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The broken diamond shield slowly mended together after the old man poured his true essence on it. The shield looked even sturdier, but he was still not reassured.

"Sky Rendering Sword Phantom! Release!"

A gigantic sword phantom soared through the skies, leaving behind a trail of brilliant light in its path.

Boooooommmm!!!

The old man's attack managed to block five lightning bolts and the remaining ones streaked towards him while producing zapping sounds in the air.

Baaannggg!

The Sky Diamond Protective Halo only managed to block three bolts of lightning, so the old man was struck by the remaining bolts.

His face contorted in pain and his body spasmed after having been exposed to high voltage of electricity. Several burn marks appeared on his body and small parts of his flesh were also torn off.

The most surprising thing of all was that the roof he was standing on seemed to be undamaged even after it was struck by the streaks of lightning! However, the old man was too preoccupied with the pain he was feeling that he failed to notice anything about this.

"Argh! That fucking hurts! Goddammit!" The old man who was always civilized and always acted like a refined sage cursed out before hissing in pain.

"I almost thought I would die right there. Luckily, the painting on the store's second floor somehow managed to enhance my power. If I'm not wrong those paintings should be drawn by an Immortal Painter. Truly incredible! I wonder if those are made by Wine Master Jiu..." The old man muttered as he slowly sat cross-legged. He then stared at the sky that was slowly turning bright.

The flashes of lightning were already gone since he had successfully broken through the Nascent God Realm.

"I can't believe I managed to break through to the Nascent God Realm even after failing once. I have to admit that Wine Master Jiu did me a huge favor this time and also that stupid brat Elyk." He said with a smile before he closed his eyes to meditate. He still has to consolidate his strength after that breakthrough. Although he was already a Nascent God Realm expert, he still has to stabilize his realm to prevent future problems from occurring.

After the old man's breakthrough, his control of spiritual power increased by a huge margin. He could now freely control his spiritual perception, but of course, his skill in using spiritual perception was not even half to that of Jiu Shen's. Even so, it was still a huge improvement for him in terms of combat prowess and spiritual power.

The old man looked at his dantian through his spiritual perception and gasped in surprise. 'So this is how a Nascent God Realm's dantian looks like. Not to mention the enhancement of my internal organs, blood vessels, bones, and even my skin. I'm finally a Nascent God Realm expert! With my power, our Silver Wing Empire will now have a voice in the Alliance!'

After a little more than thirty minutes, the old man stood up and stretched his limbs and neck.

"Oh shoot! I forgot about the store! I wonder how it is after being struck by my tribulation lightning!? I hope nothing is... Hm?!" He exclaimed when he saw the pristine condition of the roof. It remained spotlessly clean without even a hint of a blemish in all corners.

"What the hell?! Even the imperial palace would be in ruins if it was struck by a bolt of tribulation lightning! How come the store is still... Sigh! Why am I even surprised? The owner of this store is someone who is already at the Nascent God Realm, so it should not be impossible for him to have made his store like an impenetrable fortress..." The old man chuckled with a wry smile.

"I should go back inside and thank Wine Master Jiu for this huge opportunity. How can I even repay this kind of debt? Sigh." He sighed while shaking his head.

Inside the store, all the customers looked very calm despite the loud explosions that they have heard more than thirty minutes ago.

"Looks like those damned lightning strikes are now gone. Wait. Let me go and check it out." A customer stood up and peeked through the windows. He then turned to face everyone with an ecstatic look on his face.

"Everyone, the sky is now clear!"

Everyone broke into cheers after hearing his words. A few smart customers left the store since they were afraid that Theia might kick them out for overstaying. Some others also left after realizing that, while several people remained to order more wines.

Inside the second floor, Jiu Shen leaned on his chair while hugging a sleeping little girl in his arms. He wore a calm look as he gently caressed the little girl's chubby face with the back of his hand. 'This little girl is actually able to sleep even with that tribulation lightning outside...' He thought as he looked at the little girl's face with a hint of warmth.

Jiu Shen did a motion with his fingers and teleported the girl to their room.

Everyone saw this, but they remained silent. Who among them did not know that Jiu Shen was a Nascent God Realm expert?

They were not surprised when they saw that he was able to control the element of space with such expertise since only those at his level could manipulate the element of space with such ease. However, they were still overawed by how casual he made it look.

"Wine Master Jiu, how is my father? Is he alright?" The emperor asked with a worried look. It was already more than thirty minutes after the sky returned to normal, but there were still no signs from the old man, so he felt a bit anxious about his father's state.

Jiu Shen stared at him and replied calmly. "Don't worry, Elyk. Your father was able to break through to the Nascent God Realm and he is just stabilizing his realm. He should be here any time by now."

Everyone inside the second floor revealed a look of shock when they heard that. After all, the Nascent God Realm was something that was so far from their reach...

Chapter 232 - Emperor Elyk Hides His VIP Card

Not long later, an old man arrived on the second floor. Everyone stared at this old man with scrutinizing gazes. He looked exhausted and disheveled, but the air of profundity around him was thick and this made everyone certain that the old man was already a Nascent God Realm expert!

"Father! It looks like bringing you here was indeed a great idea. Congratulations on your breakthrough!" Emperor Elyk smiled as he patted the old man's back. He was happy to see his father back and according to Jiu Shen, he was already a Nascent God Realm expert! This was a piece of good news for the Silver Wing Empire and the Silveria Imperial Family. With the old man's cultivation level, everyone would surely hesitate if they wanted to attack their borders. Aside from that, their current standing in the Alliance would surely take a drastic turn.

'Now, I want to visit the Alliance's headquarters and look at those old fogies' reactions after they see my old man's level of power.' Emperor Elyk chuckled evilly in his heart. He had his fair share of embarrassment in the Alliance after all these years, but he could not do anything about it since he was still too weak at that time. However, things are different now. He could even feel that his breakthrough was also coming near and when that time comes, he would surely visit the Alliance.

Jiu Shen glanced at the old man with an indifferent look. 'Only an idiot would not be able to breakthrough after getting that much benefits from the painting. At least this old brat has a bit of talent. Though, he would only be qualified to become a toilet cleaner in the Primordial God Realm. Still, it is not that bad when compared to others who are not even comparable to bugs or ants...' He thought to himself in amusement.

The old man merely took a brief look at his son before he turned his gaze to Jiu Shen who was sitting calmly at a corner. He tried to use his spiritual perception on Jiu Shen to check the latter's level of cultivation, but when his spiritual power touched Jiu Shen, the old man felt as if he was looking at a vast ocean with limitless depth. 'Huh?! This!'

He furrowed his eyebrows and shifted his gaze to Jiu Shen's face. A calm and cold look stared back at him, making the old man flinched unconsciously. 'This guy's spiritual power is so much greater compared to mine! Just what kind of person are you Jiu Shen?' The old man exclaimed. He was dumbfounded at the vast difference in their spiritual power. It was even to the point that he could not even be compared to Jiu Shen's toes!

Jiu Shen smirked in his heart when he saw the old man raise his graying eyebrows. 'You are still too green to do that, brat.'

"Wine Master Jiu, I offer my sincerest gratitude for this great opportunity. I don't even know how I could ever repay this debt. If you have anything you want, this old man is willing to get it for you." The old man bowed at Jiu Shen, his face was no longer as wrinkled as before. After achieving his breakthrough, the old man's physical body experienced a qualitative change. At this moment, he only looked like an old man in his fifties with graying hair and beard.

Everyone inside the room was not surprised by the old man's attitude. His breakthrough was only made possible because of the paintings on the second floor. If not for it, he would have been stuck at the peak stage of the 9th-rank Saint and die of old age after a few more years.

Thinking about this, this crowd of top experts immediately scrambled to check the paintings on the wall. When they first came here, they only treated these paintings as some random ornaments, but after the events earlier, only a fool would believe that they're ordinary.

Jiu Shen shrugged his shoulders lazily and replied halfheartedly. "You don't have to thank me. I merely said a few words to you and those paintings are free for my customers to see. Your breakthrough was merely the work of fate and luck."

The old man shook his head and looked at Jiu Shen with a deep gaze. This man who looked no older than twenty was veiled by a thick air of mystery. He could not even begin to fathom the depths of his power and it would be a lie if he said that he was not tempted to take this 'young man' as his master especially after seeing the tip of spiritual power.

"Wine Master Jiu, I would say the same thing even if you don't accept my gratitude. If there is anything that I can help you with, then don't hesitate to tell this old man. I will do anything just to pay back this debt." The old man said with a stubborn look.

"In that case, I don't want to be involved in any of your Silver Wing Empire's wars. I just want my store to be protected when I am not around. What do you think? I've already discussed this with Elyk, but I also want to get your promise." Jiu Shen said after a moment of thinking. He was already planning to visit the Divine Beast Continent to honor the promise he made to Ice. He did not want to see that sad look on the little girl's face again...

The old man was a bit surprised when he heard that, but he did not reveal his expression. He nodded his head at Jiu Shen and said without hesitation. "I promise that as long as this old man is alive, no one would be able to harm your store and your people."

Jiu Shen nodded his head. He was satisfied with the old man's lack of hesitation. He now understood why Elyk was such a brilliant emperor despite his lacking strength.

"Look, I don't want to dampen everyone's enthusiasm here, but all of you have overstayed on the second floor for more than several minutes already. Now, I want all of you to scram out of my sight." Jiu Shen said while gesturing for them to leave.

Emperor Elyk opened his mouth and took out his VIP card, but when he saw his father looking at his card in confusion, he immediately kept it to himself with an innocent look. 'I better hide this first. If my old man will learn the benefits of this VIP card, he will surely take it for himself. I have to speak with Duanmu, Dante, and Sylvia later especially that little brat Sylvia. I just hope that little demoness will remain silent about this...'

Chapter 233 - This Is Just The Beginning

"Wine Master Jiu, before we leave. I would like to invite you to spectate the execution of Xue Tong three days from now in front of the imperial palace." Emperor Elyk said as he looked at Jiu Shen.

"Not interested." Jiu Shen rejected it indifferently.

Emperor Elyk was speechless at his flat rejection, but he already prepared his heart for this, so he just smiled awkwardly at Jiu Shen.

"Then, we will take our leave, Wine Master Jiu." Emperor Elyk said while cupping his fists respectfully. His father followed suit and cupped his fists together. Although he was already a Nascent God Realm expert, the old man had a strange feeling that he would not even last a single blow if he fights with the man in front of him. Just thinking about it made his old pair of legs shiver in fear.

"I will tell my disciple Can Ye to spectate this event on my behalf. Now, scram out of my sight." Jiu Shen said before he closed his eyes.

Emperor Elyk grabbed his old man out of the second floor after bowing lightly at Jiu Shen. It was not a good idea to linger inside after they were told to leave especially with Theia and Ren Shuang observing the whole store.

The old man glanced at Ren Shuang who had his eyes shut tight. He could now sense how strong this guy was and it made his eyes shake in surprise. 'What a thick killing aura! How many lives had he taken to reach this point?! I could even feel a hint of fear despite the fact that I'm one huge realm stronger than him! Terrifying!'

At this moment, the old man no longer dared to take this silent man lightly. From what he had felt about Ren Shuang's aura, the latter was enveloped by a dense air of invisible bloody atmosphere. It was so dense that he could even smell death while he was in front of Ren Shuang!

After the father and son duo left the second floor, Ren Shuang slowly opened his eyes and glanced in the direction that they have gone to. "A Nascent God Realm expert? Too bad he is too old..." He muttered in a deep voice.

Jiu Shen stood up after a moment of silence. He then walked towards the Refining Hall to check on his two alchemy disciples.

Two old men sat cross-legged in front of their own alchemy furnace. They wore serious looks as they refined the dans inside the furnace using the techniques that Jiu Shen taught them recently.

They did not even realize that there was someone who had summoned his tribulation lightning just several minutes ago. It was because the Refining Hall blocked all outside distractions, including the loud rumbling of thunder and shaking of the earth. There was also the Heart Calming Bead that made these two old men more focused on their refining process.

Jiu Shen watched the two old men with an unblinking gaze. He then shook his head lightly before leaving the Refining Hall. 'The both of them are hardworking people, but their lack of talent is preventing them from making an improvement. From the way they refined their dans, it can be seen that their years of experience in handling ingredients were not entirely wasted, but this could be improved after they learn more of my alchemy techniques. Even so, it would take them a lot of time before they achieve a breakthrough in alchemy, but with my teachings, I should be able to somehow shorten this process...'

Jiu Shen was deep in his thoughts and he realized that he was already standing in front of his room. He slowly opened the door and saw a little girl sleeping on his bed with a big snot bubble. He chuckled when he saw this. He then sat on the bed and caressed the little girl's cheeks with a hint of warmth on his expressionless face. 'Just give me a little more time, Little Tiger. After my sect's opening ceremony, I will immediately bring you to the Divine Beast Continent to look for your parents. I just hope that nothing troublesome comes up before that time comes...'

The sleeping lolita snuggled closer to Jiu Shen's hand after feeling his warmth. She then mumbled a series of incomprehensible words before biting Jiu Shen's finger.

Jiu Shen's lips rose upwards when he saw this. He then gently retracted his hands, but the little girl refused to release her hold on him.

Jiu Shen stared speechlessly at the little girl before taking out a bottle of milk from his space earring. He then placed the tip of the bottle near the little girl's nose which made her little nose twitch continuously. And as if on stimulants, she snatched the bottle of milk from Jiu Shen's hand before sucking on its contents with her eyes still closed.

Jiu Shen patted her small head before leaving his room.

"I should check the construction of the sect building. From what Ren Shuang told me, the sect building should be completed in a few days. It was indeed a good idea to leave this job to Liuli and Xia Xinyue." He muttered as he teleported out of his store.

The unfinished sect building was just a few hundred meters away from his wine store and he could already see it from above. This was designed by him, but he could not help but feel a sense of happiness after seeing it right in front of his eyes.

"This is just the beginning. It's still too far away to go back to the Primordial God Realm. I should not be hasty on this. Anyway, that old fart Lao Gou is unaware that I'm still alive. For now, I must build my own force that would fight against that old fart's Celestial Paragon Tower... Besides, I have grown to like this kind of idle lifestyle." Jiu Shen muttered, his gaze was now directed to the distant sky.

Chapter 234 - I Miss Him So MuChapter

Jiu Shen slowly got down from the skies. His sudden descent brought a series of surprised exclamations from the hired servants who were busy constructing his sect building.

At first, they were afraid of his abrupt visit since they were unaware of who he was, but the fact that he came down from the sky was a testament that he was at least someone in the 8th-rank Divine realm because only experts at that level could fly.

"Who is this exalted figure?"

"I have no idea..."

"Wait, he looks a bit familiar... Lord Jiu Shen?!"

Right after those words were spoken, the crowd's eyes immediately brightened. Jiu Shen had already become a famous figure in the whole of Silver Wing Empire. His identity as an 'Alchemy Saint' was already known by everyone and he was also named as one of the top experts of the empire. Aside from that, he had also become famous because of his store which only sells expensive wines.

"Greetings, Lord Jiu Shen!" The servants greeted him respectfully. They did not dare call him 'Wine Master Jiu' since it was only used by his customers, and they were too poor to even buy his cheapest wine.

Jiu Shen remained unperturbed, but he still nodded his head at them.

"Where are Liuli and Xia Xinyue?" He asked one of the servants.

"Young Miss Liuli and Young Miss Xia are currently on a meeting with the engineers and architects. They should be discussing the final touches of this building." The servant replied respectfully.

'Looks like I've visited at the wrong time. I should leave for now and check on those little brats in the fighting arena. I wonder how they are doing after Hu Xiandao took over their training...' Jiu Shen thought to himself.

"Lord Sect Master!"

"Lord Jiu Shen!"

Just as he was about to leave, he suddenly heard two sweet voices coming from behind. He turned his head back and saw two lithe figures sprinting towards him. Their slim and curvy bodies swayed seductively as they bolted towards Jiu Shen.

Jiu Shen stopped in his tracks and stared at these two beautiful ladies with his signature expressionless look.

The two ladies came to an abrupt halt when they were already an arm's length away from Jiu Shen. They then held their chests as they huffed and puffed after that short sprint.

"Lord Sect Master, you should have notified us of your visit, so that we could welcome you personally." Xia Xinyue said as she looked at Jiu Shen while pouting her small lips.

Liuli nodded her head in agreement and said. "Lord Jiu Shen, what brings you here? Do you want the two of us to tour you around the sect building? Although it is still unfinished, I'm confident that you will be satisfied with how it looks."

"I just decided to take a look at the progress of the construction. There is no need to welcome me personally and someone also informed me that the both of you are still discussing some things with the engineers and architects. As for touring the place, that can wait. I will visit again after the construction is completed. Just instruct someone to inform me if it is already near completion." Jiu Shen replied calmly while looking at the two ladies.

"Will you stay here for a while, Lord Jiu Shen?" Liuli asked with a flirtatious smile.

'This vixen!' Xia Xinyue cursed in her heart as she glared at Liuli's side profile.

"No. I still have to check on a few things. The both of you should go back to continue your discussion with the engineers and architects." Jiu Shen replied with a poker face. He was already immune to Liuli's seduction, so it did not affect him.

Liuli put on a sad look when she heard his reply, but she then smiled and said. "In that case, I will personally visit you once the construction of the sect building is near completion."

"No! I- I mean I will go with you!" Xia Xinyue butted in. She was afraid that Liuli would get ahead of her in getting Jiu Shen's attention.

Liuli raised an eyebrow when she heard that, but she could not do anything to stop this woman. The both of them were like fire and water all this time, and it was already a surprise that they were able to do their job well without any trouble. She pursed her lips while taking a sidelong glance at Xia Xinyue.

"Ladies, I have to go now. Make sure that this won't be delayed. I still have many things to do after this construction is completed, so I hope that you won't make a mess in this job." Jiu Shen said.

Liuli and Xia Xinyue bowed respectfully when they heard his words. They then replied in unison. "Yes, Lord Sect Master (Yes Lord Jiu Shen).

"Jiu Shen took one last look at the unfinished sect building before he soared through the skies like a majestic eagle. The two ladies stared at the small dot in the sky with all sorts of emotions. They only recovered after no longer seeing his figure.

"Sigh. I miss him so much. We should complete this construction as soon as possible so that we can see him again." Xia Xinyue blurted out without thinking.

Strangely, Liuli did not oppose her idea this time. She merely nodded her head to show her agreement.

Inside the beast fighting arena. Loud grunting sounds can be heard as one hundred individuals can be seen practicing with their swords in hand. All of them looked young, but their explosive muscles and tanned skins made them look much older.

In front of these young men were two figures who wore strict and rigid expressions. One of them was a tall man with a robust physique and long wavy red hair. He had his arms crossed as he stared at the youths in front of him. This man is Hu Xiandao, the new main instructor of these young men.

Standing beside him was a man who looked to be in his early thirties. He seemed smaller in comparison to the giant guy Hu Xiandao, but his piercing gaze and peerless aura made him just lose a bit when it comes to overall temperament. This man was Jiu Shen's second disciple, Can Ye.

Can Ye's complexion and appearance changed after he broke through to the 7th-rank Emperor realm. He no longer looked like a bedraggled mercenary...Jiu Shen glanced at everyone through his spiritual perception.

"Letting Hu Xiandao take over as their instructor was a good move. At least the Demon Crystal will not be wasted in his hands..." He muttered. He was satisfied with how things looked for the young kids.

Chapter 235 - One Month In The Endless Forest?

Jiu Shen strode forward with a calm expression. He was checking the progress of all the youths through his spiritual perception. With his improved mental ability, he was able to clearly see the improvements of everyone after merely taking a single glance at them.

'Yang Zenke is still leading all of them in terms of strength increase. Even Han Sen did not improve as much as he did. Although I have to acknowledge that none of them slacked during their training. Can Ye and Hu Xiandao must have been strict on them, but that is not a problem.' Jiu Shen thought to himself.

Hm?

Hu Xiandao was the first one who noticed the arrival of Jiu Shen. He stared at Jiu Shen with a look of surprise.

"Lord Jiu Shen! What brings you here?" He asked as he walked towards Jiu Shen with a smile.

Looking at his frightening smile, Jiu Shen remained calm.

"Don't mind me. Just continue with that you are doing." He replied indifferently.

"Master!" Can Ye called out excitedly.

Jiu Shen ignored him and stared at the youths with a penetrating gaze. "Not bad, but you can do more than just this. The Body Transforming Dan that I gave you changed your body constitution and also improved your talents. With its great efficacy, it would not be an exaggeration to say that the lot of you possess the most fearsome talent in all of the Profound Dragon Continent. Today, I will ask Hu Xiandao to bring all of you to the Endless Forest! All of you will stay there for a month in pairs! No food, no resources, nothing! You can only bring your weapons with you and as for your food and other resources, you must get them inside the Endless Forest!" Jiu Shen uttered coldly.

Hu Xiandao and Can Ye who were listening to the sidelines gaped in shock when they heard his words. They were familiar with the Endless Forest. It was the home of countless terrifying savage beasts who prey on anything weaker than them. It was also a land of death that was rarely explored by even the most experienced mercenaries and hunters, so the both of them were beyond surprised at Jiu Shen's words.

"Lord Jiu Shen..." Hu Xiandao called out, but when he saw the icy expression on Jiu Shen's face, he immediately swallowed the words he was about to say.

"Hu Xiandao, I did not teach them my sword techniques just to become young elites. Everything was for them to become my swords and I don't want to use a dull blade, so I have to make sure that they are always at their sharpest..." Jiu Shen said, his golden eyes shone with a cold flicker.

Hu Xiandao who was at the receiving end of this cold gaze felt his spine tingle in dread, but he was also confused as to why Jiu Shen wanted to train so many experts. He was the strongest person that he met and he should have no equal in the whole of Nuar, so

why was Jiu Shen so adamant in training them? He did not even skimp on those precious resources just to make everyone's progress a lot faster.

Hu Xiandao had many questions lingering in his mind, but he did not dare ask Jiu Shen especially after seeing that cold pair of golden eyes.

"I understand, Lord Jiu Shen. I will bring them to the Endless Forest as you command." He replied with his head down.

Can Ye did not dare meet his master's gaze, so he just silently stared at the empty air while pondering in his heart. 'As far as I can remember, master said that he came from a place called as 'Primordial God Realm'. According to him, talented individuals and strong experts are numerous in that place. From master's tone, he seemed to be preparing for something. Does he have an enemy from that place?' He thought.

"Good. Xiandao, go back to the store and tell Lu Sulan to have a few elders of the Ice Cloud Sword Sect go with you in monitoring the safety of these kids. You can also ask her if she wants to bring some of her disciples to train inside the Endless Forest. Just make sure that none of these youths die within that place." Jiu Shen commanded while looking at the tall barbarian.

"Yes, Lord Jiu Shen. I'll go and inform them immediately." Hu Xiandao bowed his head as he replied.

Jiu Shen waved his right hand and gestured for him to leave. He then stared at his disciple who was still looking at the empty air like an idiot.

"Can Ye." Jiu Shen called him which instantly made Can Ye recover from his deep thinking.

He stared at his master and waited for him to speak.

"Within 3 days, you will go to the imperial palace to spectate the execution of Xue Tong on my behalf. Also, I have to remind you that you must not involve yourself with the noble families. I don't want my people to be part of their political struggles." Jiu Shen said.

Can Ye nodded his head at his master. "Yes, master. I will never involve myself with those shitty nobles. I have hated them since I started to become a mercenary. Although not all of them have illegal activities, most of them do, so I won't risk myself with them, but a little bit of socializing is not bad, right?" He asked.

Jiu Shen ignored him and shifted his gaze to the resting youths.

Seeing his master's lack of response, Can Ye shrugged his shoulders. "I just want to discuss life with those fair-skinned noblewomen. Too bad..." He mumbled softly.

Jiu Shen heard him, but he chose to disregard his disciple's bullshit.

"After a month in the Endless Forest, all of you must come back alive, so you must protect your partners at all costs. Remember, you are my swords and this won't be the hardest training that you will experience since this is just a preparation for something bigger." Jiu Shen said in a mysterious tone.

Chapter 236 - Alliance Head Situ

That day, the youths traveled to the Endless Forest together with some of Lu Sulan's disciples. Leading them were Hu Xiandao and a few elders from the Ice Cloud Sword Sect.

The Endless Forest was a dangerous place infested by countless savage beasts, but Jiu Shen was confident that Hu Xiandao and the others would be able to protect the young kids.

It was a journey that would change these young elites and turn them into fearsome warriors!

Although it would have been a good idea to send them inside the Spirit World, Jiu Shen did not want to babysit them too much. He had also discussed with Hu Xiandao and the others that they would only aid the youths when they are already on the brink of death.

Inside the store.

"Master, are they really going to be alright? I mean, the Endless Forest is not just some random playground. Brother Hu and the other elders might be there, but they might still encounter something unexpected in that place." Can Ye said while looking at his master. He had grown fond of those youths after teaching them for some time, so he was quite worried about their well-being.

Jiu Shen leaned on his chair and took a sip from his wine bottle. He remained expressionless and seemed as if he had not heard Can Ye's words.

Gulp. Gulp.

After gulping down a bit of wine, Jiu Shen placed his wine bottle back on the table. He then stared at his disciple with a nonchalant look. "If you are that worried about them, then just go there after the execution of Xue Tong." He said calmly.

Can Ye's eyes brightened upon hearing that, but after recalling what kind of place the Endless Forest was, his expression dimmed down a bit. "I guess I have no choice, but don't you have anything that you want me to do, master?" He asked.

Jiu Shen shook his head lightly and took another sip of wine from his wine bottle.

Suddenly.

Hm?

'This aura... It's not the old man's aura, then who is this person?' Jiu Shen stared confusedly at the distance with his spiritual perception. He could sense an aura that was as strong as the emperor's father, but he could not recognize the owner of this aura. From what he could perceive through his spiritual perception, the newcomer seemed to be a bit stronger than the emperor's old man!

"Ho. Things might get lively later on. If I'm not wrong, this guy should be Liuli's father. He even brought some strong helpers with him. Not bad. Not bad." Jiu Shen uttered calmly, but his words sent shivers down the spine of Can Ye.

He was familiar with Liuli and he had even interacted with her quite a few times already. From their conversations, he could already tell that Liuli was not just a simple manager that his master had randomly hired. Not to mention the fact that he could not even sense that girl's cultivation level, so when he heard from Jiu Shen that Liuli's father was about to come, he could not help but feel slightly fearful.

"Master, do you want me to call Lord Ren and Young Miss Theia?" He asked, feeling a bit anxious.

Jiu Shen ignored him since he was focused on observing the newcomers through his spiritual perception. He saw more than ten individuals dressed in luxurious garments. Leading them was a middle-aged man who looked to be in his mid-forties. This man had short brown hair and thick sword-like eyebrows. He looked rather attractive for someone in his age.

"Mid stage Nascent God Realm... His talent is not that bad as well. However, why do they look as if they are about to break someone's bones?" Jiu Shen mumbled silently.

At the entrance of the store, eleven individuals stood unmoving. They glanced at the store with a hint of interest, but all of them waited for the brown-haired middle-aged man's command before taking another step forward. From a certain perspective, they seemed to be deeply afraid of this man...

"This store looks fancy outside and it also radiates a mysterious aura that even I could not comprehend. Just what kind of man did that little girl of mine involved herself with? Even his store is already giving me a dangerous vibe..." Muttered the middle-aged man while staring at the store.

"Alliance Head Situ, do you want me to go inside and search for the Young Miss?" One of the people behind him stepped forward and asked.

The middle-aged man shook his head and replied. "No need. All of us will go there to search for that girl. Let's go."

He then strode forward with a confident expression on his face. His subordinates immediately trailed behind him after seeing him walk inside the wine store.

"Ha?!" The middle-aged man stopped in his tracks just right after stepping inside the store. He stared speechlessly at the spiritual plants placed neatly in different corners of the store.

The middle-aged man's subordinates were bewildered by his actions, but when they followed his gaze, they also gaped in shock and surprise.

"That... That... True Heart Icy Sword Tree!? How come an extinct spiritual plant exists here?! And that one, isn't that an Earth Origin Dragon Tree?!" One of the middle-aged man's subordinates exclaimed with a dumbfounded look.

Ehem!

The middle-aged man cleared his throat and glared at his subordinates. "Don't make me lose face! Remember our goal in coming here. We only came to look for that stupid little girl! Go search for her inside this goddamn store!" He muttered coldly.

"Yes, Alliance Head Situ!"

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His subordinates instantly sprung into action and searched every corner of the first floor. Some of them even went to the second floor to look for Liuli, and they were lucky enough that all of them had cultivation levels that exceeded the 7th-rank Emperor Realm or they would have been kicked out by Ren Shuang.

Unbeknownst to them, there was a pair of beautiful blue eyes looking at them with a cold gaze. A chilly glint flickered in those ocean-like orbs.

Chapter 237 - Even Young Miss Theia Is Powerless?

"This... Another 9th-rank spiritual plant?! One with draconic attribute at that..." Alliance Head Situ muttered in shock as he stared at the spiritual plants coiled like small dragons.

Hm?

Alliance Head Situ felt a piercing gaze swept through his back. He turned around and saw a young lady with a head full of blonde hair. She had a pair of ocean-blue eyes that radiated with coldness. He was slightly taken aback to see such a young lady with a cultivation level that was even greater than his own daughter. He knew that his daughter was the most talented young elite in the Alliance, so he was amazed.

'There's actually such a talented young lady here? And from the looks of it, she seems to be even younger than Liuli. Interesting...' He muttered in his heart, feeling a bit surprised.

"You entered my master's store with hostile looks. What is your purpose in coming here?" Theia asked in a chilly tone as she glared fixedly at Alliance Head Situ. She could sense that this middle-aged man was already at the Nascent God Realm, but she was not afraid of him.

"Your master? You mean, you are a disciple of this store's owner? What a shame!" Alliance Head Situ shook his head with a look of regret. He initially wanted to take Theia with him to the Alliance, but it looks like it wasn't possible anymore.

Theia frowned when she heard the middle-aged man's tone. "What do you mean? I am not master's disciple. I am his loyal servant and sword! If you are not here to order anything, then leave immediately." She said with a fiery gaze that seemed as if she was about to shoot fire through her eyes.

Alliance Head Situ's eyes widened when he heard how Theia talked to him. It has been a while since someone had spoken to him in such a manner.

"Hahaha! You're quite something girl. For you to be this confident, I bet your master is also someone at the Nascent God Realm, no? Then, allow me to meet this master of yours. I want to see for myself the person who made you this confident to speak to me like that." Alliance Head Situ chuckled coldly.

A wave of frightening aura enveloped the whole store as the middle-aged released his true power.

Everyone felt suffocated when this overbearing aura was released.

"What the! Who is that person?! He actually dared to act rampantly in front of Young Miss Theia. He's got the guts of steel..."

"Didn't you hear his subordinates earlier? They called him Alliance Head Situ. Do you know what that means? That person is most likely one of the Alliance Heads of the Alliance!"

The customers gasped in surprise when someone said that. They were aware of what that name implied. It was the behemoth that ruled over the entire Profound Dragon

Continent, and for one of the Alliance Heads to be present inside the store was already shocking!

"Hold it!" A sweet voice echoed inside the store which instantly removed the suffocating atmosphere. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief as they stared at the owner of the voice.

She was a tall young lady with long purple hair. Her pair of beautiful eyes were staring daggers at the middle-aged man. This woman is Long Meili.

Alliance Head Situ was surprised that his aura was actually swiftly taken down by someone. He glanced at the woman responsible for it and furrowed his eyebrows. "Your aura contains a strong amount of draconic energy. You are not a human... What is an immortal dragon like you doing in this place? Could it be that you are the owner?" He asked, feeling a bit confused. He was also surprised to see such a high-level savage beast living inside an empire.

He did not know how many times he had been surprised today and it seemed like he had underestimated the power that this store held...

Long Meili shook her head with a dark look. "I'm not the owner of this store. I am but my master's servant and steed." She replied coldly. She did not even look embarrassed when she said those words.

"Servant? Steed? Huh?" Alliance Head Situ became even more confused. A steed at the Nascent God Realm and someone from the noble Dragon Race at that?

"A noble dragon like yourself actually submitted to a human? Now, I'm becoming even more curious at this master of yours..." Alliance Head Situ muttered while looking at Long Meili with a hint of mockery. He had once tried to tame a young dragon during his younger years, but the dragon refused to submit to him, so he could only choose to kill it.

Just as Long Meili was about to erupt into a frenzy, she suddenly paused and her expression seemed to have cooled down.

"Human, if not for my master, I would have already smacked you to death. Hmph!" She coldly harrumphed before she left with heavy strides.

Alliance Head Situ glanced at her departing figure with a look of interest. He then shifted his gaze to Theia who was still glaring at him as if he owed her a large sum of money.

"Where is your master? Is he too scared to meet me?" He said while chuckling in disdain.

Theia clenched her fists tightly and gritted her teeth. An unconcealed look of rage can be seen on her face. She did not want to hear anyone badmouthing Jiu Shen, so she was already incredibly angry this time.

"You will regret this..." Theia muttered through gritted teeth. She then left the scene after that.

"Woah! Even Young Miss Theia is powerless against that man. It looks like he is really an Alliance Head of the Alliance!"

"I think something interesting is about to happen this time..."

The customers discussed in hushed voices as they watched the entire scene being played out. They were also feeling a bit excited and expectant on what was about to happen.

Chapter 238 - Angry Little Girl

"Whoever the owner of this store is, come out this instant and greet Alliance Head Situ!" One of the middle-aged man's subordinates shouted in an arrogant tone. He even haughtily stared at the customers inside the store which made them want to smack his face to the ground. If not for their group's strength, they would have already pummeled that guy to death, but they did not dare do anything since even the renowned ass-kicker Young Miss Theia was powerless to stop their group.

"That fucking shithead makes me want to beat him up! Grab my wine! I'll teach him a lesson!" A drunk customer rolled his sleeves and stood up as if he wanted to tear someone into pieces, but his friends held him down before he could even take another step forward.

"Are you goddamn insane?! That is Alliance Head Situ's subordinate! Don't you know who Alliance Head Situ is?! He might look like a middle-aged man, but he is already more than a thousand years old! He is a direct descendant of a founder of the Alliance! We must not make enemies with them!"

The drunk customer sobered up when he heard his friend's words. A look of fear slowly covered his face as he realized that he almost jumped into a lion's den.

"Just wait and see how Wine Master Jiu takes care of this. I don't think he will remain passive when his name is already being tarnished in front of his customers. We might even see a good show this time."

At the far corner, a man with long silver hair was seated nonchalantly as he took a light sip from his wine bottle. His attention was focused on the wine bottle in his hands and he did not even take a glance at Alliance Head Situ's group.

"I'm growing tired of drinking this Deep Sea Spring Dew. I should find the core ingredient for my current mission. Hmmm, maybe I could find one in the Divine Beast Continent..." He muttered with a lazy look. He then took a quick glance at Alliance Head Situ's group and chuckled inwardly.

'I don't know why that Little Lizard became so meek, but that Little Tiger is not the same as her. You guys even have the gall to shout so loud when she is sleeping upstairs.' He thought in amusement.

"Man, is the owner such a pussy? He does not even dare meet this grandpa." The man said in a mocking manner.

Theia who was still watching the scene clenched her fists so tightly as she glared at the man. She could not wait to chop the guy into pieces, but she did not move since Jiu Shen told her to stand back. She had no idea as to why her master ordered her to do that, so she could only held back her anger.

"WHO THE FUCK IS SO NOISY DOWN THERE?! THIS CUTE CAT IS TAKING A NAP HERE, YOU DAMN BASTARD! MEOW!" A sharp and irritated voice of a young girl echoed like a thunder inside the store. Everyone who heard the voice did not know if they should laugh or not after hearing this cute but angry little girl.

Swoosh!

A small girl with short white hair walked down the stairs with a look of irritation. Her chubby cheeks were puffed and her adorably large eyes were shooting daggers as she glared at everyone on the first floor. She held her waist like an adult and shouted. "Speak! Who is that noisy idiot?!"

Everyone stared at her while holding back their laughter. They knew that she was the little girl that Jiu Shen always held in his embrace, so they just look at her with a smile. They were not present when she fought with Elder Ming or they would never dare act like this in front of her...

Ice became even more incensed when she saw everyone's reaction, but she suddenly saw Theia pointing at someone discreetly. She followed the direction that she pointed at and saw an arrogant-looking man wearing a smug expression on his face. This man was not weak at all and he has the cultivation level at the early stage of the 8th-rank Divine realm.

"Just a little 8th-rank Divine realm bug and you dare to behave wantonly inside my territory?! Do you want me to smack you to death?! Meow!" Ice said as she slowly

walked towards the man. Her steps were so tiny that she took quite a while before she was only a meter away from the man.

Hm?

Alliance Head Situ was initially not interested, but when he heard how the little girl was able to sense his subordinate's cultivation level, he immediately shifted his gaze to the little girl and his eyes widened in shock and disbelief. 'Huh?! Another Nascent God Realm savage beast?! But her true essence seems so much stronger compared to that dragon lady...'

The middle-aged man's subordinate who was unaware of the little girl's power made a funny face at her as he said. "Whose child is this lost snotty girl? Come and take this kid with you before I spank her little ass silly!"

Alliance Head Situ wanted to warn his subordinate, but he decided to wait and see. He was confident that he could block the little girl's attack if she decides to strike his subordinate.

'She is just an early stage Nascent God Realm savage beast. What could she do when I'm here?' Alliance Head Situ muttered in his heart.

Ice's little nose flared up when she heard how the man talked to her as if she was some hapless little chicken.

"I love pummeling bold humans like you... Meow." She muttered coldly as her small silhouette vanished from her spot.

Her movement was so fast that even Alliance Head Situ who was at the mid stage of the Nascent God Realm failed to track her movements. 'What!?'

SMACK!

He only heard a loud smacking sound before he realized what had happened.

He stared at the spot where his subordinate had once been and gasped in shock.

Chapter 239 - Ice's Evil Smile

Alliance Head Situ searched for the little girl's figure and saw her standing on top of an unconscious person. This person is his subordinate who now sported a huge panda-eye. There was even a big bump on his forehead...

Ice continuously kicked the unconscious man's body with her tiny legs, producing light smacking sounds that did not seem severe, but upon closer inspection, Alliance Head Situ discovered that his subordinate's bones and internal organs were almost broken into pieces!

If not for the guy being an 8th-rank Divine realm expert, he might have already died from internal bleeding...

"Stop right there! That's enough!" Alliance Head Situ said in a cold tone as he stared at Ice's small figure.

As for the customers, they could only stare in utter disbelief as Ice continued to kick the living daylights out of the man. Some of them even gulp in fear as they watched how the little girl beat up the man with her small pair of legs.

"Crazy! How could I forget that everyone inside this store are monsters? Even the nice and gentle Young Miss Hestia is said to be a strong expert as well..."

"Good thing I did not laugh earlier or I might be beaten up together with that guy. Look! I think he's already on his last breaths. What a terrifying little girl..."

"You actually called me a snotty little girl? You idiot! Stupid idiot human! Meow!" Ice did not listen to Alliance Head Situ's words and continued to kick the man's stomach.

Smack! Smack! Smack!

All the customers flinched every time her little feet hit the man's body. Their expression was as filled with pity and a hint of fear.

"You! I said stop!" Alliance Head Situ blocked Ice's kick with his own foot, making the little girl look at him with rage.

"Hey! Stand back down or I'll bite you to death! Meow!" Ice threatened with eyebrows knitted into a frown.

"Jiu Shen is this how you train your subordinates?! Get the fuck out and meet this grandpa!" Alliance Head Situ lost his cool. Never in his life had he experienced something so terrible especially after he became one of the Alliance's Alliance Heads.

Alliance Head Situ ignored the growling little girl in front of him and scanned the crowd inside the first floor.

Everyone did not dare meet his gaze and they immediately lowered their heads when they saw the middle-aged man glance their way.

Hmph!

Alliance Head Situ snorted in contempt when he sensed everyone's fear, but then, he frowned when he saw a man with long silver hair still sitting calmly on his chair. This man looked uncaring and nonchalant as he drank from his wine bottle.

Looking at this man, Alliance Head Situ frowned. He could not sense the other party's power no matter how he tried, but he could feel a strong sense of danger as he looked at him.

- Ding!

- Abrupt Mission: As the future Wine God, your reputation should not be sullied by any random beings. Protect your reputation and make everyone know that a Wine God can never be bullied! A reward will be given after completing the mission.

"Ho..." Jiu Shen muttered softly when he saw the flashes of texts in front of his eyes. It was not the first time that he received a mission like this, but he was still surprised when he saw it.

He would have wanted to remain as a spectator, but it looks like the system did not want him to remain idle this time.

Alliance Head Situ was still staring at Jiu Shen while trying to gauge his strength, but to his dismay, he failed to even sense an ounce of true essence from the man. It was as if he was looking at a mortal.

'Is he the owner of this store?' He thought.

Suddenly, he saw Jiu Shen stood up from his seat. The guy was still wearing a calm expression as he placed his bottle of wine back to his table.

"You're looking for me?" Jiu Shen said in an indifferent tone as he stared at Alliance Head Situ.

Alliance Head Situ snapped back to reality when he heard Jiu Shen's words. He then replied in a cold tone. "I heard that you forced my daughter to work for you. Give her back to me this instant!"

Jiu Shen remained expressionless when he heard his cold voice. He then said. "You mean Liuli? I never forced Liuli to work for me. In fact, she looks happy to work under me."

"Happy? Who are you trying to fool?! I know my daughter like the back of my hand, and she would never be willing to work for someone especially under a man!" Alliance Head Situ said with a slight raise in his volume.

Can Ye who was sitting behind Jiu Shen discreetly walked out of the store.

'I have to bring Young Miss Liuli here before anything would happen. I haven't seen master becoming angry, but I knew that it would definitely be terrible if that happens. I should move with haste!' Can Ye muttered in his heart as he scurried out of the store like a scared rabbit.

Jiu Shen shrugged his shoulders lazily. "What should I do with you? It might not be a good idea if I kill you since you are still Liuli's father. How about I beat you black and blue?" He said as if it was only a simple matter.

"What did you say?! Say that again if you dare!" Alliance Head Situ pointed a finger at Jiu Shen with a face full of wrath. His earlier wariness about Jiu Shen vanished after his rage took over him.

Ice's expression brightened when he saw this scene. She covered her mouth to suppress her urge to laugh. In all her life, Jiu Shen was the only one that she could not gauge, but she was certain that even she would be powerless against him.

"Come on, stinky human! Beat this old man up until he could no longer find his broken pieces of teeth! Meow!" Ice said with an evil smile plastered on her small face.

Chapter 240 - Not Enough

Ice punched the empty air with her little fists while giggling. A playful expression covered her face as she stared at Alliance Head Situ. "Go! Beat him up until that Liuli girl could no longer tell that he is her father! Heheh! Meow!" She uttered while laughing happily.

The customers covered their mouths to suppress their laughter, making their faces turn red like a ripe tomato. Who would dare to laugh at someone like Alliance Head Situ? Perhaps only this little girl has the guts to laugh in his presence...

The subordinates of Alliance Head Situ could only glare at the little girl because they knew that they would only be courting death if they try to oppose her. If even an 8th-rank Divine realm expert was like a powerless little mouse in front of her, then what could the lot of them do? They might as well just watch and spectate the scene to avoid embarrassing themselves.

Alliance Head Situ's eyes flashed with fury and the overwhelming aura of a mid stage Nascent God Realm gushed out of his body, suffocating almost everyone inside the store. If not for the special properties of the store, this aura alone might have made some of them unconscious.

Alliance Head Situ controlled his aura and directed the bulk of it to Jiu Shen.

Jiu Shen's long silver hair danced wildly as if he was facing a huge tornado, but his eyes remained perpetually calm and indifferent. He glanced at the middle-aged man in front of him and uttered in a cold voice. "A tiny little mid stage Nascent God Realm ant is trying to show off his power in front of me? Are you trying to be funny, little brat?"

'Huh?! My aura did not even affect him?! Impossible!' Alliance Head Situ exclaimed in his heart. Even in the Alliance, he was among the strongest experts, so he was shocked to discover that his most boasted aura was powerless in front of someone!

"First, you stole my daughter. Then you said you'll beat me up, and now you call me a little brat?! I'll destroy your goddamn store!!" Alliance Head Situ shouted with rage, causing the veins on his neck to protrude.

Zapp!

Zapp!

Alliance Head Situ's invisible aura slowly materialized in the form of thunder element. Small arcs of lightning covered his whole body, making him look like a god of thunder.

The customers immediately retreated when they saw this. None of them wanted to be electrocuted by an enraged Nascent God Realm expert...

"You asked for this, boy!" Alliance Head Situ said as he slowly walked towards Jiu Shen.

Every time he took a step, a light zapping sound would drift as arcs of lightning revolved around him like little serpents.

Jiu Shen eyed the middle-aged man calmly without a hint of change in his emotions. "A thunder-attributed Nascent God Realm? Hmm, not bad, but if you want to show off this kind of lousy power, then you are in the wrong place, little brat." He said.

Pfftt.

"Hahaha! You're right! I told you earlier that this human is an idiot! I did, right? Meow!" Ice erupted into a burst of laughter while holding her little belly.

Roarr!!

Alliance Head Situ snarled as he pounced towards Jiu Shen. He disappeared like a bolt of lightning and reappeared behind Jiu Shen. He struck his fist, producing a violent zapping sound to erupt inside the store.

ZAPP! ZAPP!

This punch looked so devastatingly strong that anyone that would be hit by it would surely become a meat paste!

Everyone held their breaths when they saw this attack. There was only one person or to be exact a little person who wore a different look than everyone. She had an excited smile plastered all over her chubby face which caused her eyes to almost become invisible.

SMACK!

A loud smacking sound was heard before everyone saw a figure being hurled out of the store.

Thud! Thud!

The figure rolled several times on the cold ground outside before he managed to stand back on his feet. There was a look of disbelief on his face as he stared at the man inside the store who still wore a poker face.

"You!" He said while pointing at Jiu Shen.

'How did he...' Alliance Head Situ touched his cheeks and he felt a hot sensation on that bulging part. He was slapped! And he was not even able to dodge it! But what made him even more bewildered was how the hell did Jiu Shen do it? He was mystified by what had happened that he failed to notice that his robes was slowly being burned by a dark fire!

He only realized that something was wrong when he felt a cold breeze caressing his naked body. He glanced down and saw himself standing naked outside of the store under the peculiar gazes of a large crowd. He immediately covered his private parts as he took out an extra set of robes from his space ring.

He looked like a flustered little virgin boy as he hastily covered himself with his extra set of robes. After that, he heard a little girl laughing like there's no tomorrow.

"Hahaha! I saw something! It looks like a peanut and a pair of dark grapes! Hahaha!" Ice rolled on the ground as she laughed.

Alliance Head Situ felt embarrassed, but he no longer dared to go inside the store.

'This Jiu Shen guy, how strong is he? If he could throw a mid stage Nascent God Realm like me with a single slap, then he should be at least at that realm, but did he really reach that level? Even that old man in the Alliance was still not at that level...' Alliance Head Situ thought as he stared at Jiu Shen's expressionless face.

Jiu Shen slowly walked out of the store, making Alliance Head Situ unconsciously take a step back. He told himself that he was not afraid of Jiu Shen, but his body was being honest...

"Little brat, you think slapping you was enough? I still have not heard that 'Ding' sound for my mission, so I think I still have to beat you up real quick..." Jiu Shen said with a slightly annoyed tone. He thought that slapping Alliance Head Situ was enough to complete the mission, but it looks like he needed to do more than just that...