

# **The Immortal's Wine Store**

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Jiu Shen took out the Heaven Trampling Cauldron from his space earring and he also took the ingredients needed to concoct the Crimson Astral Blaze Pill, including one fruit from the Earth Origin Dragon Tree. After taking out everything, Jiu Shen set up his Heaven Trampling Cauldron and sat cross-legged before it, a serious expression suffused his handsome face.

Seeing his solemn look, Lu Sulan and Can Ye didn't dare make any noise. Although they were not experts in alchemy and pill refining, they knew that an alchemist needed a tranquil and silent atmosphere in order to properly concoct a pill. Furthermore, Jiu Shen wasn't just concocting any random pill, he was going to refine a 9th-rank pill, the Crimson Astral Blaze Pill!

In the whole of the Silver Wing Empire, no one was capable of refining such a high-level pill, even Master Fengzi the top alchemist of the empire would be helpless if he was tasked to concoct it. Perhaps the Supreme Elder of Alchemy Hall might be able to do it, but no one knows his whereabouts.

Jiu Shen flicked his fingers to create a small wisp of inky black flame. The black flame was so tiny and it flickered ceaselessly at the tip of his forefinger, but the heat it produced was enough to burn an expert at the 8th-rank Divine!

Looking at the small dark fire in their master's finger, Lu Sulan and Can Ye drew surprised gasps.

Lu Sulan still remembered how Jiu Shen used the same flame to cook meat when they were searching for the Green Mountain Lake. Recalling the scenes back then, she couldn't help but let out a warm smile, making her peerless face look even more beautiful.

As for Can Ye, he was focused on his master's every action. The way Jiu Shen conjured the flame and the casualness in his movements made Can Ye sigh in admiration. If it was him, he would have to form several hand seals and mutter incantations to produce a flame using his true essence, but his master was able to do it with such ease that he could only look up to him in worship.

Jiu Shen who was focused on his pill concoction was unaware that his simple act of conjuring the weakest flame he could produce actually made his two disciples drown in their own thoughts.

Under his disciples' earnest gazes, Jiu Shen pointed the tip of his forefinger towards the bottom of the Heaven Trampling Cauldron, sending the small wisp of black flame flying towards it. The four azure dragons engraved on the cauldron lit up as if they had gained sentience. The four life-like dragons emitted a draconic cry with might that could shake the heavens, but strangely enough, they weren't able to draw out the tribulation lightning this time.

Roaarr!

Lu Sulan was perplexed about this since she knew that this cauldron from her master was certainly a treasure that had attracted the tribulation lightning some time ago, but now, it seemed like the heavens wasn't even able to realize its presence after Jiu Shen took it out.

Jiu Shen was similarly surprised but he suddenly thought of a possibility. 'This Refining Hall might have blocked the heavens from sensing the presence of the Heaven Trampling Cauldron. Oh, this is getting interesting...'

The four azure dragons continued to emit baleful roars as their life-like figures flickered with a flash of golden brilliance.

Jiu Shen knitted his eyebrows in displeasure and smacked the cauldron as if telling it to behave.

Clang!

A dull clanging sound echoed as Jiu Shen slapped the cauldron, but after doing that, the four azure dragons immediately went silent.

Without dallying any further, Jiu Shen grabbed the auxiliary ingredients and started refining them inside the Heaven Trampling Cauldron.

If any alchemists saw this scene, they would instantly be dumbstruck since they would usually refine the ingredients one by one, not refine them all at the same time. Luckily, Lu Sulan and Can Ye had no idea about pill refining, but they still stared at Jiu Shen with reverence especially after seeing how carefree he was when concocting a high-level pill.

Jiu Shen tapped the cauldron with his finger from time to time. It might look like an ordinary set of actions, but behind these plain movements, each tap of his finger actually contained vast amounts of true essence that continued to circulate inside the cauldron, making the refining process of the ingredients even faster.

Several seconds later, Jiu Shen took out the main ingredient, the fruit of the Earth Origin Dragon Tree, and calmly threw it inside the cauldron.

Inside the Heaven Trampling Cauldron, the ingredients were separated by Jiu Shen's true essence and were refined simultaneously. After refining the ingredients, the next thing to do was to seamlessly merge them into one mixture and form the pills.

An alchemist had to have strong spiritual power in order to refine high-level pills, and as the quality of the pill increases, the spiritual power needed similarly increases. However, cultivating one's spiritual power was too hard and required strong will and determination since one needed to connect the spiritual nodes in their bodies. Just that, connecting one's spiritual nodes was a painful process and the sheer amount of soul strengthening treasures needed was humongous as well. Thus, one had to have sufficient wealth and will if they wanted to nourish their spiritual power.

Jiu Shen placed his hands on the cauldron and focused his attention in forming the pills inside. Normally, an average alchemist could only form five pills in one set of ingredients, but inside the Heaven Trampling Cauldron, there were ten pills that were slowly taking form!

"Condense." Jiu Shen's calm voice reverberated inside the Refining Hall and right after those words left his mouth, a blinding rainbow brilliance flashed from within the cauldron.

"Pill Aurora?" Lu Sulan muttered in shock. She didn't know what that exactly means, but she could still recall the dumbfounded looks of Master Fengzi and the alchemists from the Alchemy Hall when they saw the same rainbow brilliance after Jiu Shen concocted the Invigorating Meridians Pill back then.

"What does that mean, senior sister?" Can Ye asked with a perplexed look when he saw the surprised expression of Lu Sulan.

The latter glanced at him and told him about the events that happened in the Alchemy Hall, and after hearing the story, Can Ye's mouth gaped and his eyes widened that it almost popped out of his eye sockets.

Jiu Shen ignored them and opened the cauldron, revealing ten pills that were still emitting hot steam, and a dense herbal aroma wafted about after Jiu Shen grabbed the pills.

Crimson Astral Blaze Pill, acquired!

With the same calm and indifferent look, Jiu Shen retrieved his Heaven Trampling Cauldron and kept nine of the Crimson Astral Blaze Pill from the ten that he had concocted. With Lu Sulan's present condition, she only needed one pill to awaken her damaged Verdant Flames Saintly Vermilion Body. He then grabbed Lu Sulan's hand,

making the latter produce a soft yelping sound similar to a startled rabbit that was trapped by its prey.

Amidst her surprise, Lu Sulan looked at the blazing red pill in her hand, and she could not help but feel slightly emotional. "I can finally cultivate without feeling pain..." She muttered to herself.

It has been many years since she had to endure the excruciating pain every time she cultivates. Now, the pill that would end her suffering was in her hand, who wouldn't feel emotional about it?

"Consume it." Jiu Shen smiled as he patted her head gently, his expression was full of tenderness and care which was never been seen by Lu Sulan. She felt her heart stirring violently when she saw her master's smile, her cheeks turned a shade redder as an alien feeling enveloped her heart.

Lu Sulan closed her eyes and slowly placed the pill inside her mouth.

A fiery sensation struck her tongue, making her abruptly open her eyes. It was scalding hot and it was even hotter than her master's Viper Magma Chili.

"Concentrate on extracting the pill's efficacy." Jiu Shen's gentle voice drifted to her ears, instantly defusing her emotional turmoil.

Lu Sulan sat crossed legged and with her eyes shut tight. Her mind was now focused on extracting the Crimson Astral Blaze Pill's efficacy.

Jiu Shen smiled after seeing this. With Lu Sulan's aptitude, she would certainly be able to awaken her Verdant Flames Saintly Vermilion Body.

## **Chapter 122 - Lu Sulan Awakens Her Verdant Flames Saintly Vermilion Body**

"Can Ye, step out of the Refining Hall. You won't be able to handle the awakening of your senior sister's Verdant Flames Saintly Vermilion Body with your current cultivation level." Jiu Shen said in a calm voice as he turned to look at Can Ye. When Lu Sulan will awaken her Saint Physique which was of the fire element, she will produce a violent and raging flame all over her body. Although this fierce flame won't affect her, it was a different case to those around her. That's why Jiu Shen told Can Ye to temporarily leave the Refining Hall.

Can Ye's expression turned serious when he heard those words, so he immediately bowed his head at his master and left the Refining Hall.

Lu Sulan who was refining the Crimson Astral Blaze Pill's efficacy looked calm on the surface, but she was experiencing a scalding sensation throughout her body. It was definitely painful, but that was the sign that her Verdant Flames Saintly Vermilion Body was slowly awakening.

Jiu Shen sat cross-legged in front of Lu Sulan and awaited her awakening. This was only the first part of tapping her true potential, and Jiu Shen still had to help her balance the element of water and the element of fire in her body which was quite difficult since the two elements were each other's bane.

She could have chosen to completely neutralize the icy nature in her body, but she resolutely chose for it to remain and balance it with the fire element instead. Just that, her cultivation speed will decrease because of this choice, but the good thing about this, her prowess will increase exponentially if she managed to properly control both elements. Furthermore, what is there to worry about when her master was an expert in the field of alchemy. No matter how slow her cultivation speed will become, Jiu Shen's pills and teachings will certainly help her increase her growth faster.

Little did she know that the alchemy standard of Jiu Shen was actually worth crap in the Primordial God Realm. However, those are just things of the past...

"Ahh~"

Lu Sulan let out a muffled groan as she gritted her teeth because of the excruciating pain she was feeling, but her abrupt cry came as a surprise since it sounded attractive and appealing.

Jiu Shen's eyes remained peacefully calm without a hint of ripple, and his expression was indifferent as if he had heard nothing.

Lu Sulan's body turned red as the element of fire within her body continued to circulate to a terrifying degree. This was the effect of the Crimson Astral Blaze Pill, it strengthens the body's fire element.

Crimson flames slowly enveloped her body and her skin turned red from the continuous circulation of the element of fire.

"Ah~"

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"Ah~"

She let out pained moans every now and then, but it sounded weird at the same time. Her red face and pained expression made it look even more unusual.

Lu Sulan panted and her face was covered in beads of sweat as the burning sensation she was feeling continued to increase. Her clothes slowly burned after it came in contact with the flames enveloping her body.

*Crackle. Crackle.*

The crimson flames around Lu Sulan turned even fiercer and her pained expression became even more evident.

"Ah~"

*Crackle. Crackle.*

After being subjected to her fierce crimson flames, Lu Sulan's clothes finally disintegrated into ashes.

No! Master and junior brother are still here!

She thought to herself as her emotion became turbulent from the rising embarrassment she was feeling. She was, after all, a pure lady who had not even allowed a man to come close to her, so she didn't want to be seen naked. Although she didn't mind if it was just her master... When those thoughts surfaced inside her head, she felt even more bashful, but then, she suddenly heard Jiu Shen's gentle voice carrying a hint of worry drifting to her ears.

"Sulan, I've already asked your junior brother to step out of the room a few minutes ago. You don't have to worry about anything else, so just continue to refine the Crimson Astral Blaze Pill's efficacy."

After hearing that, Lu Sulan sighed in relief, but when she realized that her naked body was now in full display for her master, the crimson flames around her body roared intensely as if it was significantly affected by her tumultuous emotions. This drastic turn of events intensified the pain she was feeling and she could not help but let out more suppressed groans.

"Ah~"

"Ah~"

This time, Jiu Shen's eyes twitched. No matter how high his attainments in the heart realm was, he wasn't completely immune to this kind of stimulus.

"*Sigh*, this silly girl." He muttered with a wry smile and stood up from his position.

Looking at his disciple's bewitching figure that was fully exposed in front of him, it would be a lie if he said that it was not affecting him. He hurriedly circulated his true essence to calm his heart and moved closer to Lu Sulan.

He planned to let Lu Sulan awaken her Saint Physique on her own, but with her present state of mind, it was likely that she would fail and even injure herself, so he had no choice but to help her circulate the element of fire in her body.

*Step. Step. Step.*

Lu Sulan's body quivered when she heard those familiar footsteps and could not help but abruptly open her eyes, revealing her tantalizing pair of blue irises which now had a tinge of crimson red.

"M-Master~" Her trembling seductive voice echoed like an enchanting siren's whisper. Any other man would have jumped straight to her and devour her right away, but Jiu Shen remained calm and indifferent.

Lu Sulan stared at her master's charming facial features which was now wearing a stern look. She finally realized that she had failed to control her emotions, resulting in her current plight. She felt ashamed in her heart for failing her master's expectations.

"Don't move and properly circulate the element of fire in your body. I will help you refine the remaining pill efficacy, but you have to tame your own Verdant Flames Saintly Vermilion Body." Jiu Shen's voice was strict as he reprimanded Lu Sulan.

Lu Sulan nodded her head shyly and slowly pulled herself together. She then felt Jiu Shen's warm hands touching her back and his soothing true essence that directed the Crimson Astral Blaze Pill's efficacy throughout her body.

"Concentrate, Sulan." Jiu Shen said sternly, making Lu Sulan obediently focus herself on awakening her Saint Physique.

With Jiu Shen's help, the refining process of the pill became much easier and the burden on Lu Sulan lightened down considerably.

Crimson flames enveloped the two figures inside the Refining Hall. Jiu Shen controlled his true essence and directed half of his attention in protecting himself from Lu Sulan's fierce flames while the other half was guiding the last bits of the Crimson Astral Blaze Pill all over Lu Sulan's body.

However, no matter how calm and indifferent he was, Jiu Shen still felt a burning sensation in his heart as he touched Lu Sulan's smooth back. His lips quivered as he found it hard to control his emotions due to his divided attention, but his 3rd level heart realm; Heart Unmoved Like Mountain helped him in his awkward situation.



Lu Sulan could now sense that her Saint Physique was about to fully awaken, so she channeled her true essence to speed up the process, causing her to faintly feel the might of the Verdant Flames Saintly Vermilion Body.

"So this is the true power of a Saint Physique!" She exclaimed in her heart as the crimson flames around her burned even more intensely. If not for the system reinforcing the Refining Hall, there would have been burnt marks on the ceiling. With the level of its materials, it wouldn't burn so easily, but it would still have burnt marks if exposed to the flames of an awakened Saint Physique.

*Shrieeekkk!*

A majestic-looking and incorporeal Heavenly Vermilion Bird slowly manifested before Lu Sulan. It emitted a sharp cry as it vehemently flapped its wings as if trying to escape from its restraints.

"Control it. Don't let it run wild. This is the manifestation of your Saint Physique and this is the last step in awakening it." Jiu Shen muttered as he glanced at the figure of the translucent Heavenly Vermilion Bird. It was a genuine ancient beast with power that could topple the heavens. He had seen their kind several times in the Primordial God Realm, and each of them were so powerful that their flames could even burn a whole planet into ashes!

*Shrieeekkk!!*

Lu Sulan's eyes flickered as she raised her dainty right hand before the struggling ancient beast. She then muttered in a cold voice that was as icy as the glacial mountains.

"Suppress!"

Dozens of crimson chains appeared in front of her and locked themselves onto the Heavenly Vermilion Bird, forcing the ancient beast to stop its struggle.

The violence in the ancient beast's incorporeal eyes subsided and became gentle as it emitted a soft chirp.

*Chirp.*

Lu Sulan smiled and felt relieved in her heart. She had finally awakened her Saint Physique!

After a few more seconds, she then realized that her master's warm hands were still pressing her back, making her involuntarily let out a shriek.

"Ah!"



Her startled cry stunned Jiu Shen, so he hurriedly retrieved his hands and looked at her back figure with a smile. She had finally awakened her Saint Physique, making him silently happy in his heart.

He then stood up and walked in front of Lu Sulan and said in a calm voice. "Are you not planning to get yourself dressed?"

Lu Sulan hurriedly covered her exposed body with her hands, but her chests were too big to fully cover everything. Instead, her actions made her look even more enticing and alluring.

"M-Master, I- I don't have clothes anymore inside my space ring..." Her bashful voice echoed inside the Refining Hall, and the stern-looking Jiu Shen broke out into a smile as he chuckled lightly.

'This silly girl. She can just cover herself with true essence, but she didn't... *sigh*.'

Jiu Shen removed his upper clothes, exposing a well defined and exquisite-looking muscles. He then approached Lu Sulan and covered her body with his clothes. He could have given her the clothes inside his space earring, but that would only make her even more embarrassed. It was indeed a bit too shallow, but he still decided to do so. After all, Lu Sulan was his first disciple.

Lu Sulan stared intently at her master's finely chiseled and well-proportioned upper body, making her face turn crimson red. She hadn't seen a man's exposed figure before, but she was certain that no other man could compare to her master in terms of appearance and temperament. Not to mention his profound cultivation level.

"Wait here. I'll tell Can Ye to call Hestia." Jiu Shen patted her head with a warm smile as he looked at her shy face. How could he not know his disciple's feelings?

## **Chapter 123 - Misunderstanding**

The moment Jiu Shen stepped out of the Refining Hall, he saw that Can Ye was seated on a random corner while covering his ears with both his hands. This perplexed Jiu Shen so he walked towards him and asked in a curious voice. "Can Ye, what are you covering your ears for?"

With Can Ye's cultivation level, although he was way weaker compared to Jiu Shen, he still felt his master's presence approaching him and when he heard him speak, Can Ye stared at him with an unusual look and shook his head forcefully. "Master, I didn't hear anything I swear!"

After hearing his reply, Jiu Shen was at first confused, but then he thought of something, which made his eyes twitch. His gaze towards Can Ye turned incredibly stern, causing the latter to misunderstand the situation even more.

'Did master just...with senior sister? I'm certain that it was senior sister's voice... So master is so fierce even in that field...' Can Ye muttered in his heart.

"Master, I won't speak about this to anyone and no other soul will know that this happened! I vow under the heavens that this will remain a secret and if I break this promise, may the heavens incinerate my soul!" Can Ye stood up as he made a heavenly oath with a serious look on his face, but this made Jiu Shen's face twitch even more.

A heavenly oath is a vicious vow that was usually established to protect secrets, and if the oath was broken, the person who made the vow will immediately be punished by the tribulation lightning. Just that, this scene looked comical in Jiu Shen's eyes...

'This kid... I haven't even spoken yet... Oh well...' Jiu Shen sighed in his heart.

"Go upstairs and tell Hestia to come down here." Jiu Shen said in a calm voice as he looked at Can Ye's ever-changing facial features.

Can Ye nodded his head like a chicken pecking on rice and replied with a quivering voice. "Y-Yes, master!"

After bowing at Jiu Shen, he immediately sprinted out of the second floor, but before he could take a step outside, he suddenly heard Jiu Shen's indifferent voice.

"Oh, and ah, tell her to bring some clothes for Sulan."

Can Ye almost stumbled when he heard those words, luckily, he was able to balance himself after taking several steps.

'Master is so mighty! He didn't even spare senior sister's clothes!'

With a face full of reverence, Can Ye answered. "I'll be back right away, master."

Jiu Shen waved his right hand impatiently and didn't even bother looking at Can Ye's figure. He was afraid that he might smack the latter to death if he saw his weird expression.

"This is going to be a long night... If Theia hears this, she will most likely come down here and make things even worse... That kid Can Ye... *Sigh*." Jiu Shen shook his head with a wry smile suffusing his handsome face.

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On the same night.

Inside the Silver Wing Empire's imperial throne room, Emperor Elyk Silveria was already wearing a new set of robes and he was seated on his throne with a dignified look on his face.

In front of him were the four guardians of the empire who had cultivation levels at the peak of the 7th-rank Emperor Realm. It won't be long before they break through to the next realm looking at their stable and vigorous true essence.

"Your Majesty, what will Wine Master Jiu do with those one hundred people?" Defender Duanmu asked with a curious look. He was together with the emperor when the latter had discussed with Jiu Shen, but unfortunately, he wasn't allowed to join their discussion.

Emperor Elyk recalled the scene when Jiu Shen blocked the dragon's flame breath with just one hand. That kind of attack was enough to decimate half of Beltran City, but Jiu Shen merely used a hand to ward off that kind of frightening ball of raging flame. Emperor Elyk thought that he had already overestimated Jiu Shen's strength, but it appears that he had underestimated Jiu Shen's true power.

'That kind of power... Is Wine Master Jiu someone above the 9th-rank Saint?'

Emperor Elyk sighed in his heart.

Defender Duanmu and the other three guardians were surprised at the emperor's silence, but they didn't dare disturb him after seeing his preoccupied look. It seemed like he was still affected by earlier events, but it was understandable since even the four of them were still shaken about it. After all, it was their first time seeing a dragon that was at the peak stage of the 9th-rank Saint, but they were also curious about how Emperor Elyk managed to turn things around. However, the emperor remained silent and refused to talk about it, so they refrained from asking him.

Emperor Elyk glanced at the four old men kneeling before him and let out a gratified smile. They were willing to stay and die with him even in the most precarious situation, so he was happy to have such loyal subordinates.

"I've tried to ask Wine Master Jiu about what he will do with those one hundred people, but he refused to answer me. It's not too much anyway, so we can just give him what he wants. Furthermore, with his strength, he could have long since conquered my Silver Wing Empire, but he didn't do so. By this alone, I can tell that he doesn't harbor malicious intentions, so make haste and arrange this properly." Emperor Elyk was still uncertain about Jiu Shen's purpose in staying inside Beltran City, but he welcomed his presence especially after what had happened recently.

Defender Duanmu and the three defenders bowed their heads in obeisance.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" They answered in unison.

Emperor Elyk closed his eyes as the figure of a woman with icy blue hair suddenly appeared in his mind. He could not help but shake his head and silently bury this unrequited emotion deep within his heart. "I can finally be at ease. With a man like Wine Master Jiu standing behind her, she will certainly reach the heights that I can only look up to. Lu Sulan, I wish you good luck..." He muttered in his heart.

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All the major households within Beltran City were still unable to calm themselves even if the dragon can no longer be seen. They saw the huge behemoth that towered over the skies as it looked down towards them as if it was looking at a group of ants. They couldn't forget how it had almost obliterated the whole capital city in just two attacks. However, their surprise was also because of their emperor's majestic presence during the entire event.

The fearless and dauntless Emperor Elyk of the olden days was back with a much more frightening power! Some were happy about this, but a few were also feeling unsettled.

Inside the Xue Family's estate, Elder Ming can be seen standing with his hands behind his back. The look on his face was unsightly as he stared at the three figures in front of him.

"All of you failed in taking the Earth Origin Dragon Tree and even Shiti Xibo died! Useless fools!" Elder Ming's face contorted in fury as his spittle rained on the faces of the three old men who were kneeling before him.

The three old men were none other than Da Bi, Mu Bai, and Cai Jun who were elders of the Undying Corpse Sect! They were actually showing a look of dread as they knelt before Elder Ming!

"Lord Sect Master, there is a very strong expert in that store. She should be on the same level as the Sect Master in terms of cultivation prowess. Furthermore, the emperor also offered his assistance to them that even Shao Fenhua of the Crimson Sun Sect could only escape from the scene." Da Bi's voice was slightly quivering as he spoke. The person in front of him was the person he feared the most in his entire life. He might look like an amiable old man, but behind his facade was a vicious personality with great strength!

Cai Jun and Mu Bai remained silent and they didn't even dare lift their heads. Thick beads of sweat trickled down their wrinkled faces as they faced Elder Ming's oppressive aura.

Eldering Ming snorted and waved his sleeves, throwing the three old men a few dozen meters away from him.

*Swoosh.*

*Thud. Thud. Thud.*

The three hurriedly knelt down after standing up with difficulty. Blood trickled down their lips and their bodies trembled ceaselessly in trepidation.

"This is just a light punishment. Scram out of my sight before I kill you!" Elder Ming shouted with a dark countenance.

Dabi and the other two immediately scrambled out of the scene and they even stumbled as they left.

Elder Ming stared at their receding figures with a trace of killing intent, but he decided to let them off. "Jiu Shen. Jiu Shen. Jiu Shen. I have underestimated you severely and I even lost a capable elder! Besides, the dragon that came earlier... It was definitely a peak stage 9th-rank Saint, so how did that old bastard Elyk manage to defeat it?! I don't believe it was done by him, but I need to be careful with my actions now!"

Elder Ming's voice carried a deep tone of furiousness and hate, but his contorted face slowly regained its usual amiable and kind look. It was as if two persons with different personalities exist in one body...

His figure slowly turned into a small cloud of dark gas before it vanished from the scene.

## **Chapter 124 - Furious Theia**

The next day, the brilliant ray of the sun illuminated Beltran City.

The damaged infrastructures were now being rebuilt and the entire city also talked about the events that had happened last night. To others, it was an unforgettable memory that made their blood boil in excitement at the mere thought of it, but to some people, it was a violent nightmare that they wish to forget...

A lot of things happened in Beltran City that it was even almost decimated overnight. Not to mention Jiu Shen's store that was attacked on the same day, however, it remained unharmed and those who went to the store with malicious intentions were almost wiped out!

When this news circulated the city, everyone became stunned, and this slightly famous wine store became even more prominent in the whole of Beltran City.

"Hey! Have you heard about that wine store that is the talk of everyone in the city?"

"Of course! I even heard that the store's owner is an Alchemy Saint! Not just that, all the staffs inside the store are also strong experts!"

"It's indeed as you said. Someone even told me that more than a hundred experts launched a raid on the store. In the end, almost all of them were killed, and even our almighty Emperor Elyk went there himself to offer his assistance!"

Four young ladies in their late teens can be seen walking on the street that led towards Jiu Shen's store, and they were somewhat surprised at the news that had circulated. The four of them wore the same set of icy blue robes with a sword and cloud insignia drawn on their right shoulder. Each of them were beauties with different temperaments, but the one leading them still stood out.

"Sister Hua, I thought this place is a remote part of Beltran City. How come there are a lot of people walking in this place?" One of the four young ladies spoke with a bewildered voice as she looked at the young woman leading the four of them.

If one would look closely, this young woman was actually the disciple of the Ice Cloud Sword Sect that first received Jiu Shen's guidance in sword techniques. Furthermore, she was now at the peak stage of the 4th-rank Knight Crusader realm and was on the verge of breaking through the next realm! When Jiu Shen visited the Ice Cloud Sword Sect last time, she was only at the early stage of the 4th-rank Knight Crusader, so it can be seen how huge her development was after getting Jiu Shen's sword guidance.

Xiao Hua was similarly surprised at the scene in front of her. She had once come to this place when she was out in a mission for the sect, but it was not as bustling as today. It was to the point that she almost thought that this wasn't the same street she had once been into.

"I've been here before and I'm certain that it wasn't as prosperous as it is today, but I think I know the reason for this..." Xiao Hua's voice was filled with tenderness as she suddenly recalled the figure of the man who had helped her correct the mistakes in her sword techniques. Actually, after he had guided her that day, she could no longer forget his image and it even reached the point where she dreamt of him from time to time.

Looking at Xiao Hua's blushing face, the three young ladies giggled teasingly which immediately attracted the attention of some nearby pedestrians.

A few young men with notable backgrounds even tried to approach them, but when they felt the cultivation levels of the four young women, these confident young scions instantly lost their courage and left with dejected looks.

"A bunch of useless men! Did they really think that they can flaunt their status to us sisters?! Hmph!" The young lady with short black hair snorted as she glared at the young scions who were eyeing them like prey.

"Little Sister Mei Gui, just ignore them. These people are not worth our attention. We should just quickly go to that senior's store since master told us to make haste." Xiao Hua said as she grabbed Mei Gui's arm and ran away from the scene as her peals of laughter drifted in the street.

Looking at their two friends, the two young ladies who were left by two instantly sprinted towards them, leaving a sweet flower-like scent lingering in the air.

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Right outside 'The Immortal's Wine'.

The store was still shut tight, but a lot of customers were already waiting outside with patient looks on their faces. However, when the regular customers of Jiu Shen saw the new look of the store, their eyes widened in surprise and their jaws almost dropped to the ground from the sheer amount of shock that they felt.

Yesterday, it was just two-stories, but now...

Some customers rubbed their eyes, dumbstruck at what they've seen, and pointed at the number of floors in the store as they counted silently in their hearts.

One... Two... Three... Fuck! There are three fucking floors now?! Holy shit!

Some of them exclaimed in their hearts as they excitedly glanced at the store. Aside from the fact that it was now a three-story store, they also realized that it now looked more grandiose on the outside and they could even feel an imposing aura coming from the store.

The store's deep crimson color and the vivid phoenixes and dragons carved on the walls made it look so majestic and awe-inspiring!

If the outside was already this great, then what about the inside?

The regular customers thought excitedly in their hearts. They were now eager to go inside and take a look at the changes in the store's interior. They didn't even bother thinking how such an absurd change happened overnight. Who was Wine Master Jiu? He was a very awesome and glorious Alchemy Saint! He was definitely capable of making this much change in the store, right?

Not long after, the entrance of the store suddenly sprung open, making everyone see the most beautiful and striking interior design that they had ever seen in their whole lives! Even the Silver Wing Empire's imperial palace paled in comparison to the store's magnificent style! Truly awesome!



The customers impatiently sprinted towards the store, but they suddenly saw the familiar figure of a blonde beauty who had a sword strapped behind her back. Those who knew her abruptly stopped in their tracks and like obedient kids, they walked slowly as if they were under the presence of the emperor, and they even forced out a crooked smile as they stared at Theia who was looking at them with a calm expression. When her tranquil gaze lingered on them, their hearts felt like it was being squeezed by an invisible energy, scaring them out of their wits.

As for those new customers who didn't know who this hell's daughter was, they continued to sprint excitedly towards the store.

This promptly made Jiu Shen's regular customers let out knowing smiles as they glanced at each other with evil gazes.

And just as they had expected, before these new customers could even step inside the store, they suddenly felt an oppressive aura weighing down on them, making them stumble on the ground face first.

Putong.

Putong.

Putong.

...

More than ten individuals who had run the fastest landed on the ground with their faces kissing the solid ground, making them grimace in pain.

Those who were just a step behind them were confused, but before they could even laugh at those who were grimacing on the ground, they similarly met the same end.

Putong.

Putong.

Putong.

...

If it was just a few people stumbling, everyone would surely believe that it was just a coincidence, but if more than a few dozen stumbled all at the same time, then there should be a reason for it. The ones who had yet to suffer stopped in their tracks and they finally glanced at the beautiful figure who came out from the store and thought to themselves. 'Was it this weak and dainty lady that caused the others to stumble as if their legs turned into jelly?'

"If you want to go inside the store, line up properly, and don't cause a ruckus. If not, then you can scram!" Theia's cold voice echoed like a morning bell that stunned the new customers who wished to go inside the store. As for the regular customers, they glanced at the newbies as if they were waiting for a show. A trace of disdain flashed in their eyes as they stood to witness the scene.

There was bound to be someone who was unaware of the store's strength...

And not long after, someone from the crowd of new customers indeed voiced out his displeasure.

"What kind of attitude is this?! Is this how you treat your potential customers? If that's the case, then I might as well leave this place since we're not welcomed here! Pah!" A middle-aged man dressed in luxurious robes spat a mouthful of phlegm as he stared angrily at Theia.

Oh! Oh! Someone actually has the guts to do this to Young Miss Theia! Big bro, we admire your courageous heart! Admirable! Admirable!

The regular customers laughed coldly in their hearts as they spectated the scene with excitement.

A flicker of killing intent flashed before Theia's beautiful blue eyes.

"Old dog, lick that phlegm off the ground and I'll spare your dog life!" Theia's cold voice was laced with a threat as she stared at the middle-aged man dressed in luxurious clothes.

Here it comes! Young Miss Theia's implacable rage!

The middle-aged man felt furious as he spat another mouthful of saliva. He then pointed at Theia and shouted with an arrogant look. "Little girl, listen carefully, this old man is Bai Yot from the Bai Family! Who do you think you are to act wilfully in my presence?!"

Theia's body trembled as the murderous look in her eyes intensified to a terrifying degree. The temperature in the surroundings changed and it turned cold all of sudden.

Bai Yot glanced at Theia mockingly after seeing her shivering body. He thought that he had scared her by mentioning his Bai Family, making him raise his head high proudly.

"Are you fucking scared now? Don't worry I can spare your little life as long as you stay with me for a night. How about it? It's not too bad a deal, right? Hahaha!" Bai Yot's arrogant laughter reverberated on the streets.

The Bai Family was indeed quite strong in Beltran City since it was just below the top families in terms of power and authority, so Bai Yot's arrogance was not unfounded.

However, he had just provoked the most baleful existence of the Silver Wing Empire...

"What?! Are you too scared to speak n-" Before Bai Yot could even finish his words, his head suddenly slanted sideways before it dropped on the ground.

Thud.

Thud.

His headless body managed to take two steps forward before it slumped on the ground, bathing in his own pool of blood.

Thud.

His severed head which was still wearing an arrogant look rolled on the ground...

The bloody scene made the spectating crowd shiver in dread.

## **Chapter 125 - Shocked Customers**

A tranquil gust of wind blew by, sending shivers to the onlooking crowd.

He died just like that.

He was still laughing disdainfully just a few seconds ago, but his headless corpse now sprawled on the bloody ground, while his decapitated head still had an expression of arrogance.

No one saw how Theia moved, but they all knew that it was her who had killed Bai Yot.

A silent kill in less than a second...

Looking at Theia's cold and indifferent expression, they finally realized that this seemingly weak and dainty young lady was someone that shouldn't be trifled with.

Even the regular customers who already knew Theia's personality drew gasps of surprise, but they calmed down much faster than the rest since they had already expected this to happen right from the very beginning.

Theia glanced icily at Bai Yot's corpse and flicked a small orb of golden fire towards him.

The moment the golden flames touched his corpse, it was instantly engulfed by the raging golden flames, burning his body under everyone's petrified gazes.

*Crackle. Crackle. Crackle.*

Faint crackling sounds echoed about, sending chills down everyone's spines.

And in not more than a minute, only a small pile of dust remained, even his blood evaporated from the intense golden flame.

A gentle wind blew past them, scattering the ashes in the air.

*Gulp.*

Someone could not help but gulp at this terrorizing scene, but no one laughed at him since all of them were feeling the same amount of fear.

Suddenly, someone came out of the store. It was a peerlessly beautiful young lady with long fiery red hair. She had a gentle smile on her face as she walked out of the store with graceful steps.

"Sister Theia, what's everyone standing here for?" Hestia asked with a curious voice as she looked at the silent crowd standing still like wooden statues.

Theia glanced at Hestia and the former's cold face suffused with a light smile. "Oh, it's nothing. I just told them to line up properly."

The crowd's lips twitched when they heard her words, but no one dared to voice out their opinions. Who would dare to that? Only those tired of living would be so foolish...

Hestia giggled when she heard her reply, her faint laughter gradually made everyone's heart calm down to a certain degree.

"Welcome, dear guests. Please come inside to our newly renovated store." Hestia said with a smile as she curtsied at the crowd.

Her gentle gaze full of expectations instantly lightened the stiff atmosphere.

"Since Young Miss Hestia has already spoken, then I shall go inside now. I'm really excited to see the new look of the store." Liu Mengdi the young patriarch of the Liu Family was among the onlooking crowd, and he had also seen everything that had transpired. He hurriedly led his subordinates to go inside the store since he could hardly remain standing after witnessing the scene earlier.

The other customers followed behind them and lined up neatly without causing any disturbance. Who would dare cause a ruckus before the daughter of hell?

Not long later, Xiao Hua's group of four finally arrived at the store. They could not help but gasp in surprise as they looked at the majestic store in front of them.

"Sister Hua, is this wine store of that senior? It looks awesome!" The short-haired young woman Mei Gui exclaimed with shining eyes. Even their Ice Cloud Sword Sect's ice castle was not as sublime as the store in front of them.

Xiao Hua was similarly stunned to see the awe-inspiring exterior of Jiu Shen's wine store. She glanced at the plaque and muttered the store's name. "The Immortal's Wine... Such a beautiful name! This name is definitely perfect for such an imposing wine store!"

Mei Gui was already excited to go inside the store, so she hurriedly grabbed her three stunned friends.

"Let's go! I wanna see how awesome the man our Sister Hua always talked about." Her excited voice echoed on the street as the figure of the four ladies moved inside the store.

The faces of the four immediately lit up when they saw how beautifully decorated the interior was. From the ceiling down to the floor, everything was close to perfection! Even the chairs and tables didn't look ordinary.

"Woah! What a beautiful place!" Mei Gui's eyes widened as she kept on turning her head to see every corner of the store. She looked like a young kid who had just visited a theme park.

Xiao Hua and the other two nodded their heads in agreement.

"Why did the sect mistress told us to come to this place?" Fei Lingrou asked with a perplexed look on her face. She was not that tall and was only 160cm in height, but her bosom was the biggest among the four of them. Her perky behind was also enough to make the imaginations of men to run wild. With her soft and supple lips and seductively beautiful pair of brown eyes, she can be considered as a budding young beauty.

Xiao Hua shook her head. "I've no idea why the sect mistress told us to come here, but her voice sounded urgent, so it should be something important. Anyway, this place is nice and I don't think our time will be wasted here."

Fei Lingrou crossed her arms as she thought deeply, her huge bosom trembled from her movements that it almost broke out of her tight robes.

This scene instantly made Mei Gui laugh wickedly as she walked towards Fei Lingrou with evil intentions in her eyes. The former sneakily stretched out her hands and grabbed Fei Lingrou's bountiful bust, which made the latter cry out in surprise.

"Ah! Sister Gui, stop!"

Xiao Hua rolled her eyes after seeing the two's actions. "Hey! Stop it you two! There are a lot of people watching." Her voice carried a half-hearted scolding tone. She was already used to this pair's teasing and bantering, but she still let out a soft chuckle after looking at their faces.

When Mei Gui and Fei Lingrou heard her words, they were immediately stunned and they could not help but glance at the customers who were eyeing them with unusual gazes. Some looked at them with heated gazes, while others looked at them with a smile. However no one came to cause trouble for them which they found unbelievable since most men would usually approach them in this kind of situation, but even though some had heated gazes, they remained seated on their chairs.

"Eh? The men here are surprisingly much better than those young scions outside." Mei Gui muttered in a soft voice.

Xiao Hua and the other two nodded their heads in agreement.

Just then, the four of them suddenly saw a familiar figure coming towards them. Her icy blue hair now had crimson highlights, and her pair of irises were deep red in color. Her cold temperament also changed, and there was now a tinge of tantalizing fieriness in her aura. This was of course Lu Sulan, the sect mistress of their Ice Cloud Sword Sect.

"Master!"

"Master!"

The four bowed their heads in unison as they greeted Lu Sulan respectfully.

Lu Sulan smiled gently after seeing them. These four young ladies were the most talented disciples among the youngest generation of their Ice Cloud Sword Sect.

"It's good that you're here. Come, I'll introduce you to my master." Lu Sulan said with a sweet smile.

Xiao Hua and the other three were confused but they still nodded their heads promptly.

Lu Sulan led them towards the corner of the store where they saw a man with long silver hair reclining on his chair with a calm and lazy look in his eyes. He was holding a sleeping chubby white cat in his arms as he stroke its fur gently.

Xiao Hua's eyes lit up when she saw him, and she could feel her heart pounding loudly.

"Master, these are the disciples that I told you about. Although they are still young, their talent is not that bad." Lu Sulan gave Jiu Shen a respectful bow before she said those words.

Looking at the man that their sect mistress called as 'master', they couldn't help but be stunned. He looked so young and they couldn't even feel a strand of cultivation from him. It was as if he was an ordinary mortal who had not started cultivating, but they didn't dare reveal their usual attitude especially after seeing how respectful their sect mistress was when she spoke to him.

Jiu Shen glanced at the four young ladies, and his gaze lingered longer on Xiao Hua's figure. "Not bad. You've managed to comprehend the things that I taught you."

Hearing his compliment, Xiao Hua broke into a splendid smile as if a lotus that had just bloomed.

## **Chapter 126 - Body Reforging Heaven Pill**

"Looking at your talents, you can indeed reach at least the 7th-rank Emperor realm." Jiu Shen calmly said as he studied the four young ladies in front of him. However, he was somewhat disappointed since none of them had a supreme physique.

'I've thought too much... A supreme physique is already so rare in the Primordial God Realm, so how can it be so easy to find someone with a supreme physique here? Perhaps Lu Sulan and Can Ye are the only persons with the supreme physique in the whole of Nuar... However, these ladies can still be molded into elites. As long as I teach them my sword techniques and a few Mythic level cultivation techniques, then even if their talents are worth crap, their cultivation would still advance by leaps and bounds.' Jiu Shen thought deeply to himself.

After they heard Jiu Shen's words, the four young women couldn't help but smile. A cultivator at the 7th-rank Emperor realm was already very strong in their eyes, so when they heard from Jiu Shen that they had the potential to be one, they felt happy and excited. Only Lu Sulan was frowning when she heard her master's words. She was no longer the same ignorant woman she had once been, and after receiving Jiu Shen's guidance for quite some time, she had realized that her present cultivation was minuscule in her master's eyes.

"Master..." Lu Sulan wanted to say something, but the words were stuck in her throat when she saw Jiu Shen raising his right arm while looking at her.

"Sulan, I already know why you brought them here. Since my disciple wants me to help them, so how can I disappoint you?" Jiu Shen smiled gently at Lu Sulan before he glanced at Xiao Hua and the others.

"From now on, the four of you will work for me, but don't worry, you won't be working here for free. As long as you do your jobs well, then you will certainly get something in return." Jiu Shen's voice was calm and unhurried, but his words surprised the four. They



thought that their master called for them to do a mission, but to think that they will be working in a wine store... They found it a bit too bizarre, but they didn't dare disobey their sect mistress.

"What are the four of you standing there for. Hurry up and thank master!" Lu Sulan berated them lightly, but the look in her eyes betrayed her excitement. With Jiu Shen's teachings, Xiao Hua and the others will surely achieve more in the future.

Xiao Hua slapped her friends' bottoms, which instantly awakened them from their stupor.

"We thank grandmaster's grace." The four said in unison as they bowed their heads respectfully.

Jiu Shen's hands which were rubbing Ice's fur froze all of sudden. 'Grandmaster? Do I really look that old? Well... I don't even know how old I am...'

"Just call me Wine Master Jiu like how the others call me." He said to the four with an indifferent look. He then glanced at Lu Sulan and said. "Sulan, bring them to Hestia and tell her to teach them how to serve our customers properly."

Lu Sulan bowed and replied in a respectful voice. "Yes, master."

After that, Lu Sulan brought the four to where Hestia was at.

Jiu Shen smiled as he looked at their figures. With their presence, the workload of Hestia and Lu Sulan will be lightened down considerably. They just have to be trained properly and they also didn't have to worry about the customers bullying them since there was this valiant blonde beauty standing guard on the store's first floor, not to mention the unfathomable Ren Shuang who was upstairs...

Jiu Shen leaned on his chair and was about to close his eyes when he sensed the familiar aura of someone. He used his spiritual power to peer on the incoming figure and smiled lightly after seeing who it was. Just right outside his store was the one-armed barbarian who had helped them fight off against the countless experts yesterday. Although his help was unnecessary, Jiu Shen still had a good impression of this rough and ferocious-looking man. Who could it be other than Hu Xiandao?

Just then, Jiu Shen's eyes narrowed when he saw that there were two old men just right behind Hu Xiandao's group. He was familiar with the other old man, Master Fengzi of the Alchemy Hall, but the old man beside him, Jiu Shen had no idea who it was. "This old man's spiritual power is at the 9th-rank and he smells like he had just concocted a 9th-rank pill some time ago. Could he be..." Jiu Shen muttered to himself.

"Hahaha! To think that there are so many changes in the store in just one night!" Hu Xiandao's loud laughter reverberated inside the store, but when he felt a cold stare nearby, he immediately turned his head in alarm.

Theia with an indifferent expression on her face was staring at Hu Xiandao with a cold look. The latter instantly shut his mouth when he saw this lady. After seeing how she had killed numerous experts yesterday, Hu Xiandao developed a strong sense of fear towards her. He didn't dare behave wildly anymore and just went to look for Lu Sulan.

Since the Earth Origin Dragon Tree can no longer be taken, Hu Xiandao will return to the Mythos Wildlands and report everything to the elders and the chieftain, so he was here to bid goodbye to Lu Sulan.

"Sect Mistress Lu, our mission here is already done, so we have to go back to the Mythos Wildlands right away and report everything that happened to the elders and the chieftain." Hu Xiandao said as he looked at Lu Sulan with his most gentle smile, but because of his ferocious face, his smile looked unsightly and appalling to behold.

Lu Sulan chuckled when she saw his expression. She knew that this guy was terrible at smiling and would instead scare people if he did so.

"In that case, Lord Hu should drink the store's wine and also eat the Deep-fried Shrimp Tempura before he leaves. Don't worry, everything is on me." Lu Sulan smiled gently.

Hu Xiandao scratched the back of his head and put on an embarrassed expression. "Sect Mistress Lu, I-

"Lord Hu, please don't decline me. This is just my token of appreciation for helping us yesterday." Lu Sulan smiled at the big guy.

"If that's the case, we will stay for a bit and enjoy the wine and food here before we depart." Hu Xiandao found a seat for his group and glanced at the new design of the store in awe.

Jiu Shen smirked when he saw the simple look of Hu Xiandao. He then called Lu Sulan through sound transmission and told her to come to him for a moment.

Not long later, Lu Sulan arrived with Xiao Hua and the other three young ladies following behind her. The four young women were holding the orders of Hu Xiandao's group.

"Go bring these to the gentlemen right there. Make sure to be polite, okay?" Lu Sulan told the four.

"Yes, Sect Mistress Lu." The four replied in unison before they went towards where Hu Xiandao and his group were seated.

"Master, what can I do for you?" Lu Sulan suddenly recalled the embarrassing event last night when she had just awakened her supreme physique. Her face blushed as she looked at Jiu Shen's handsome face.

Jiu Shen ignored her ambiguous look and took out something from his space earring. It was a pill that emitted a dense amount of life energy. Even Lu Sulan felt that it was definitely precious just from the life energy it contained.

"Master this is..." Lu Sulan muttered as she studied the pill in her hand.

"That's an Immortal level pill, the Body Reforming Heaven Pill. It can regrow severed limbs and also enhances the physical body of whoever consumes it. Tell Hu Xiandao to come back here after he finishes his report to the Mythos Wildlands..." Jiu Shen calmly said as if he was merely passing on a random pill. He was also aware that two old men were standing just right behind Lu Sulan with dumbstruck looks on their faces. They were looking at the pill in Lu Sulan's hands with shining eyes.

"Master, do you intend to take Hu Xiandao as your disciple?" Lu Sulan asked with a surprised look. This was an Immortal level pill after all! And she knew that Jiu Shen wouldn't give it out randomly for no reason.

Jiu Shen shook his head and waved his right hand. "No. Just give it to him and tell him to come back as soon as possible. I've plans for him..."

Lu Sulan no longer asked after seeing the look on his face. She bowed her head at Jiu Shen before she went towards Hu Xiandao excitedly. She didn't even bother glancing at the two old men who were standing there behind her like wooden statues.

Jiu Shen glanced at the two with a tranquil look. "I would assume that you're Alchemy Hall's supreme elder. I wonder what's your reason for visiting my store?"

His indifferent voice made the two old men break away from their stupor.

Master Fengzi wanted to speak but he was stopped by the old man beside him. "For Wine Master Jiu to guess my identity with just one glance, I can tell that your eyes are truly piercing. This old man is indeed the supreme elder of the Alchemy Hall, but you can just call me Qi Hongtian." Qi Hongtian, the supreme elder of the Alchemy Hall smiled and cupped his fists at Jiu Shen. He had seen how he casually gave such a precious pill to someone, so he didn't dare take advantage of his seniority. That was an Immortal Pill! A pill that can only be concocted by Nascent God Realm experts! Although he wasn't sure if it was really an Immortal Pill, but the energy it contained was definitely more than what 9th-rank Pills have, so he was 70% sure that it was the Immortal Pill of the legends!

Seeing Jiu Shen's silence, Qi Hongtian immediately asked with a curious voice. "Wine Master Jiu, that pill... Was it concocted by your esteemed self?"

Jiu Shen was silent for a moment before he replied in a calm voice. "Indeed..."

His reply was already expected by the two old men, but they were still surprised. After all, it was an Immortal Pill, and one needs to have the spiritual power of a Nascent God to refine such a high-level pill. Furthermore, the ingredients needed in refining the pill were definitely precious.

With a fanatical look, Qi Hongtian grabbed Jiu Shen's arms stunning the latter greatly. Heck!

"Please take me as your disciple!"

Jiu Shen gently waved his right arm, making Qi Hongtian retreat several steps backward.

"You're not qualified."

No data found.

## **Chapter 127 - Qualifications To Enter The Second Floor**

Jiu Shen's cold and indifferent voice was like a clap of thunder that reverberated in Qi Hongtian's heart. His face was drained of all colors when he heard those cold words, making his wrinkled face look like a corpse.

Master Fengzi frowned at Jiu Shen's flat refusal. It was as if the latter didn't even place the supreme elder of their Alchemy Hall in his eyes. Although he felt dejected in his heart, he didn't dare voice out any sound of displeasure since Jiu Shen indeed had the ability to act like this. They have also heard about the events that had happened yesterday in his store, so how could they not know that aside from Jiu Shen's identity as an Alchemy Saint, there was a huge possibility that he was also an expert in cultivation. Just the thought of it alone made his heart tremble in agitation.

Tempering one's spiritual power was already a very difficult road, but Jiu Shen was actually an expert in cultivation as well, so how could Master Fengzi be not shock at his power?

The system created a perfect physical body for Jiu Shen, and it was something that goes against the heaven's will. It even exceeded the Immortal Physique of the legends! Jiu Shen's Seamless Deity Physique was a supreme physique that was perfect for cultivation, spiritual power, and even body refining! With an all-rounded supreme physique, his future would certainly be limitless, not to mention that he has an experience of countless eons during his past life. The only problem was that he had not yet found ways to improve his cultivation other than eating the Fruit of Cultivation.

*Sigh!*

"I apologize for my behavior Wine Master Jiu. I was just excited to see someone capable of refining an Immortal Pill. I've only seen it recorded in an ancient stone fragment that I've chanced upon during my younger years. I didn't know that I would get to see it with my own two eyes in this lifetime of mine." Qi Hongtian sighed and bowed to Jiu Shen with an apologetic look, but the excitement in his murky eyes was still evident. He was an alchemy maniac since his younger years, so everything related to alchemy excites him so much. That was also why he had reacted on impulse earlier and even disregarded his image just to take Jiu Shen as his master.

In the alchemy world, age was but a number, and the true seniority lies in one's ability to concoct high-level pills. So the higher the level of pill one can concoct, the greater the respect one could get from the alchemists regardless of their age.

Jiu Shen waved his right hand and shook his head lightly. "Alchemy is but a hobby of mine and among all the things I've studied, my alchemy refinement is the absolute weakest." His voice was calm and devoid of any ripples as if he was merely stating something ordinary, but his words was like a bolt of tribulation lightning smiting the two old man's hearts.

What Jiu Shen said was actually true. His attainments in the field of alchemy refinement was indeed nothing worthy in the Primordial God Realm. However, he didn't know that he was a genius in the art of alchemy. He had only used several years to achieve the identity of an Alchemy Immortal in his past life which would normally take others several thousands of years or even millions of years, but he didn't even treat his alchemy skills seriously since his heart was only devoted to the way of the sword.

Qi Hongtian and Master Fengzi forced out a broken smile, making this pair of old men look like they had swallowed a fly.

'If alchemy refining is just your hobby, then what will happen if you train it seriously?' Master Fengzi thought in his heart bitterly. He had studied alchemy for several dozens of years, but his attainments was nowhere near Jiu Shen who only treated alchemy as a hobby. It was truly depressing...

Even Qi Hongtian felt a sense of loss in his heart. This was a huge blow to him since he had devoted all his time to alchemy, but his centuries of bitter self-studying and alchemy research was not even worth mentioning in Jiu Shen's eyes.

'I've decided. I'll take him as my master even if he refuses me. I will do everything just to get his acceptance.' Qi Hongtian muttered resolutely in his heart. The light in his cloudy eyes flickered with a flash of resolve, and the dying passion in his heart was stoked by Jiu Shen's presence.

"Wine Master Jiu, I truly like to discuss the art of alchemy with you, but after speaking with you briefly, I realized that my centuries of expertise isn't even worth the knowledge you have. This time, I will enjoy Wine Master Jiu's wine and drink away my sorrows." Qi Hongtian chuckled bitterly as he bowed lightly at Jiu Shen before he went to search for a table for himself and Master Fengzi. Just that, the first floor was now fully occupied since there were a lot more customers present due to the massive changes in Jiu Shen's store.

"Theia, bring them upstairs." Jiu Shen's calm voice echoed inside the store, stunning the customers inside. How could they not know the identity of this man? Right after Jiu Shen spoke, all the customers immediately thought about his words.

"Yes, master!" Theia responded right away and immediately brought the two stunned old men upstairs.

"The second floor is actually open for business?"

"I didn't hear wrongly, right? The second floor is open for business..."

"What could possibly be there? If the first floor is already this amazing, then what about the second floor?"

Even Liu Mengdi, this young patriarch of the Liu Family was curious about how the second floor of Jiu Shen's store looked like.

"Wine Master Jiu, are there any requirements needed before we can have the chance to go to the second floor?" Liu Mengdi stood up and cupped his fist at Jiu Shen respectfully. He was among the first batch of customers of The Immortal's Wine, so he was somewhat familiar with Jiu Shen's personality.

At this moment, Jiu Shen was already communicating with the system to confirm this. The second floor was indeed more luxurious than the first floor, so there should be prerequisites before someone can go upstairs.

- Ding!



- Host, the second floor is only accessible for those with cultivation at the 7th-rank Emperor and above. Those with VIP Cards can similarly go up regardless of their age.

After getting the system's confirmation, Jiu Shen glanced at the customers with a calm look and replied. "Only those with cultivations at the 7th-rank Emperor realm and above can go to the second floor."

Everyone felt slightly dejected when they heard his words, but they could only sigh in their hearts since it was already a normal occurrence in the cultivation world for there to be a segregation between the weak and the strong. Just that, they still felt a bit sad to be unable to see the second floor. However, this also made them even more determined to cultivate properly.

To think that these people felt more motivated to cultivate seriously just to have the qualification to go to the second floor...

Liu Mengdi and the other young scions clenched their fists tightly with determined gazes.

The customers of Jiu Shen had already experienced the wondrous effects of drinking his wine, and they had even advanced in their cultivation by leaps and bounds, so how could they not be eager to know what was within the second floor?

Jiu Shen felt amused in his heart when he saw their faces. Although he didn't know what they were thinking, he could still faintly guess what was on their minds just from their expressions alone. He couldn't blame them though since the wines sold in his store were indeed precious and it could be said that they were even comparable to high-level pills.

Just then, Jiu Shen's eyes narrowed as he felt another strong presence coming to the store, but this time, he knew who it was.

Outside Jiu Shen's store was a line-up of more than several dozens of soldiers. Each of them wore rigid and ferocious expressions as they surveyed the surroundings with wary gazes. Although it was peaceful here, these soldiers were trained to never let their guards down in any kind of environment.

Leading these soldiers were five individuals dressed in embroidered robes. They were the four guardians of the Silver Wing Empire and the emperor, Emperor Elyk Silveria II.

The emperor was stunned when he saw the changes of the store and he could not help but let out a hearty laugh that stunned the several dozen stern-looking soldiers behind him.

"Hahaha! To think that after just a day, Wine Master Jiu's store has already changed so much!" Emperor Elyk jumped off his mount and landed gracefully on the ground. He was excited to see the changes inside after seeing the majestic exterior of the store.

The emperor's loud laughter was of course heard by everyone inside the store, and they abruptly stood up in surprise.

This was their emperor! The man who had singlehandedly faced off with a huge dragon just to protect his empire and his people!

"His Majesty is actually here? My god!"

"I didn't know that even His Majesty is one of Wine Master Jiu's customers. Truly surprising!"

Right after the emperor went inside the store, he didn't even have the time to utter his exclamation when he heard the respectful greetings from the customers.

"We greet you, Your Majesty!"

"We greet you, Your Majesty!"

Everyone except Jiu Shen bowed at the emperor with reverence. Even Xiao Hua and the other three looked at the emperor with curiosity.

Emperor Elyk felt somewhat stunned by everyone's reverential gazes, and he felt gratified in his heart to have such people as the citizens of his empire. He gestured for everyone to take a seat and smiled at them lightly. "Take your seats, everyone. I'm only here to visit Wine Master Jiu, so no need to bother with formalities."

The customers bowed deeply at him before they went back to what they were previously doing, but everyone was now a bit more conscious with their actions with the emperor's presence inside.

Emperor Elyk walked towards Jiu Shen with a smile on his face. After arriving in front of the latter, he immediately cupped his fists respectfully. The emperor's respectful attitude towards Jiu Shen instantly garnered surprised exclamations from everyone inside the store.

"Wine Master Jiu, I'm not late, right?" The emperor's voice was jovial and friendly, but his tone still carried a dignified presence.

Jiu Shen shook his head lightly and replied in a calm voice. "You're late, but that doesn't matter as long as you brought what I asked you to bring."

Emperor Elyk smiled at his response and chuckled heartily. "Of course! I wouldn't dare go against my words, Wine Master Jiu. Hahaha!"

Why is this old brat so chummy today? His head wasn't hammered, right?

Jiu Shen muttered in his heart as he looked at the laughing Emperor Elyk.

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Lu Sulan had long since brought Hu Xiandao to the second floor since the Body Reforging Heaven Pill was just too precious to be taken out in front of everyone else, and only on the second floor would she feel at ease to give the Immortal Pill to Hu Xiandao.

The barbarian glanced around curiously as they went upstairs and his eyes occasionally brightened after seeing how luxurious the store was. Their Mythos Wildlands' Lion Temple where the chieftain resides wasn't even worth mentioning compared to Jiu Shen's store.

After arriving on the second floor, they saw a man with long and unkempt hair standing at the entrance with his eyes shut tight. He didn't even bother to greet Lu Sulan and Hu Xiandao when they passed by him and just remained standing like a stone statue. This

man was none other than Ren Shuang who was summoned after Jiu Shen opened the second store expansion package.

Hu Xiandao felt a wave of terror in his heart when he took a glance at the man. With just one look, the former instantly knew that the latter was definitely a top expert!

'This man is dangerous and reeks the air of slaughter!' Hu Xiandao exclaimed in his heart as he hurriedly averted his gaze. He was familiar with the aura and atmosphere around Ren Shuang since almost all the warriors in their Mythos Wildlands possess similar traits. They were born in the wilds and fought countless times with savage beasts, so their aura already contained the air of slaughter. Just that, the air of slaughter around Ren Shuang was too suffocating that Hu Xiandao didn't dare glance at him for too long.

When they both arrived inside the second floor, Theia had already brought Master Fengzi and Qi Hongtian, and both old men were wearing bewildered looks as they stared at the paintings on the wall.

Looking at their expressions, Lu Sulan chuckled in her heart. She then brought Hu Xiandao to a random corner and asked him to sit down. "Lord Hu, please take a seat. I have something important to discuss with you."

Hu Xiandao was perplexed but he knew that Lu Sulan wouldn't just bring him here for useless reasons, so he just nodded his head at her with a smile. "Sect Mistress Lu, I wonder what you want to discuss with me that you even have to bring me to the second floor?"

Lu Sulan sat opposite him and took out something from her space ring. She then looked at Hu Xiandao's non-existent left arm before she turned her gaze at the latter.

"Lord Hu, you already know that my master is an Alchemy Saint, right?" Lu Sulan asked while letting out a gentle smile.

Hu Xiandao promptly nodded his head when heard the question. "Indeed. Even before coming to this store, I've already heard of rumors that Wine Master Jiu is an Alchemy Saint. Why do you ask this, Sect Mistress Lu?"

Lu Sulan smiled at him and showed Hu Xiandao the Body Reforging Heaven Pill that was given to her by Jiu Shen. "Lord Hu, this is a high-level pill refined by my master and it is capable of regrowing severed limbs. He asked me to give this to you as a token of appreciation for helping us yesterday."

Hu Xiandao was stunned when he heard the effects of the pill. He took a deep breath and stared at Lu Sulan with a serious look on his face. "Sect Mistress Lu, this is too precious and I can't accept such a gift from Wine Master Jiu." He sighed and shook his head.

Lu Sulan had already expected his rejection. She knew his personality well, but she was also determined to give this to Hu Xiandao. "Lord Hu, just treat it as me begging you. If you don't accept this, then I'll just have to crush it into pieces since I've no use to it." She said with a pitiful look, making Hu Xiandao's heart waver.

Hu Xiandao laughed weakly as he looked at Lu Sulan's expression. He wanted to reject her once more but looking at her determined expression, it seemed like he didn't have a choice. With a defeated look on his face, he leaned on his chair and said. "Alas, I still can't bear to see that look on your face. Fine. Fine. Fine. I'll accept it." He smiled wryly and shook his head bitterly.

Lu Sulan smiled from ear to ear when she heard his reply and she immediately handed the pill to Hu Xiandao. "Lord Hu, my master wishes that you come back after reporting the matters related to the Earth Origin Dragon Tree to the Mythos Wildlands. It seems like he is quite fond of you and is most likely willing to take you under him, but of course, the choice is still yours to make."

Hu Xiandao wasn't surprised this time when he heard her words. He had somewhat expected this after Lu Sulan brought up the pill earlier. Furthermore, who would give out such a precious pill for nothing? Just that, was it really worth it for Jiu Shen to give such a pill to him?

Hu Xiandao felt a complicated sensation in his heart, but since he had already accepted it, he could only place his perplexed thoughts at the back of his mind.

"I will consider it thoroughly, Sect Mistress Lu." He said as he studied the pill in his hand.

Lu Sulan smiled at him and said. "Lord Hu, you can consume the pill here and I will guarantee your safety."

Hu Xiandao was also eager to drink the pill, so he nodded his head at Lu Sulan before tossing the pill inside his mouth.

'Bitter!' He almost spat the Body Reforging Heaven Pill out because of its extremely bitter taste, but he forcefully swallowed it down his throat.

Dense amounts of life energy traveled all over his body which immediately healed all the hidden wounds he had accumulated. He felt a comfortable feeling enveloping his body as if he was lying on a pile of cotton. The scars all over his body were slowly vanishing which greatly surprised Lu Sulan.

The situation had already been seen by Theia and the two old men from the Alchemy Hall, and the latter two could not help but stare at the scene in excitement.

'So the pill was meant for him? What a lucky guy to receive Wine Master Jiu's grace!' The two thought to themselves as they continued to spectate the changes happening on Hu Xiandao.

Although Theia remained calm, there was also a light of surprise in her indifferent eyes.

Ren Shuang's eyes sprung open as he gazed at the thick life energy around Hu Xiandao with a trace of bewilderment, but he went to close his eyes again after that brief moment.

Hu Xiandao felt a wriggling sensation on his left shoulder as if hundreds of ants were crawling and gnawing his skin, but he gritted his teeth and endured the itchy feeling.

A few moments later, everyone saw a white bone protruding out of his left shoulder and it slowly grew as the time ticked by. After that, strands of fiber wrapped around the protruding bone and later formed his muscles and tissues.

Lu Sulan and the others watched the scene with wide open mouths. Everything that happened in front of them was just too absurd that they almost thought that they were in a dream. Only Theia remained calm as she looked at the slowly regrowing arm of Hu Xiandao.

Not long later, the final layer of skin finally covered Hu Xiandao's exposed muscles and tissues.

Hu Xiandao opened his eyes and took a look at his regrown left arm with an excited smile. "It's truly unbelievable that a pill has such miraculous effects!"

He clenched his left fist and was still slightly unaccustomed to the feeling. He had just regrown his left arm and it would take him approximately a month to get used to it, but he didn't mind waiting for that long.

"Unbelievable! It's truly as miraculous as the stone fragment mentioned!" Qi Hongtian gasped in surprise as his murky eyes flickered with a profound light. He was now even more determined to take Jiu Shen as his master.

Master Fengzi was too shocked to even speak and he could only stand there like a pole as he stared at Hu Xiandao.

Just then, everyone inside suddenly heard a cold voice drifting to their ears. "Because of you old fogies from the Alchemy Hall, the secret of master being an Alchemy Saint was exposed, but I let you off at that time. However, if the matter about this pill will be spread, I can assure you that your Alchemy Hall will no longer exist in this world."

Theia's cold words was filled with killing intent, making the atmosphere within the second floor turn extremely cold.



Qi Hongtian and Master Fengzi hurriedly nodded their heads like a rattle drum as thick beads of sweat streamed down their wrinkled cheeks.

Hu Xiandao gulped in dread and said with a quivering voice. "Y-Young M-Miss Theia, I promise that this will never be known by anyone else..."

Theia glanced coldly at the two old alchemists and they instantly understood her intentions, so they hurriedly made an oath to the heavens.

"With the heavens as the witness, I vow that I will never expose this to anyone else!"

Theia's cold gaze subsided by a bit, but she still took one last deep look at them before she left the second floor.

Everyone sighed in relief after she went downstairs.

## **Chapter 129 - Giving The VIP Card To The Emperor**

After Theia left the second floor, Hu Xiandao focused his attention on the changes in his body. He only realized now that the anma throughout his body was actually growing at a fast rate of time!

He was already at the peak stage of the 7th-rank Emperor realm in terms of physical strength and it should take him a few more years before he could reach the 8th-rank Divine realm, but looking at the minute changes happening inside his body, he could faintly feel that he was on the verge of breaking through!

Without delaying any further, he sat cross-legged and directed the remaining life energy from the Body Reforging Heaven Pill to enhance his physical body and strengthen his anma.

Aside from regrowing one's severed limbs, the Body Reforging Heaven Pill was also able to nourish his anma which means that this Immortal Pill was also a supplement for body strengthening experts like him! Just the residual energy from the pill alone was actually enough to help him break through to the 8th-rank Divine realm! It was truly a miraculous treasure worthy of being an Immortal Pill!

The eyes of Qi Hongtian and Master Fengzi brightened when they realize the changes in Hu Xiandao's body. They became even more amazed at the effects of the Body Reforging Heaven Pill. Furthermore, the image of Jiu Shen who refined such a magical pill turned even more exalted in their hearts. After all, refining a pill at that level was impossible for even an Alchemy Saint. Only those at the Nascent God Realm were capable of concocting such a pill.

Could it be possible that Wine Master Jiu is...

Qi Hongtian and Master Fengzi glanced at each other as an absurd thought appeared in their minds, making their hearts palpitate in fear and respect.

Looking at the old men's stunned looks, Lu Sulan smiled proudly. She knew that they were thinking about her master, and aside from her master, who else could make the supreme elder of the Alchemy Hall feel inferior? No one!

Hu Xiandao opened his eyes and a flicker of limitless power gushed out of his gaze, making the air fluctuate irregularly. However, the atmosphere inside the second floor regained its calm in a mere blink of an eye as if what happened earlier was but a misconception.

Hu Xiandao stood up and clenched his fists tightly, producing crackling sounds filled with explosive power. Hu Xiandao smiled foolishly after sensing his newfound strength. It was unbelievable for him to achieve this kind of change in just a few minutes. This was the power of a high-level alchemist!

With a satisfied smile on his face, Hu Xiandao glanced at Lu Sulan and said gratefully. "I will not forget this grace, Sect Mistress Lu." He cupped his hands solemnly and he could not help but feel slightly emotional at the fact that he had now regrown his left arm. Although he looked rather calm on the surface, he was actually excited in his heart to finally regain his severed arm. Furthermore, he had even advanced into the 8th-rank Divine realm! Everything was too surreal that he still found it hard to believe, but the reality was already right in front of his eyes...

Lu Sulan smiled gently and shook her head. "Lord Hu, if not for you saving me back then, I wouldn't be here now. This is the heaven's reward for your good deeds, but of course, you still have to thank my master since he was the one who refined this pill for you."

Hu Xiandao nodded his head firmly and thought of Jiu Shen's expressionless face. He could not help but smile for getting his grace. Although he had no idea about pill refining, he knew that Jiu Shen must have used a lot of valuable resources when he concocted the pill he just consumed. He silently remembered the favor in his heart and vowed to come back here as soon as he finished reporting the details about the Earth Origin Dragon Tree.

"Don't worry, Sect Mistress Lu. I will thank Wine Master Jiu personally." Hu Xiandao smiled, but his smile was truly too appalling to look at that even Lu Sulan could not help but chuckle happily.

"In that case, I shall not hold you for long anymore, Lord Hu. Besides, you still have to go back to the Mythos Wildlands to report about what happened yesterday." Lu Sulan smiled gently at him as she spoke.

"Then I shall bid my farewell, Sect Mistress Lu." Hu Xiandao cupped his fists at Lu Sulan one more time before he walked downstairs.

Lu Sulan smiled at then turned his gaze at the two old men who were still wearing stunned looks. "Guests, what would you like to order?"

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On the first floor.

Emperor Elyk was talking with Jiu Shen in a friendly manner, while the latter acted as if he was listening, but his attention was actually on the second floor. When he sensed the increase of strength in Hu Xiandao's physical body, he let out a faint smile.

"Wine Master Jiu, come come come! I'll show you the one hundred people that you asked for." Emperor Elyk thought that Jiu Shen was pleased with his attitude when he saw the latter's smile.

This time, Jiu Shen was also slightly curious about what kind of people Emperor Elyk has brought for him, but he didn't really have high hopes for them since they were merely people of humble origins. Nonetheless, he was still looking forward to seeing them.

"Elyk, lead the way." Jiu Shen stood up from his seat and gently placed Ice down on the floor, which instantly made the chubby cat raise her paws with a disgruntled look.

*Meow!*

"Hahaha! Of course, Wine Master Jiu! Come, follow me!"

Jiu Shen ignored Ice and followed behind Emperor Elyk with a trace of anticipation in his heart.

Under the dumbfounded looks of the customers, the two men went out of the store.

The moment the emperor and Jiu Shen stepped out of the store, the four guardians and the several dozen soldiers immediately bowed their heads and greeted in unison.

"We greet you, Your Majesty!"

"We greet you, Wine Master Jiu!"

Their deep voice reverberated on the now bustling street, making the onlooking crowd excited at what they heard.

"The emperor is actually here to visit Wine Master Jiu!"

"Of course! I've heard that they have even become very close friends."

The crowd chattered animatedly while looking at the figures of Jiu Shen and Emperor Elyk.

Emperor Elyk smiled in embarrassment when he heard the crowd's words, but he hurriedly concealed it and brought Jiu Shen to the five huge carriages at the far end.

Jiu Shen took a glance at the five carriages without any changes in his expression, but Emperor Elyk had long since expected this.

Each of the carriages was indeed large and was enough to accommodate twenty people sitting closely together.

"Men, tell them to come out and meet their master!" Emperor Elyk ordered loudly.

"Yes, Your Majesty!" The soldiers replied in unison and they promptly went to open the five carriages, making everyone see the faces of the young kids inside. All of them were male with ages that range between thirteen to seventeen. Most of these young men had lean and healthy figures. It can be seen that the emperor was truly sincere in this trade between him and Jiu Shen. He even brought the ones with the most vigorous and robust figures among the servants that their Silveria Imperial Family had trained. However, he didn't feel that he was at a loss in this exchange since befriending Jiu Shen was already more than enough.

Jiu Shen nodded his head in satisfaction. He was quite contented with the kids that the emperor brought.

"Elyk, I can feel your sincerity in this exchange. Here's your VIP Card, don't lose it." Jiu Shen took out the VIP Card from his space earring and handed it to Emperor Elyk.

Emperor Elyk glanced at the small rectangular card in his hands and was a bit bedazzled by its stylish design. Its gold and black color were intricately balanced and the imposing name of the store made it look precious and at the same time luxurious. "Wine Master Jiu, what's the benefit of having this card again?" He asked with a slightly excited look.

Jiu Shen glanced at him calmly and replied. "With this card, you'll get a 20% discount from all of your purchases in my store and you can also take out one order of each wine and dish. Furthermore, you can also temporarily give this to your children so that they can access my store's second floor."

Emperor Elyk smiled widely when he heard his reply, but when he heard the latter part of Jiu Shen's words, he could not help but feel curious about this second floor. "Wine Master Jiu, is there anything special about your store's second floor?" He asked while looking at Jiu Shen curiously.

Jiu Shen was silent for a moment before he replied in an unhurried voice. "Only those at the 7th-rank Emperor realm can go up to the second floor. As for what's special about it, you can go and check it yourself."

Emperor Elyk was now more curious about the store's second floor after hearing that only those at the 7th-rank Emperor realm were allowed to go there.

"In that case, I'll take a look inside." Emperor Elyk smiled.

Jiu Shen nodded his head and replied. "No problem."

Emperor Elyk chuckled after seeing that Jiu Shen was unwilling to lead the way for him, but he didn't mind this minor matter and walked inside with a dignified look. "I'll be back, Wine Master Jiu."

Jiu Shen ignored him and turned his gaze on the one hundred young men that were looking at him with curious gazes. They didn't look weak at all despite their young age and they appeared to have been trained how to fight when looking at their refined and growing muscles. They should have been the next batch of imperial guards, but they were now here to serve Jiu Shen.

"Theia, find a suitable place for these kids and make sure that it's big enough to set up a training field for them. Make haste and return immediately." Jiu Shen transmitted his message to Theia.

"Yes, Master. I'll get it done right away!" Theia's gentle voice drifted inside Jiu Shen's head.

Right after her tender and pleasant voice ended, a shadow abruptly leaped out of Jiu Shen's store at an incomprehensible speed.

No one other than Jiu Shen saw the figure that left the store. It was as if she was the embodiment of lightning with her shocking speed!

"This is merely the first step of my plans." Jiu Shen muttered in his heart with a serene look on his face.

## **Chapter 130 - Value Of The VIP Card**

Emperor Elyk brought the four guardians with him since all of them were already at the peak stage of the 7th-rank Emperor realm and they certainly had the qualifications to go up to the second floor of Jiu Shen's store.

"Your Majesty, did Wine Master Jiu tell you what's special about the store's second floor?" Defender Duanmu asked as he moved closer to the emperor. Among the four guardians of the Silver Wing Empire, aside from being the strongest among them, he was also the closest to Emperor Elyk.

Emperor Elyk's face froze and the smile on his face became slightly unnatural, and it was as if he hadn't heard Defender Duanmu's words at all. That's right! He was now looking at the two people descending from the second floor. One was the barbarian that he had seen yesterday, but if he remembered correctly, the guy was supposed to only have a single arm remaining. However, he had a complete pair of arms and even his strength seemed to have jumped to the next realm!

Beside this barbarian was the woman that always appeared in his dreams. A memory that was hard for him to forget even though they virtually had no interactions whatsoever. This was, of course, Lu Sulan, the sect mistress of the Ice Cloud Sword Sect and presumably Wine Master Jiu's disciple.

"Lu Sulan..." He muttered in his heart with a complicated emotion, but his face remained calm and dignified except for the faint trace of melancholy that was hidden within his sharp gaze.

Lu Sulan and Hu Xiandao similarly saw the emperor and they were also surprised to meet him here.

"Greetings, Emperor Elyk." Lu Sulan greeted with an indifferent look.

Hu Xiandao cupped his fists and also paid his respects. After all, this was the ruler of the Silver Wing Empire. "This one is Hu Xiandao from the Mythos Wildlands. I greet you, Your Majesty."

Emperor Elyk swallowed down the complicated emotions rising in his chest and put on a calm smile as he said. "No need for formalities friends. We're on the same level of cultivation and you don't need to be like this to me. Just call me by name."

Emperor Elyk had no idea that Lu Sulan had already broken through the 9th-rank Saint and the latter also didn't explain herself and just stood there like a celestial fairy, graceful and alluring.

Hu Xiandao wasn't used to this kind of treatment so he was still a bit embarrassed, but after breaking through the 8th-rank Divine realm, he had gained more confidence for himself. "In that case, I shall be rude and call you Brother Elyk from now on." He said with a smile.

The lips of Emperor Elyk and the four guardians twitched when they saw the unsightly smile of Hu Xiandao, but they remained composed and didn't ridicule the latter for this.

"Hahaha! It has been a long time since someone dared to call me that way, but I like it! Brother Hu, why don't you come up with me and enjoy Wine Master Jiu's wine together to celebrate our friendship?" Emperor Elyk held Hu Xiandao's shoulder and laughed heartily. He truly liked Hu Xiandao's attitude and this kind of person was indeed worth befriending. Of course, he was also curious how Hu Xiandao was able to regrow his severed arm.

Hu Xiandao's face changed and he could not help but scratch the back of his head. He had already delayed his return and he might really be punished by the chieftain if he stayed longer.

To everyone's surprise, Lu Sulan was the one who replied for Hu Xiandao. "Emperor Elyk, Lord Hu still has to return to the Mythos Wildlands to report some things. He would be put into a difficult situation if he stays longer, but I guarantee you that he will come back to drink wine with you once he returns here."

Hu Xiandao glanced at Emperor Elyk and nodded his head at him with an apologetic look. "Sect Mistress Lu is indeed right, Brother Elyk. I've to go back to the Mythos Wildlands first and return here as fast as possible to invite Brother Elyk to drink wine."

Emperor Elyk smiled at this and didn't make it hard for Hu Xiandao. With a friendly smile on his face, he said. "Then I'll wait for Brother Hu's return. I won't hold you any longer, Brother Hu. I still have to check the store's second floor."

Emperor Elyk patted Hu Xiandao's back and took a brief look at Lu Sulan's face before he went upstairs. Defender Duanmu and the three other guardians followed behind him after bidding farewell at Hu Xiandao and Lu Sulan.

Emperor Elyk didn't have time to gather his thoughts when he saw a man standing at the entrance of the second floor with his eyes shut tight. He felt a wave of surprise in his heart when he took a glance at the latter since he could not discern this man's strength! Emperor Elyk was already at the peak stage of the 8th-rank Divine realm, but he was actually unable to see through the man's depths!

"Another expert?! To think that Wine Master Jiu is actually hiding another dragon inside his store!" Emperor Elyk exclaimed in his heart.

The emperor hurriedly averted his gaze and didn't dare probe at him any longer. He also transmitted a message to the four guardians to never provoke the man. This instantly garnered their shock and bewilderment, but they knew that Emperor Elyk was not someone who spoke nonsense, so they immediately expressed their understanding. However, they were still curious about what kind of person could make their emperor react like this. Nonetheless, they still didn't dare turn their gazes on the man and simply followed their emperor inside the second floor.



A flicker of surprise suffused their gazes when they stepped inside the second floor. It was no different from the store's first floor, but there were no spiritual plants within. Only several paintings attached on every side of the second floor can be seen. Just that, all of them felt that these paintings were far from ordinary when they sensed the profundity they possess. Furthermore, they also felt that the true essence within their bodies was revolving much faster when they stepped foot on the second floor, and they immediately realized that it must have something to do with the paintings!

"Staying here for one hour is equivalent to bitterly cultivating for three days! This..." Emperor Elyk muttered with a dazed look.

Defender Duanmu and the others were shocked when they heard the emperor's words and they could not help but admire Jiu Shen even more. After all, he was the owner of this place!

"Each of you can only remain here for an hour. No one is allowed to stay longer than that or you'll face the consequences." The ever so silent Ren Shuang suddenly came inside the second floor and announced in an indifferent voice.

His sudden appearance surprised everyone inside and they also felt that it was such a pity that they could only stay inside the second floor for an hour at most. However, Emperor Elyk took out the VIP Card and showed it to Ren Shuang. "Then what if I have this with me?"

Ren Shuang's eyes narrowed as he glanced at the VIP Card in the emperor's hands. He then turned his gaze at the emperor's face and said in a cold voice. "I'll ask my master about this. Please wait here for a moment."

*Swoosh!*

Ren Shuang's silhouette vanished from their sights as if he was a phantom, swift, and fast.

Not long later, Ren Shuang came back and said. "Since you possess this card, you can stay here indefinitely, but of course, you have to leave once the store closes."

Emperor Elyk smiled and chuckled in his heart when he heard his words. This place was a holy land for cultivation! He finally realized how precious the VIP Card was.

"In that case, I won't hold and stay here for the entire day." Emperor Elyk said with a slightly eager look.

Ren Shuang didn't bother to reply and went back to his spot and closed his eyes again.

Seeing his attitude, Emperor Elyk merely smiled and shook his head.



'This guy is an expert and he isn't someone I can afford to offend...'

Emperor Elyk found a spot for his group and took a seat. It was only now that he saw that there were already two people inside. "That's Master Fengzi. As for the old man beside him, could he be... Alchemy Hall's supreme elder?!" He exclaimed in his heart and promptly stood up from his seat when he guessed the identity of the old man beside Master Fengzi.

The emperor's reaction surprised the four guardians and they then turned their gazes to the two old men who were busy looking at the paintings on the wall.

"Eh? Isn't that Master Fengzi the branch head of Beltran City's Alchemy Hall branch?" Defender Duanmu muttered in surprise.

Emperor Elyk walked towards the two old men and greeted them with an amiable look. "Hahaha! Pardon my lack of courtesy. I actually failed to see my friends from the Alchemy Hall here!"

Master Fengzi and Supreme Elder Qi Hongtian turned to look at the emperor. They were busy studying the profundity of the paintings that they didn't even realize that someone had come inside the second floor after them.

"Emperor Elyk, I didn't think I'd see you here. What a coincidence!" Master Fengzi smiled as greeted back.

Supreme Elder Qi Hongtian merely smiled at the emperor before he turned his focus on the paintings once again.

Emperor Elyk wasn't angered by this since he knew that the supreme elder of the Alchemy Hall was an Alchemy Saint with a spiritual power at the 9th-rank Saint!

"Master Fengzi, you guys are here earlier than us. What do you think is special with these paintings?" Emperor Elyk asked as he looked at the paintings once more. He felt that there was something unnatural about them, but he could not pinpoint what it was.

Master Fengzi sighed and shook his head with a bitter look. "I've no idea as well. We've been here for more than thirty minutes, but we're still unable to see through the profundities within these paintings."

Emperor Elyk was a bit stunned to hear that. If even the Alchemy Hall's supreme elder who had a spiritual power at the 9th-rank Saint was powerless in seeing the secrets of the paintings, then he would most likely meet a similar end, but he didn't give up.

Just as they were about to start perceiving the paintings' profundities, a gentle and alluring voice resounded behind them.

"Dear guest, I apologize for making you wait for long. I'm here to deliver Master Fengzi and the supreme elder's orders."

Everyone turned their gazes and saw Hestia who was smiling warmly at them.