

The Immortal's Wine Store

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Gulping sounds resounded inside Jiu Shen's wine store. Several tough-looking mercenaries were busy drinking their cups filled with tasty wine. All of them had one thing in common, their faces were filled with boundless pleasure.

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"Winemaster Jiu, your... hic... wine is truly impressive. I will surely visit your store...hic... regularly to drink this Ables Blanc. Even the empire's best restaurant does not provide such a wine. Hic..." Boss Scar's speech was a bit slurred, but Jiu Shen was able to understand a part of it, so he just nodded his head calmly.

"Right, I wonder...hic...how the only dish you sold here will taste like? I wanted...hic... to try some, but it is too expensive for me to try." A mercenary spoke. His eyes were already on the verge of shutting tight.

Jiu Shen opened his eyes slowly. An unfathomable light flashed in those silver eyes for an instant before it vanished. He glanced at the mercenary who had just spoken. He was at the peak of 3rd-rank Crusader, but still quite a few steps away from breaking through to the 4th-rank Knight Crusader. Jiu Shen thought for a moment before he spoke in a confident tone of voice.

"I guarantee you that after eating that dish, you will breakthrough towards the next realm without a problem."

The mercenary's sleepy eyes suddenly sprang open after he heard Jiu Shen's words. A food that was capable of helping someone achieve a breakthrough? Isn't it a bit too good to be true?

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"Wine Master Jiu, are you serious about this?" The mercenary felt tempted. He already planned to buy several 4th-rank pill from the Alchemy Tower to speed up his cultivation, but it was still not guaranteed that he can breakthrough towards the next realm. So when he heard that a dish is able to help him achieve a breakthrough, he felt that it was a bit incredulous.

But then again, he drank the wine from the store and it was indeed capable of stimulating his true essence. So he felt that Jiu Shen's words had some truth in it.

Jiu Shen closed his eyes, but he still replied with a poker face.

"Yes, and if you don't achieve a breakthrough, I will let you have the dish for free."

After hearing Wine Master Jiu speak those confident words, the mercenary hesitated no more. He checked his coin purse and there were still a little more than a hundred True Crystals in it. He gritted his teeth and said resolutely.

"Fine, I will try your dish Winemaster Jiu. Give me one serving of Deep-Fried Shrimp Tempura Dipped in Viper Magma Chili."

The other mercenaries were also eager to see Jiu Shen's dish. And if it was really able to help someone achieve a breakthrough, then it will be an amazing piece of news.

Jiu Shen nodded his head and stood up from his seat. He went inside the store's new kitchen. It magically appeared after he received the rewards. Even someone like him who had lived for eons was surprised about its mysterious appearance.

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"System, where do I get the Overlord Shrimp?" Jiu Shen asked the system curiously.

- Ding!

- Host will have to go inside the system's Spirit World.

"Oh, so I just have to go inside a Spirit World. Okay... wait what?! Did you just say Spirit World?" Jiu Shen almost jumped from surprise. A Spirit World is very rare even in the Primordial God Realm and almost all of them were very unstable that they will instantly collapse after a few days from being discovered.

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No one knows how the Spirit Worlds were created. Even the almighty Celestial Emperor did not know the secrets of these worlds. But they do know that each of these worlds contains the purest and the densest true essence. Some even had peerless treasures within.

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As for him, Jiu Shen. He was only able to go inside two Spirit Worlds in all of his billions of years in existence. It sounded absurd and magical, but that was the truth. This alone can explain how rare this spirit world was.

So at the mention of it, who could blame him for almost having a heart attack?

- Ding!

- Do you wish to go inside the Spirit World?

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Jiu Shen gulped nervously while nodding his head. The two Spirit World that he had visited collapsed after around one week of traveling inside. He could not forget everything about it since he had almost died during that expedition.

"Yes, I will go inside."

After speaking those words, a two-meter tall door appeared in front of Jiu Shen. The door was made from a material that he was very familiar with, the Eonic Ragarwood Tree. It was a tree that needs a billion years of nurturing to germinate, another billion years to sprout, and then another billion years to grow. It will fully mature after five billion years.

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He heard that Celestial Emperor Lao Gou was growing this kind of tree inside his room. Heck! That stupid old fart even watered it daily with a drop of Untainted God Spring.

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He thought that it was merely a mystical bonsai after seeing it for the first time, but when he saw the secret notes of the old fart celestial emperor, he almost had the thought of stealing it.

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This type of tree can only grow up to two feet in height, so he was speechless at the amount of Eonic Ragarwood Tree used to create the door in front of him.

"System, can you not be flashier? Or you will really kill me from a heart attack..."

- Ding!

- Host, please go inside the Spirit World.

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Jiu Shen gritted his teeth for having been ignored, but he still opened the door. A refreshing scent splashed on his face and a beautiful world can be seen behind the door. He then stepped inside the Spirit World, his face dumbstruck.

"What the hell?!"

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Jiu Shen's eyes were greeted by the sight of a world filled with dense true essence. It was so thick that it even made his pores open up, greedily sucking the true essence around him.

He stopped himself from cultivating albeit regretfully. He then walked towards a crystal clear pond with giant shrimps swimming about. They looked healthy and plump.

With a high-quality living environment, these Overlord Shrimps would surely taste heavenly.

Jiu Shen caught one Overlord Shrimp with a casual swipe of his right hand. The two-meter tall shrimp thrashed its body, but Jiu Shen's hold was tight. He then pulled it out of the pond which produced a trail of clear water drops.

- Ding!

- It is better to fry shrimps when they are alive since their muscles would be taut and firm, which will, in turn, produce a more crispy texture when fried.

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"What a healthy shrimp!" Jiu Shen smiled faintly while glancing at the plump shrimp. The Overlord Shrimp glared at Jiu Shen and brandished its claws on him. Jiu Shen casually swatted the claw strike of the shrimp and slap its head. Its thick carapace failed to protect its brain which made it faint after being slapped by Jiu Shen.

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Jiu Shen did not kill the shrimp after hearing the system's solemn and robotic voice.

After getting the Overlord Shrimp, he stepped out of the Spirit World.

He then placed the two-meter shrimp on a large chopping board.

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The peeling and deveining of the shrimp were already engraved inside his head.

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The knowledge of how to cook the Deep-Fried Shrimp Tempura Dipped in Viper Magma Chili resurfaced inside his head.

"To peel raw shrimp, I have to start underneath, where their legs are attached." After peeling the carapace of the shrimp, Jiu Shen skillfully held the giant shrimp with one hand while making a shallow slit down the middle of the back to expose the black intestine. He then used the tip of his knife to lift up the black intestine of the shrimp.

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He then threw the shrimp in midair and diced it into countless small pieces. The cubes of shrimp filled the huge bowl in his hands. He then placed back on the chopping board, before pulling two cleavers.

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He grounded the shrimp meat using the two cleavers like a barbarian. His actions were rough and wild, but it contained a sense of charm.

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He then heated up the garmosa oil with the right temperature, before whisking the top quality flour from the Gremory Empire together with some imperial cornstarch, and salt made from the Heavenly Wind Sea in a large bowl.

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He then made a depression in the center of the flour. Next, he added a pure spring water, and an egg yolk of a 5th-rank beast, the Light Wind Sparrow. He then mixed just until it moistened before stirring in the egg whites.

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As for the shrimp meat, he kneaded them to form a crescent shape. His hands skillfully rolled the grounded shrimp meat and formed a perfect crescent shape.

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Subsequently, he carefully dipped all the crescent-shape shrimp meat into the batter and fully coated it. Jiu Shen maintained his focus while doing this part.

It is important to fully coat the shrimp meat as it will greatly affect the taste of the dish.

He then grounded a piece of Viper Magma Chili. Its appearance was menacing as if it was a poisonous spice, but strangely, it was edible. The purplish-red chili emitted a baleful glow right after it was grounded.

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He then sprinkled the grounded Viper Magma Chili into the shrimp meat. He evenly sprinkled it on all sides to balance the spiciness.

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Lastly, he fried the shrimp meat on the hot garmosa oil. Crackling sounds echoed inside the kitchen as Jiu Shen fried the shrimp.

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Not long after, a fragrant aroma pervaded inside the kitchen before it traveled within his store. The delicious smell lingered for a long period of time while assailing the nasal cavities of the mercenaries.

The smell was indescribable, it contained a bit of freshness and a hint of intense flavor.

"What a mouth-watering aroma..." Boss Scar muttered to himself while licking his lips with a drunk expression.

The other mercenaries had it worse. A line of saliva trailed down their lips as they glanced towards the source of the smell.

Even the sleeping Liu Xiufeng woke up. His nose twitched before his eyes sprung open. He looked towards his left and right in search for the smell.

They didn't need to wait for long as Jiu Shen came out of the kitchen while holding a piping hot plate filled deep-fried shrimps. The plating was beautiful and there was even a hot sauce made from grounded Viper Magma Chili and shrimp meat oil and a bit of vinegar.

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"Here is your order of Deep-Fried Shrimp Tempura Dipped in Viper Magma Chili." Jiu Shen nonchalantly spoke while giving the piping hot plate to the mercenary who ordered the dish.

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The mercenaries' eyes twinkled like stars after seeing Jiu Shen come out with the dish. They were already dying to know its taste, but they held themselves back

Their friend used most of his savings to order the dish in hopes of breaking through towards the next realm.

Although Jiu Shen was confident about the mercenary's breakthrough, he still wanted to see the process. He grabbed a chair randomly before sitting in front of the mercenary casually.

"Please have a taste. Our wager is still in place. If you don't breakthrough after eating this dish, then you will have it for free." Jiu Shen confidently spoke while eyeing the excited mercenary.

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Everyone was looking greedily at the piping hot dish on the table. If they haven't seen Jiu Shen's strength earlier, they would have long since fought for it.

"Go eat it now, brother Xu! We can't hold ourselves back for long. Don't torment us any longer!"

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"Right! Just goddamn eat it already!"

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After seeing his friends' contorted appearance, brother Xu hastily stuffed one crescent-shaped shrimp in his mouth.

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The moment he took the first bite, loud crunching sounds resounded inside the small store.

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"This... This... Delicious. Huhuhu." Brother Xu cried while stuffing shrimps after shrimps in his mouth.

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The tender shrimp meat melted in his tongue, filling his taste buds with the freshness of the Overlord Shrimp mixed with the spicy flavor of the Viper Magma Chilli. The two kinds of tastes accentuated each other in perfect harmony.

Brother Xu had a drunk expression as two lines of tears trickled down his cheeks.

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Boss Scar and the other mercenaries were surprised after seeing brother Xu's expression, but they just silently stared at the deep-fried Overlord Shrimp regretfully.

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Brother Xu sniffled as he grabbed the remaining deep-fried shrimps and dipped in the Viper Magma Chili sauce which was emitting a baleful aura. He then put it inside his mouth and crunched it ferociously.

It was unknown if he was crying due to the spiciness of the Viper Magma Chilli or because of the deliciousness of the deep-fried Overlord Shrimp.

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He then burped with a satisfied smile on his face. His expression then turned into one of surprise as he exclaimed.

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"It's stimulating the true essence inside my body! This... It's actually worth more than several pills added together!"

Brother Xu stood up after sensing himself breaking through towards the 4th-rank Knight Crusader without even meditating.

Even if one consumes a 4th-grade pill, they still had to meditate and direct the true essence from the pill towards their dantian. But brother Xu has not even meditated yet and he already broke through a realm in one go!

"What the hell?!"

"He broke through in one go! He actually broke through in one go! Am I dreaming? He did not even meditate... This..."

Boss Scar's jaw dropped on the ground and his eyes went wide. He then glanced at Jiu Shen with an inquiring look, but the latter did not even bother looking at him.

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Jiu Shen nodded his head calmly as if it was within his expectations. The Overlord Shrimp was, after all, a 5th-rank Spirit level creature, and the other ingredients used were likewise rare and abundant in true essence. Hence, breaking through in one go was to be expected.

Brother Xu's true essence did not stop from increasing after breaking through towards the 4th-rank Knight Crusader. His aura became increasingly stronger and consolidated. And the most surprising thing was that he did not even meditate! It means that the true essence from the dish instantly went inside his dantian.

Brother Xu's aura stopped from increasing after it reached the peak of the initial-stage 4th-rank Knight Crusader.

The drunk expression on brother Xu was gone and it was replaced by an ecstatic look. He then glanced smugly at the other mercenaries while smiling at them broadly.

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"You lost the bet. Now, it's time for you to pay." Jiu Shen's calm voice entered his ears like a bucket of cold water. The smile on brother Xu's face twitched as he glanced at the emotionless expression of Jiu Shen.

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"Of course. Of course, how could I not pay? Such a fine dish with shocking effects. 100 True Crystals is truly a bargain." Brother Xu smiled while paying for the dish. He was genuinely happy for breaking through. It even exceeded his expectations by a great margin.

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Brother Xu glanced at the young man in front of him. He was shrouded by a thick veil of mystery, and even his strength was unfathomable.

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'Just who is Wine Master Jiu Shen? And how come an expert like him established a small store here in the capital city?'

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The True Crystals in Jiu Shen's hands vanished in a blink of an eye. The mercenaries were no longer surprised after seeing it. They were already numbed on the surprises inside the small store.

As for how the True Crystals vanished, of course, they were taken away by the system without even asking for Jiu Shen's permission.

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Jiu Shen was still wearing his poker face when the True Crystals vanished. He then glanced at the tongue-tied mercenaries who were looking at him as if he was the reincarnation of buddha.

"Are you guys still going to order? If not, then pay your bills and get out of my sight." Jiu Shen said without batting an eyelid.

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The mercenaries' faces twitched, but they were already growing accustomed to Wine Master Jiu's eccentric personality.

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"Wine Master Jiu, give me two orders of the dish, please." Boss Scar gritted his teeth with an agonized expression.

He only brought a little more than four hundred True Crystals with him and left his remaining crystals in the Mercenary Guild. He never would have thought that Liu Xiufeng was actually speaking the truth regarding the prices of the store's wines.

He felt his heart bleeding, but he still decided to try the dishes. If it was really capable of enhancing the true essence inside his body, then the price was worth it.

"Me too, Wine Master Jiu. Give me one order of the dish." Liu Xiufeng similarly had a contorted expression, but he still fished out one hundred True Crystals from his small bag.

"Me too! One order of the dish!"

"Count me in, Wine Master Jiu! I also want one order of the dish!"

"Sigh! I only brought less than a hundred True Crystals with me. Wine Master Jiu, just give me an order of Ables Blanc."

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Jiu Shen accepted the orders with a nod of his head before stepping inside the kitchen.

'Looks like I will be able to finish this mission in just one day. I wonder what the reward will be.'

