infant away now, it would probably be unwilling to leave.

This was something he'd never imagined earlier.

"One million gold!" Right at this moment, a voice entered Duan Ling Tian's ears, and Duan Ling Tian once again looked at the auction hall.

In next to no time, he found out what the current auction item was from the discussions in the hall.

It was an offensive inscription.

Light Edge Inscription.

The Light Edge Inscription was a type of inscription that was capable of annihilating Nascent Soul martial artists, and if one attacked unexpectedly, even a ninth level Nascent Soul martial artist might be killed.

This Light Edge Inscriptions was far inferior in strength compared to the Bone Corrosion Inscription that Duan Ling Tian refined.

However, in the outside, it was still an extremely precious existence.