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Chapter 121: The Treasure At The Dragon King's Palace

This cave at the seabed was a secret treasure house which the Dragon King had told Yang Chen about, when he was beheading him. This huge open space at the bottom of the sea was also a magic tool to control the ocean within the palace of the Dragon King at the bottom of the sea, the East Sea Nautical Map.

The East Sea Nautical Map was able to illustrate all mountains or creeks above the sea bed, even including the topography of the sea bed. On top of it was the distribution of formidable ocean beasts and at the same time also the distribution of Spirit Veins within the ocean.

Those bright spots were precisely the distribution within the East Sea, every bright spot meant a Spirit Vein and the size and illumination showed the Spirit Power concentration of the Spirit Vein. The larger and the brighter, represented clearly how much more Spirit Power the Spirit Vein had.

The Green Jade Immortal Island's were within the territory of the East Sea, naturally they had to accept the control of the Dragon King of the East Sea, but the Dragon King of the East Sea had long ago concealed this place, so even the currently acknowledged Dragon King didn't have this treasure.

This Nautical Map of the East Sea furthermore had a very important use, that was that the person controlling it could move the Spirit Power within the East Sea Territory however he wished. Yang Chen thoroughly understood how to control the tricks of this treasure and he could extract and move the Spirit Power within these Spirit Veins at all times.

Placing the Bottle of the Medicine Garden on top of the area representing the Green Jade Immortal Island, Yang Chen began to exhaust the Spirit Veins from the Nautical Map of the East Sea.

The region occupied by the Green Jade Immortal Island was indeed a region with abundant Spirit Power: a large number of their veins were enough to rival the master vein of the Pure Yang Palace. These formidable veins had also contributed to the countless experts of the Green Jade Immortal Islands and also made the Green Jade Immortal Islands one of the top sects.

Without caring for any of these, Yang Chen was solely engrossed in controlling the Nautical Map and began to extract the Spirit Power of that region. Immediately, only slight traces of the hundred,

previously bright, spots remained, and a thin thread of Water Essence had congealed in the surroundings of the bottle and started entering it.

The congealing speed greatly astonished Yang Chen. The bottle which had required a whole year to be completely filled at the Immortal Falling Well had already been filled by so much within such a brief time, at lightning speed. If this continued, then it would only be a matter of a few hours before it was filled completely.

This was moreover the purest type of tenth water Spirit Power, it basically did not require any kind of transformation and could be absorbed by the bottle of the Medicine Garden directly. Such a great thing, where else could he find it?

What made Yang Chen most happy was that this enormous amount of Spirit Power, was already sufficient to allow him to refine the bottle of the Medicine Garden. What Yang Chen had been able to do previously was at most to receive the medicine garden and lay down an imprint of his Spiritual Awareness, so that the defending sword spell would not attack him, but refining it properly was a completely different matter.

The refining would allow the Medicine Garden to become even more formidable as well as become a treasure intimately bound to Yang Chen. This Medicine Garden was such a luxurious natural resource, how could Yang Chen not treasure it?

The Heavenly Stars Treasure Refining Secrets were unleashed at lightning speed and began the first layer of refining. Previously, because his cultivation was not sufficient and he did not have an enormous supply of Spirit Power, he could not have done anything about it. Even at the Second Fierce Yang Courtyard Yang Chen was not willing to thoroughly extract the Spirit Power of that Di Mai for this kind of thing.

But currently, after the female disciple of the Green Jade Immortal Islands had insulted and driven away Yang Chen without any cause or concern, how could Yang Chen still be courteous? He directly extracted about half of the Green Jade Immortal Islands' Spirit Power. The enormous amount of Spirit Power was enough to allow Yang Chen to completely refine the medicine garden to the first layer.

But the grade of Medicine Garden was very high, refining it forcefully was just barely enough and he needed to fully concentrate on this. This region of the ocean was completely deserted, with only Yang Chen present so he could concentrate fully on refining and had no need to be vigilant.

Even if Yang Chen was already at the Foundation stage and moreover all attributes of the Five Phases of Yin and Yang secrets were at the Foundation stage and he was also already able to use the fourth layer of the Heavenly Stars Treasure Refining Secrets, in front of the Yang Mountain Medicine Garden, he could only refine the first layer of the Heavenly Stars Treasure Refining Secrets.

The Medicine Garden had transformed into a bottomless pit for Spirit Power and began to crazily absorb the Spirit Power, which was also purifying its main body, under Yang Chen's control, allowing it to become even more purified. This process lasted for a whole twenty days. Only then was the first level of the cleansing by Spirit Power completed.

Following this, it was permeated by all types of Spirit Power, each of them inserting the Heavenly Stars Treasure Refining Secrets trace by trace, as if demanding to completely absorb the entire Spirit Power within Yang Chen's body. The Spirit Power transmitted by the Nautical Map was crazily transformed into Yang Chen's Spirit Power, which allowed him to sustain the consumption by the medicine garden.

Even though it was hard work, Yang Chen did not stop for even for a moment; whether it was day or night, he continued to refine. The Spirit Power of other attributes was still not bad, but when the fifth earth True Qi began its refining, small changes suddenly appeared in the bottle of the medicine garden.

The soil in the Medicine Garden was apparently just crudely selected and refined afterwards, but after suddenly receiving the nourishment of the fifth earth True Qi, with this kind of origin Spirit Power, the soil began to transform quickly.

It seemed as if dark oil was added in the yellow soil, frantically absorbing and transforming. A part of the ground had already turned black. Those cultivation resources growing on it were also as if they had received some nourishment and began to grow quickly.

Immersed in the refining, Yang Chen couldn't even sense the passing of time. The Spirit Power within his body was crazily used up, leaving none behind and afterwards, Spirit Power entered from outside of his body and transformed at lightning speed. Then it was used up again, once again leaving nothing behind. This cycle continued for a long time.

After Yang Chen had reached the Foundation stage, what he needed to do was to consolidate his realm. What was meant by consolidating the realm was precisely to allow him to get completely familiar with the conditions of the meridians in his body, allowing him to get familiar with the cultivation of this realm

and the consumption of Spirit Power, so that he would be able to adapt and not lose a realm due to the backlash after consuming an enormous amount of Spirit Power.

The most simple method for this was training for a long period of time. But what Yang Chen was doing currently was precisely something which could be described as that kind of enormous consumption of Spirit Power. But the most fortunate thing was, that his body had an unending stream of Spirit Power, so he didn't need to worry about being unable to absorb Spirit Power, or that perhaps his Spirit Power absorption rate was not sufficient, leading him to lose a realm of cultivation.

The Green Jade Immortal Islands and Yang Chen had no hatred in his previous life, therefore Yang Chen would not do such a thing as destroying their foundation. But Yang Chen was also not someone who allowed others to insult him for no reason, so he had to teach them a lesson.

When the soil within the Medicine Garden had transformed into fertile black earth, which was full of fifth earth True Qi, the bottle of the medicine garden shook once and then produced a brilliant white light, signifying that the first layer of the Heavenly Stars Treasure Refining Secrets had already been refined completely.

At this moment, Yang Chen was counting the time that had passed since he had started refining on his fingers and two months had already passed. Within these two months, the Green Jade Immortal Islands would have probably sunken into chaos.

The Spirit Power emitting rate of the Spirit Veins previously filled with Spirit Power had suddenly slowed by many times, and the Spirit Power rushing forth had also become thinner by much. Any person who was cultivating could sense this situation clearly.

Originally the people had believed that the Spirit Power in the Spirit Vein at their location had dried up and that's why this was happening, but when the news was reported to the higher ups, the elders of the Green Jade Immortal Islands discovered that this kind of situation was happening throughout the entire Green Jade Immortal Islands.

In the end, nobody knew what had happened. Several YuanYing stage expert immediately began their investigation and even a Da Cheng stage expert in seclusion was disturbed, but even after one month of thorough investigation, no results were obtained.

The Green Jade Immortal Islands was as if facing a huge enemy. Everyone knew what the drying up of their Spirit Veins implied. Everyone who knew about this matter, was asked to seal their mouths. Countless disciples were ordered to go out and look for any suspicious signs in a radius of two thousand miles.

Since such a big affair had happened, those female disciples at the gateway were also called back and investigated regarding what had happened recently. Who had come, what did they want, every single piece of information was thoroughly inquired about. Maybe something among this information was related to this affair.

Everyone knew how critical this situation was, so nobody dared to hide anything and told them about who had visited and regarding what happened very clearly one after another, allowing the higher ups of the sect to analyze them.

When the time of Qi Yun Rou, the one who was responsible at the time when Yang Chen had visited, she told them very clearly about everything, but was hesitating whether or not to tell them regarding Yang Chen's matters, but having been seen through by the elder responsible for the investigation, he asked her strictly:

"Are you still hiding something?"

"Disciple does not dare!"

Qi Yun Rou hastily replied and afterwards, clenching her teeth, began to speak about the matter of driving Yang Chen away.

"He had come for an official visit, why did you drive him away?"

The investigating elder deeply wrinkled his brows, his eyes fixed on Qi Yun Rou, he suddenly asked:

"Do you have some hatred towards the Pure Yang Palace?"

"No, elder!"

Qi Yun Rou hastily replied.

“Then do you have any hatred towards this Yang Chen?”

The elder asked again, he had to clearly inquire about this matter, maybe something important was concealed in this.

“I do not, elder!”

Qi Yun Rou replied by shaking her head.

“That youngster, Pure Yang Palace’s Yang Chen, did he show proper etiquette or was he arrogant?”

The elder wrinkled his brows even more, the questions also became more and more pointed.

“He was not, elder!”

Qi Yun Rou was feeling wronged all of a sudden, why was the elder asking her these things?

“Then how did he come, you must know, right?”

The elder had already loosened his brows, but nobody among the female disciples responsible for receiving visitors in the surroundings dared to make any sound. They all knew about this elder’s temperament, the angrier he was, the friendlier he seemed. Even when his brows were not wrinkled, he was clearly a little angry.

“He had come in on a boat.”

Qi Yun Rou remembered everything very clearly, from the time Yang Chen had landed on the coast to the time he had been at the gate.

“Then what do you think, could he use a flying sword or not?”

The elder asked again, nicely.

“He could, elder!”

Qi Yun Rou didn't dare to be neglectful and replied quickly:

“When he was departing, he left using a flying sword.”

“Oh, so it was like this!”

The elder nodded his head, he seemingly recalled something suddenly and he asked with a consulting tone:

“Qi Yun Rou, what do you say, since he could use a flying sword, why did he use a boat to come here?”

It was not like nobody had come using a boat before, so Qi Yun Rou naturally knew the reason. Currently she had a faint feeling that things were far from encouraging, but she also had to reply to the elder's question and could only reply, bracing herself:

“He had come using a boat, to convey his respects for my Green Jade Immortal Islands!”

“Yes, he wanted to convey his respects to my Green Jade Immortal Islands, therefore he came by boat!”

The elder nodded his head, using a tone as if he had suddenly gained enlightenment. Suddenly he said:

“But unfortunately, you had no grievance or hatred towards him and the Pure Yang Palace hadn’t provoked you and the Pure Yang Palace had also not offended my Green Jade Immortal Islands. Someone else’s disciple came to visit us in good faith, but you have driven him away. Is this how my Green Jade Immortal Islands treat fellow daoists of the same path?”

The elder’s tone was very kind, but Qi Yun Rou did not dare to remain standing anymore and hastily knelt down on the ground, knocking her head against the ground, not daring to lift it up anymore.

The Green Jade Immortal Islands was one of the big sects, so it had to pay clear attention to these etiquettes. As the disciple responsible for greeting visitors, going so far as to neglect a visitor, not just neglecting, simply insulting the visitor, this was precisely throwing away the face of Green Jade Immortal Islands.

Let alone Yang Chen being a fellow daoist, even if he was a mortal enemy, since he had given them respect, they also had to respect him back. Even if they had to fight a huge battle, they still had to wait until the situation had changed. But Qi Yun Rou had gone too far handling the matters like this, how could the elder not be angry?

“Elder, junior apprentice sister Qi has just recently joined the outer disciples and does not understand all of the rules! I request elder to to be lenient in her punishment!”

The responsibility of receiving visitors was naturally not only with Qi Yun Rou, one person of the other senior and junior apprentice sisters on duty said this, and immediately they all kneeled on the ground, pleading for leniency over Qi Yun Rou’s matter.

“Qi Yun Rou, you give me a good reason. If your reason is justifiable, then I will also not punish you!”

The elder was not someone who did not allow people to speak their reason, glancing at everyone kneeling down asking for leniency for her, his gaze rested on Qi Yun Rou again.

“This disciple... disciple... had heard that he had used despicable means to climb to the peak of the Heavenly Stairs, thus surpassing senior apprentice sister Shi’s record. The troubled senior apprentice sister Shi has been in seclusion, cultivating painstakingly ever since the news had come through.”

Qi Yun Rou lifted her head and explained to the elder in a pitiful tone:

“He made senior apprentice sister suffer through that sort of hardship, therefore, this disciple thought...thought...”

“In your opinion, is your senior apprentice sister Shi someone who can’t accept a defeat?”

The Elder said this in one breath and then slowly asked:

“My Green Jade Immortal Islands also can’t accept a fair defeat, is that right?”

“Disciple does not dare!”

Qi Yun Rou hastily kowtowed again:

“Disciple only thought that he had cheated to climb the Heavenly Stairs and he had also used Senior Apprentice Sister Shi’s name to abuse people in the Pure Yang Palace before, he even made the Merit Transferring Disciple let him leave when he just at the qi layer, therefore.....”

“Therefore you thought of teaching him a lesson, is that right?”

Affection or tenderness had already appeared on the elder’s face and his tone was also gentle.

“Yes, elder, this disciple only thought of teaching him a lesson, that’s all!”

Qi Yun Rou did not dare to lift her head again, nor could she look at the elder’s expression and replied while kowtowing.

“How did you know that he used despicable and shameless means to climb to the peak of the Heavenly Stairs?”

The elder continued to ask while shaking his head:

“And moreover how do you know that he used the name of your senior apprentice sister inside the Pure Yang Palace to oppress people?”

“This disciple was told by Greatest Heaven Sect’s Fellow Daoist Li.”

This time Qi Yun Rou didn’t dare to hide anything and revealed everything:

“Last time when Fellow Daoist Li had come to visit Senior Apprentice Shi, he said this.”

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“He said this, but have you seen this with your own eyes?”

As if the elder had intended to give Qi Yun Rou a lesson for a lifetime, he asked about every detail clearly.

“No, elder!”

Qi Yun Rou knocked her head on the ground again, not daring to make any movement, only able to drop her head in response.

“Then you must have confirmed it from various sides and not just dismissed him by listening to just one side, right?”

The elder again asked.

“I haven’t, elder!”

Qi Yun Rou also did not dare to say any useless words, and replied at lightning speed.

“Then I will tell you the truth!”

The elder took a deep sigh and slowly said:

“You say Yang Chen has used shameless and despicable methods to climb to the peak of the Heavenly Stairs. At that time, Cheng Wen Cai of the Greatest Heaven Sect also had questioned this, so afterwards he gathered ten JieDan experts to initiate the Heavenly Stairs again, but Yang Chen was yet again successful in climbing the Heavenly Stairs, Cheng Wen Cai and other nine on the other hand had decided to go against the established precedents and had attacked Yang Chen and thus suffered backlash.”

“He didn’t cheat, only, before he became a cultivator, he was an executioner. He had killed many people, so the land of illusions were unable to affect him.”

The elder who clearly knew about all the details spoke quickly.

“As for you saying that he had used your Senior Apprentice Sister Shi’s name to bully the Merit Transferring Disciple...”

The Elder paused.

“Although I don’t know the exact details, but that Merit Transferring Disciple betrayed the Pure Yang Palace and became the sect’s traitor.”

“Surely you would remember the Greatest Heaven Sect’s matter at the Desolate Valley? They harboured evil intentions towards the Five Phases Sect. The reason this matter had come out was precisely because of that traitor, Chu Heng.”

The Green Jade Immortal Islands was one of the big sects which had personally stepped in to mediate between the Five Phases Sect and the Greatest Heaven Sect, therefore he was extremely clear about this matter:

“Moreover, this Chu Heng was a close friend of Li Qing Chen of the Greatest Heaven Sect. That Fellow Daoist Li you were talking about would probably be him, right?”

“Yes, elder!”

Qi Yun Rou completely hadn't anticipated that there would be such a deep backstory. She had been painstakingly cultivating all this time, so she had paid no attention to outside matters, how could she know so many matters had occurred?

“Only relying on Li Qing Chen's opinion, you have driven away Pure Yang Palace's Yang Chen.”

The elder suddenly smiled:

“Previously, Yang Chen had come using a boat for the visit. When that Li Qing Chen had come, did he also use a boat?”

“He did not, elder!”

Qi Yun Rou was almost at the point of weeping, how could she have thought that a trifling person like Yang Chen would make her incur the elder's rage like this?

“Since you don't understand the ways of the world and don't know how to distinguish between right or wrong, making a mistake is difficult to avoid.”

The elder had finally made a decision:

“Fine then, you can go to the Law Enforcement Hall yourself to receive your punishment! Seal half of your cultivation base and go to a city to temper yourself, when you start understanding the world, you will be able to open your seals and come back to the island for cultivation at that time!”

“Yes, elder!”

Qi Yun Rou did not dare to say anything more and obediently replied.

The punishment for Qi Yun Rou was merely a minor disturbance, which was quickly engulfed in the major matter of the drying up of the spirit veins. After the first two months of great chaos at the Green Jade Immortal Island, the Spirit Power of the Spirit Veins suddenly returned to normal again, as if nothing had happened in the last two months.

At this time, Yang Chen was holding the Bottle of the Medicine Garden within his hand and was laughing loudly. The bottle within his hand had been passed through the first layer of refining by the Heavenly Stars Treasure Raising Secrets. Adding onto that the nourishment by the fifth earth True Qi, its grade had risen greatly.

The size of the Medicine Garden's space had increased by several tens of hectares, but the growth of those herbs within the garden made him even more happy. Under the nourishment of the fifth earth True Qi, although they hadn't matured much, their quality had increased greatly, with at least a thirty percent increase in their medicinal efficacy.

Under the nourishment of the enormous amount of Spirit Power and fifth earth True Qi, the original piece of master root that had been cut off by Yang Chen had already been completely restored and all of the Penglai Divine Wood branches had grown a lot taller compared to before. Originally it was only three meters tall, now it had increased to more than six meters. The thickness of the trunk, which was only thigh thick initially, had also changed to being as thick as a waist, which made him very happy.

The bottle had been completely filled with Spirit Power, recovering its azure color. The bottle's lid was similarly full of golden Spirit Power.

The more Yang Chen looked at it, the more delighted he became. There were numerous Spirit Veins in this ocean, all of them scattered completely, but if Yang Chen wanted to, he could find sufficient Spirit Veins for cultivation.

This was only one use of the magic tool 'Nautical Map of the East Sea'. Actually the huge rock in which Yang Chen was concealed was a treasury left behind by the Dragon King of the East Sea.

The riches in the palace of the Dragon King were something coveted by everyone. As the Dragon King, he had no option but to carefully conceal all of the most precious items as he could not arrange them brazenly at his palace.

This was the treasury where the real treasures of the Dragon King were hidden. The items there were absolutely not as low-quality as the publicly displayed giant machete or the 3600 catties nine pronged trident, or the 7200 catties Heavenly Halberd, or the 13500 catties stick and so on, placed in the open to scare people.

Things that only rely on weight to scare people are certainly not any high grade material, not even worth looking at for Yang Chen. Those things, apart from changing shape, didn't have any other use. They were also only suitable for people who depend only on brute force.

The Nautical Map of the East Sea was the first treasure within the treasury. Walking past this huge space which formed the Nautical Map of the East Sea, was a lofty palace. The palace was a dazzling sight, richly ornamented and had an aura of treasures soaring to the heavens. Not to mention other things, just this palace alone had surpassed any other palace in the mortal world. Even compared to the Heavenly Palace in Yang Chen's memory of his previous life, this palace did not lose by much.

Walking to the center of the palace, he saw two huge jaden gold scallop shells, arranged on the broad throne at the center of the palace hall. The mouth of shell was widely opened and within the center of the shell an extremely bright pearl was placed. From the pearl a wave of Dragon Qi was being emitted, which could make anyone shiver. Even Yang Chen needed to release a little bit of his blood colored Spiritual Awareness to resist it.

This was a pure Dragon Pearl, the number one treasure within this palace hall. Within the entire palace hall, apart from the Dragon Throne directly facing the gate, there were still eight tables in the surroundings. On top of each was a different type of thing, every one of them was releasing a bright treasure aura, which dazzled people and stunned them, and making them feel an urge to continue even if they didn't want to.

One picture scroll, one long rope, one bottle gourd, one pointed shuttle, two forks like a pair of antlers, one small golden ball and a cup filled with water, on top of the eight tables, these eight things were placed. All of these things seemed extremely delicate, but all of them were at most two feet in size. The difference from the Dragon Pearl was that these things weren't emitting any sort of presence.

Before his rebirth, Yang Chen hadn't seen even one of them. Because in his previous life, these things were too far from his reach. But in this life they would all belong to him.

Although the appearance of these eight objects was ordinary, Yang Chen knew that, since the Dragon King had concealed them there, these were absolutely great treasures which could make anyone drool. Compared to these, those things with just a lot of weight and a big and mysterious appearance were just garbage.

Completely ecstatic, Yang Chen directly rushed into the main palace hall. Naturally, bearing the brunt of his greed was that large dragon pearl. But as soon as he reached the region three meters in front of the Dragon Throne and tried to take a step forward in his excitement, a barrier of light suddenly appeared, barring his way. Regardless of whatever method he tried, Yang Chen was unable to step forward.

The Dragon King of the East Sea had once raised this point: the concealed treasures within the Palace of the Dragon King, all of them had a cultivation restriction. Only if their cultivation could support it, could people break through the Spell Formation and enter the main hall.

There was another way for this too, that was to refine the entire treasury of the palace into one's own magic tool. But this method was even more difficult than the previous one. At least before Yang Chen reached the YuanYing stage, he could not even think about it.

Although Yang Chen could only look at these things, this did not dampen his excitement. These were the concealed treasures of the Dragon King! These tightly hidden goods were already the finest kind of magic tools in the mortal world. So many precious treasures were placed there, waiting for Yang Chen to collect them slowly.

The Dragon Pearl was clearly the core treasure of the palace hall, but Yang Chen had no way to collect it. Having no other option, Yang Chen turned to other regions. Yang Chen attempted all of the jade tables once, but apart from one, he was unable to access the others. The only one which he could access was that one pointed shuttle.

With great excitement, Yang Chen quickly went to the edge of the table and picked up the pointed shuttle and delicately sized it up.

This pointed shuttle seemed to be made of gold but was not gold, seemed to be made of jade but was not jade. For some time Yang Chen was unable to determine which material it was manufactured from. Both of its ends were pointed, as if two speed boats had been fitted together.

His Spiritual Awareness explored the pointed shuttle, inside there was no trace of the original master's Spiritual Awareness, surely it was the Dragon King's concealed treasure. With ease, Yang Chen's Spiritual Awareness laid down an imprint of his own Spiritual Awareness at the core of the Pointed Shuttle. For the time being, this was enough to add the pointed shuttle to Yang Chen's possessions.

A moment after becoming its master, Yang Chen immediately discovered the use of this pointed shuttle. This pointed shuttle was a flying tool, comparable to Elder Wu's Heaven Fleeing Shuttle. But what made it more formidable compared to Heaven Fleeing Shuttle was that not only could it rapidly fly in the sky, it could also move at high speed within water. What surprised Yang Chen even more was that it could still move effortlessly on land, only compared to the sky and water, the speed was a little lower.

This kind of precious item was just a well timed assistance for Yang Chen. Among Yang Chen's flying swords, there was none specialized in speed. The speed of controlled swords was pretty ordinary and he lacked a magic tool which could fly at high speeds. Who could have thought he would find it among the treasures hidden within the Dragon King's Treasury?

This pointed shuttle didn't have any name, so according to its properties, Yang Chen thought of an extremely simple name: Flying Shuttle. For Yang Chen, this was only a tool for flying nothing more. It wasn't worth choosing a dominating name, like Nine Heavens Tenth Earth Magical Fleeing Shuttle or something like that, absolutely pointless.

With a thought from him, the Flying Shuttle turned into a huge sailboat. This was another form of the Flying Shuttle, which was used to float on water. The speed could be controlled by Yang Chen just by his intentions. Although it was a sailing boat, this appearance was merely an ornament, for actually moving it still required Spirit Power. Naturally, when truly exhausted, it could also make use of the natural winds, but at that time the Flying Shuttle would only be like a normal sailboat.

The Flying Shuttle had already been refined by the Dragon King, so with Yang Chen's current level it was unthinkable for him to continue refining. Being perfectly satisfied with receiving the Flying Shuttle, Yang Chen began to move towards the backside of the palace. He had already received so many surprises in the front, what would the backside have?

At the back there was a huge group of palace halls, manufactured in accordance with the Dragon King's palace's style. All kinds of living facilities were available inside, everything that one could think of. Yang Chen knew that this hidden treasury was originally another palace prepared by the Dragon King for himself, though it was unknown whether it was a plan to fall back on it in times of need or just a golden house to keep his mistress. In any case, currently all of this would help Yang Chen.

These halls formed a confinement, on the inside, it had bedroom, a kitchen, a study, a drawing room and so on. All of the facilities were installed completely, and all of the things inside could dumbfound anyone. Any random item, even a teacup or a tray, if it was shown off to any imperial palace of this mortal world, it could easily make the emperor die from shame.

This was simply a natural cultivation cave and moreover an immortal cave with extremely abundant Spirit Power. Compared to Yang Chen's Second Fierce Yang Courtyard, it was more formidable by multiple times. The only unfortunate thing was that Yang Chen could not collect it for the time being and could only hide this region, so that when his strength had sufficiently increased, he could come back again.

After walking around once through the Dragon King's palace, the more Yang Chen saw, the more he grew fond of it. In his previous life, until he had died, he did not own a decent immortal cave, the irony being that, in this life, he could possess the best immortal cave in the mortal world after a short while.

After resting for some time in the immortal cave, Yang Chen estimated that after the chaos for two months, the Green Jade Immortal Islands would have discovered that the Spirit Veins had returned to normal again. He departed from the palace of the Dragon King and, using the Flying Shuttle, directly rushed to the entrance of the Green Jade Immortal Islands.

Within the Flying Shuttle, Yang Chen happily discovered that this Flying Shuttle was so perfectly refined, that Yang Chen did not even need to input Spirit Power, as long as he entered enough Spirit Stones, it was capable of extracting the Spirit Power from the Spirit Stones and use it for flying. Without much hesitation, Yang Chen directly put one of the top grade Spirit Stones, which he had obtained from the Mountain God's place, into it and started enjoying the sensation of flying on the seabed.

The circumstances on the outside could be clearly seen from the inside, but currently, deep within the sea, where everything was pitch black, the surroundings could only be probed by Spiritual Awareness. In his path, every kind of sea beast started to appear, from extremely formidable to very weak. Several powerful beasts also sensed the existence of the Flying Shuttle and wanted to attack it, but in front of the extremely fast speed of the Flying Shuttle, they could only give up.

While coming there from the Green Jade Immortal Islands using his flying sword, Yang Chen had to spend several days, but using the flying shuttle, he only needed a few hours to reach the area.

Collecting the Flying Shuttle, Yang Chen rushed to the surface of the sea and once again used his flying sword to reach the beach outside of the entrance gate. He had entrusted Yong Zhu with the matter of making enquiries about Sun Qing Xue. At that time, they hadn't agreed about the meeting place, so Yang Chen could only try his luck.

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Yang Chen had underestimated his position within Yong Zhu's mind, as soon as his figure emerged on the beach, he immediately heard Yong Zhu's surprised voice.

"Grandmaster Yang! Myself has waited for you for two whole months!"

Just as Yang Chen had put away his flying sword, Yong Zhu's voice reached his ears. Immediately looking over, Yong Zhu's figure appeared in his view.

"Sorry for the troubles, fellow daoist Yong!"

Yang Chen smiled, this Yong Zhu had waited for him, so this much courtesy was normal. Although Yang Chen had killed a lot of people, he was still not someone who did not understand the ways of the world.

"Grandmaster, when you were not here, a lot of things happened."

Yong Zhu lamented. At that time the Green Jade Immortal Islands had suddenly taken on a vicious temper and called all loose cultivators and fellow daoists of the same path together and imprisoned them. Every person was asked in detail why they had come to this place, as if they were some kind of thieves. This had really given them a scare.

One of the few big names in the Mortal World suddenly showing such menace made them keep quiet in fear. Nobody dared to say anything and they obediently accepted the arrangements of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, with nobody daring to rebel.

Fortunately, Yong Zhu was considered as an acquaintance, he had friendly relations with some disciples of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, so his situation was a lot better when compared to others. Taking advantage of the opportunity that came from being investigated, Yong Zhu who had known nothing, had quietly asked about the whereabouts of Sun QingXue.

Yang Chen was astonished to find out that the Green Jade Immortal Islands didn't have any disciple by the name of Sun QingXue. Hearing this, Yang Chen was at loss. Could it be that Shi ShanShan hadn't taken Sun QingXue to the Green Jade Immortal Islands? Sun QingXue had a postnatal full spirit root, even though the innate spirit root was different, how could it be possible that she could not fancy the Green Jade Immortal Islands?

But regardless of what was said, the Green Jade Immortal Island didn't have any disciple named Sun QingXue. If he wanted to find her whereabouts, Yang Chen had to look for Shi ShanShan and ask her about it clearly.

If he wanted to find Shi Shan Shan, maybe he would have to go through last time's embarrassment again. Yang Chen wrinkled his brows, he was pondering if he was rushing in trying to establish friendly relations with Sun QingXue. Although he had sown karma with her, and the feeling from that time was moreover pretty good, but if he had to be disgraced by that female disciple of the Green Jade Immortal Islands again, then Yang Chen was not again willing to go through that.

While he was hesitating, somebody had already seen Yang Chen. She was also a female disciple of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, responsible for receiving visitors, moreover she was also there at the time when Qi Sun Rou had embarrassed Yang Chen, only she had not interfered personally.

After Qi Sun Rou had been punished by the elder, she had her cultivation sealed and had been sent to a city to temper her nature. These female disciples didn't dare to be neglectful, seeing Yang Chen, she hastily rushed over there and slightly bowed to him:

"Could it be fellow daoist Yang? Since Sire honored us with his presence, how may I help Sire?"

This exchange left Yang Chen puzzled, could it be that his extracting of spirit power really had an effect on them and they changed their behaviour? But since the other party had asked him, Yang Chen would also not hide. In any case, he had already said that last time, this time he didn't need to say many things, even if he didn't succeed, Yang Chen would remain indifferent.

“Myself is looking to meet with your sect’s Shi Fairy, to ask about someone.”

Since the other person was polite, Yang Chen would also be polite and revealed his goal.

“Let me first invite fellow daoist Yang! I will immediately notify Senior Apprentice Sister Shi!”

This female disciple responsible for receiving visitors hadn’t even led Yang Chen to the lounge and had already replied. Her reaction puzzled Yang Chen even more, not knowing how such a switch from arrogance to deference had come.

But this was also good. Since the attitude of the Green Jade Immortal Islands had suddenly changed, Yang Chen would also not let the previous incident affect the relationship between him and Sun fairy.

Yang Chen settled himself within the visitor’s residence of the Green Jade Immortal Islands. Yong Zhu didn’t care much about appearances and immediately followed after Yang Chen. He would become a joke if he missed any opportunity to become friends with a pill concocting master who could refine a second grade foundation stage pill while he had just reached the Foundation stage himself.

While waiting for Shi ShanShan, Yang Chen was thinking about her life carefully. She had been a cultivation genius all along, whether it was within her sect or after her ascension to the Spiritual World or the Immortal World, being cold and without any mate, she had obtained the nickname of snow plum fairy.

Last time when he had seen her, Shi ShanShan was already at the peak of the Foundation stage and travelling outside. This time, she should have already reached the JieDan stage.

The manner of the Green Jade Immortal Islands had been very proper, they didn’t let Yang Chen wait for long. On one side they properly settled Yang Chen, on the other side they immediately sent a summoning flying sword back to inform the sect. The disciple there immediately informed Shi ShanShan, who was in the middle of cultivation.

“Yang Chen? Pure Yang Palace?”

Shi ShanShan basically didn't have any impression of Yang Chen. Frankly speaking, at that time at the execution grounds, meeting an ordinary executioner, although the things he had said had some impact on her, she hadn't asked Yang Chen's name at that time, so naturally she did not remember him.

But after it was mentioned that Yang Chen was from Pure Yang Palace, Shi ShanShan immediately recalled Yang Chen's identity. The Greatest Heaven Sect's Li QingChen had admired Shi ShanShan for many years and had frequently tried to get in her good graces. While talking with her, he had also mentioned some new cultivation talents and Yang Chen's name was one among them, but the comments regarding him were not particularly good.

Moreover, when Yang Chen had climbed to the peak of the Heavenly Stairs, his name had greatly resonated. Naturally it had also passed to Shi ShanShan's ears. But she had only heard the name of Pure Yang Palace's Yang Chen. As for who the specific person was, she absolutely did not think of the ordinary executioner she had met at the execution ground.

But thanks to Li QingChen, Shi ShanShan knew that Yang Chen was precisely that executioner she had met previously. When she heard that Yang Chen had wanted to meet her, Shi ShanShan was extremely baffled, but hearing that Yang Chen only wanted to know about a person's whereabouts, Shi Shan Shan immediately realized that Yang Chen wanted to know about the whereabouts of Sun QingXue.

Shi ShanShan didn't have a bad impression towards Yang Chen. An executioner kills people, although he had killed many, Yang Chen's words from that time, 'Every debt has a debtor, you and I have no past grudges, nor recent hatred, this is my place of duty, executing orders, please pardon me!', told that investigating the reason was not Yang Chen's responsibility.

But, even without caring about Li QingChen's words, Yang Chen's reputation in her mind was not very good.

Most of all, Shi Fairy had recently heard that one of her junior apprentice sisters, Qi Yun Rou, who had yet to congeal her dan had been punished because she had been driving away Yang Chen, by an elder. Although Shi ShanShan also felt that Qi Yun Rou had to travel outside to train, Yang Chen being the fuse had caused her to loathe him.

"Just when the sect is in troubled times... Fine, I will meet him and tell him about the whereabouts of Sun QingXue and immediately ask him to beat it!"

Shi ShanShan made her decision and rapidly flew towards the visitors' residences.

From Shi ShanShan's cave to the sect's visitors' residences, it was at least several hundred miles. Shi ShanShan was a core disciple, so her cave was located within the depths of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, but apparently she had a very fast flying sword. After just one night had passed and the sky turned bright, Shi ShanShan had already arrived there while Yang Chen was chatting with Yong Zhu.

Yang Chen was chatting with Yong Zhu in full swing. Yong Zhu was fond of travelling, he knew more about some recent matters than Yang Chen, which he was ecstatically explaining to him, while making gestures with his hands and feet. On the other side, Yang Chen was also concentrated on listening and nodded in agreement from time to time.

Suddenly Yang Chen made a gesture with his hand to stop him and his gaze turned outside. Yong Zhu was also startled, then he also hastily turned his gaze to the outside and saw a white figure flash through the sky. In the next moment, Shi ShanShan's cool and elegant face appeared in front of the two of them.

Nobody had had said anything when Shi ShanShan had already turned towards Yang Chen's face. Only after glancing at him for few seconds did her gaze turn again, to Yong Zhu's body this time. When looking at Yang Chen, there was nothing in her gaze, but when looking at Yong Zhu, a trace of shine flashed through her eyes.

A portion of the formless pressure of a JieDan stage expert pressed upon Yong Zhu, who was at the peak of the Foundation stage. He immediately realized that he was wedged between Shi Fairy and Yang Chen and had perhaps was causing some inconvenience.

"Ah, Myself has suddenly remembered something, I still haven't paid a visit to a good friend of mine, that won't do, I will immediately hurry over to meet him!"

Facing the cold as frost Shi Fairy, Yong Zhu immediately understood his wrongs and using the pretense of meeting a friend, he immediately rushed out of there, not even daring to turn his head.

Shi Shan Shan's gaze turned to Yang Chen again, but the recent pressure which was put on Yong Zhu wasn't removed, instead it was pressing on Yang Chen with even greater intensity.

Yang Chen did not care much about this kind of pressure, but seeing that Shi Fairy still hadn't said anything and was pressuring him, Yang Chen couldn't help but feel anger and said to her:

"Shi Fairy, I am an executioner, who has killed many without feeling any guilt. What I am completely unafraid of is precisely this kind of killing intent. Shi Fairy, if you have something to say, say it clearly."

While speaking, Yang Chen was sizing up Shi Fairy's body without even blinking.

Shi ShanShan's appearance hadn't changed much compared to when he had met her all those years ago. In this realm, as long as Shi Fairy did not cross half of her life expectancy, her appearance would basically remain the same. But Yang Chen was unconsciously somewhat amazed by this.

If it were not for finding Sun QingXue, Yang Chen would never have taken the initiative to provoke the cool and elegant snow plum fairy of later generations.

"Why did you want to meet with me?"

Shi ShanShan coldly asked. Seeing Yang Chen wantonly gaze at her body, Shi ShanShan became more and more convinced that Yang Chen was not a good person, but since Yang Chen had properly visited her, Shi ShanShan would also not become hostile.

"I want to know the whereabouts of Sun QingXue!"

Yang Chen did not have anything in common with Shi Fairy. If he was allowed to pick, he would rather prefer people like Yong Zhu, who were entertaining to converse with and moreover knew the ways of the world. Therefore, Yang Chen's manner was not very good and he had directly asked his problem. As long as he received his answer, Yang Chen planned to immediately turn around and leave.

"Little Sister Sun has already been arranged to go to the Clear Sky Sect!"

Shi ShanShan hadn't concealed any information, even after seeing such an attitude of Yang Chen. Hearing her words, the relationship between her and Sun QingXue relationship was not that shallow, since she had used 'little sister' to address her.

Yang Chen was startled, originally he had believed that in this life, since Sun QingXue had been taken away by Shi ShanShan, would not enter her original sect, but he hadn't anticipated that, although the affairs of life were not constant, she had still entered the Clear Sky Sect.

What had truly happened was something Yang Chen could not know. It could only be assumed that he would find out the truth after he could find Sun QingXue. Thinking this, Yang Chen immediately stood up and cupped his hands towards Shi ShanShan:

"Many thanks, I will take my leave!"

Concise and compact, without any nonsense, he directly walked towards the gate of the visitors' residences, intending to leave immediately.

"Yang Chen!"

Shi ShanShan hadn't wanted to stop him. Initially she had only wanted to take a look at this person who had used her name to bully others, but at the same time, when Yang Chen brushed past her, she suddenly thought of something and called him.

"What's the matter?"

Yang Chen was also not in a good mood, Shi ShanShan had been coldly staring at him the entire time, as if he owed her some kind of gratitude and her tone of speaking was also very rude.

"In the future, never use my name!"

Shi ShanShan threw this sentence and directly turned around, not caring whether Yang Chen had heard her or not. Now, even after the words had been said, if Yang Chen still continued to be stubborn, she wouldn't mind teaching him a lesson.

Shi ShanShan wanted to leave, but this time Yang Chen did not ignore her. Turning around, he directly obstructed her path:

“Wait a minute, Shi Fairy, explain your words. Who said that I used your name for my affairs?”

“You should know about the matters you did yourself!”

Shi Fairy’s tone had already become cold to the point which could make people tremble. Surprisingly Yang Chen had still denied it. This person had already entered the list of names with whom she would never associate.

Li QingChen was very skilful with his words. The matter regarding Yang Chen and Chu Heng had been expressed very tactfully. Within Shi ShanShan’s mind, it was already an exception for the Pure Yang Palace to accept Yang Chen, who was an executioner, but Yang Chen had still used her name to bully his teacher. This was simply the greatest sin below the heavens.

Normally, from where would Yang Chen, an ordinary mortal, learn cultivation, if not from the Merit Transferring Disciple? But who would have thought that Yang Chen would force Chu Heng out of the Pure Yang Palace and even made him a traitor? This was simply not loyal or filial, but he still had the nerve to act puzzled.

“Explain your words!”

As if the air in Yang Chen’s lungs had exploded, the blood colored river within his Spirit Sea came out as a huge wave, a formless killing intent came out and attacked Shi ShanShan:

“Although this Yang Chen is not a great talent, I still haven’t degraded enough to use another’s name to handle my affairs!”

Suddenly the scenery before Shi ShanShan’s eyes turned dark. The huge curtain of frightening killing intent was completely submerging Shi ShanShan. Even though she was at the JieDan stage, at this moment she could not bear Yang Chen’s wrath. At this moment Shi Shan Shan was feeling as if she was within an ocean of blood, unprecedented fear was making her body shiver uncontrollably.

But Shi ShanShan was stubborn and hadn't completely lost her persistence. Under the onslaught of Yang Chen's killing intent, biting her teeth tightly, Shi ShanShan firmly stood her ground in front of Yang Chen's killing intent. After facing this round, Shi Shan Shan forced herself to say:

Don't tell me that one of the successor disciples of the Greatest Heaven Sect is accusing you wrongly? Do you dare to have a confrontation with him?"

"Good! A confrontation it is! You should ask that son of a bitch to meet me in the Pure Yang Palace. I will keep him company to the end!"

Yang Chen, in his fierce anger, threw this line, then he turned around to step on his flying sword and disappeared in a flash.

Chapter 124: Let's See Who Is Faster

Yang Chen was so angry that he wanted to leave immediately, but he had forgotten that this was the territory of the Green Jade Immortal Islands. The killing intent he had released without any restraint just a moment ago had alarmed the experts of the Green Jade Immortal Islands.

Because of the anomaly last time regarding the Spirit Veins, the Green Jade Immortal Islands had arranged for elders to guard even the inside of the sect. The killing intent which had suddenly been released by Yang Chen had made the elder, Guan Yueying, who was overseeing the gate of the sect angry.

"Who dares to behave so atrociously at Green Jade Immortal Islands?!"

Her loud voice resounded over the entire island.

Just as Yang Chen had used flown to the seaside, that voice resounded in his ears. Not only the voice, even the formidable Spiritual Awareness contained within the voice exploded within his ear.

Bang!

Yang Chen's Spirit Sea suddenly erupted and clashed with the formidable Spiritual Awareness, but in the end, Yang Chen's cultivation was still too shallow. Even though he had formed his Spirit Sea, it was also only at the level of a peak JieDan stage expert, how could it compare to the Spiritual Awareness of that other person, who had cultivated for several centuries? Just merely clashing with the Spiritual Awareness immediately made a shock pass through his mind, as if his consciousness was hit by a huge hammer, and he directly fell off the flying sword.

While his body was still in the air, Yang Chen could not help but spit out a mouthful of blood. Nevertheless, in his ear, a faint gasp of surprise resounded.

Yang Chen did not dare to be careless and just before he was going to fall into the water, he had stopped the chaos in his spirit sea from increasing with great difficulty and tried to ease up the acute pain rampaging in his body; calling back his flying sword, he wrapped himself in his Flying Shuttle. The Flying Shuttle formed a perfect parabola and rapidly advanced into the sea surface headlong.

"Where are you going!?"

A loud sound resounded within his ears again, but this time it was not an attack through Spiritual Awareness, but rather elder Guan Yueying personally chasing behind him on her flying sword. In the clash just moments ago, she had already left behind a Spiritual Awareness imprint on Yang Chen's body. How could she tolerate a youngster escaping in front of her eyes?

Although it was true that the Green Jade Immortal Islands was passing through troubled times, it was still not so bad that a junior could behave atrociously at the Green Jade Immortal Islands. Yang Chen had gone too far releasing his killing intent. Who did he think he was? Most excessive was that, after committing the act, he had still thought of running away, as if it was such an easy matter.

In Guan Yueying's eyes, if they allowed Yang Chen to depart just like that, then it would certainly be a slap on Green Jade Immortal Islands' face. No matter why Yang Chen had come, no matter which sect Yang Chen belonged to, since he had dared to provoke the Green Jade Immortal Islands, he had to receive his punishment!

Initially she had believed that just the loud shout containing his Spiritual Awareness would be enough to make Yang Chen lose consciousness and then he would be easily captured and dealt with. But she hadn't expected that Yang Chen surprisingly would clash his Spiritual Awareness with her and even more surprisingly, that the blow would be able to distract her.

Over these past years, her words had been of enormous weight in the Green Jade Immortal Islands, she had already forgotten the last time someone had dared to ignore her commands, but currently Yang Chen wanted to flee in spite of everything, which was extremely ludicrous to her.

With her command, her flying sword flew out chasing after Yang Chen within the sea. Elder Guan Yueying was water attributed, but surprisingly Yang Chen still thought that he could flee from her within the sea, truly laughable.

Guan Yueying did not want to kill Yang Chen immediately, she had only thought of teaching him a lesson. With her control over her flying sword, she absolutely did not have to worry about Yang Chen's life. But just a moment after she had urged on to chase after Yang Chen, she surprisingly discovered that Yang Chen's speed was quicker than hers.

Within the sea, the Flying Shuttle hadn't lost even a bit of its speed. And moreover, since Yang Chen had already put in a top grade spirit stone, even if he couldn't use even a trace of spirit power at this moment and was seriously injured, it was still capable of fleeing at high speed according to Yang Chen's thoughts.

Yang Chen had still not lost consciousness and although Elder Guan Yueying's Spiritual Awareness was formidable, Yang Chen's spirit sea had erupted with unfathomable strength and had firmly blocked the attack of the peak YuanYing stage elder and he had only spat out a mouthful of blood, but still without losing consciousness.

So long as Yang Chen was awake, he was capable of using the highest possible speed. This time he had no other alternative than rushing towards the direction with the most open area. Desperately rushing the flying shuttle onward, he did not even dare to turn around.

Yang Chen knew how bad the contact between the Spiritual Awareness' was just a moment ago. Not to mention the Green Jade Immortal Islands, even at the Pure Yang Palace, such a capable person would certainly be considered carefully. At that time, he was so angry that he forgot to restrain his breath, the consequence of which was the current situation.

The anger of a YuanYing stage expert was absolutely not something which Yang Chen could endure. Apart from desperately running away, he had no other option. Fortunately, as long as Yang Chen himself could control the flying shuttle without using spirit power, he would get enough time to heal.

Yang Chen knew who the person chasing him was. Elder Guan Yueying was famous for her fiery temper, if Yang Chen had not run away at that time, he would first have his cultivation crippled, everything else would be left for later. Apart from fleeing with all of his might, he had no other way.

The collision between the Spiritual Awareness' had turned his spirit sea into an earth shattering mess. Although Yang Chen had tried to resist with great difficulty, it was still out of sorts. First he swallowed a healing medicine, slowly restoring the injuries in his body, then he sat down in the posture of Five Hearts Towards The Heavens and began to cultivate the Three Purities Secrets. In this realm, what could be a better way to nurse his Spiritual Awareness than the Three Purities Secrets?

While Guan Yueying pursued him with all her might, Yang Chen began to silently treat his injuries within the Flying Shuttle. In any case, the Flying Shuttle had already been set in a definite direction. Covering several thousands of miles would take at least several days, even with the high speed of the flying shuttle. Until Yang Chen controlled the flying shuttle and stopped it, the Flying Shuttle could only rush forward.

Currently Yang Chen had discovered that although Guan Yueying's speed was not quicker than him, Guan Yueying had left an imprint of Spiritual Awareness on him. Before his Spiritual Awareness hadn't recovered completely, he could not throw Guan Yueying off his trail, so he might as well just heal calmly.

The more Guan Yueying chased, the angrier she grew. She was a peak YuanYing stage expert, an elder whose words had enormous weight at the Green Jade Immortal Islands. Even within the entire cultivation world, let alone the 'righteous path alliance', if someone among the devil disciples of the devil path confronted her, they would also be considered extremely foolish even among their brethren.

But right now, she had been thoroughly infuriated because of Yang Chen. Other than behaving atrociously at the gate of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, he was surprisingly still daring to flee under her nose? If Yang Chen was allowed to escape, how would the Green Jade Immortal Islands raise their head among sects of the same path again?

The quicker Yang Chen's flying shuttle fled, the angrier Guan Yueying became. She had even used some cultivation secrets to increase her speed and had exchanged the ordinary flying sword under her feet and began to chase in the direction in which Yang Chen was fleeing. On the sea surface, she left behind a long, white mark, as if a sharp blade had streaked across it.

With one heavenly circulation of spirit power, the extreme chaos within Yang Chen's spirit sea eased up by a lot. Swallowing a second grade healing pill, Yang Chen began to analyze the circumstances.

The damage caused to the spirit sea by Guan Yueying's first attack made Yang Chen admire the strength of these old timers, but he himself had also not done too bad. For a person who had just reached the Foundation stage not too long ago, to be able to resist the attack of a YuanYing stage expert and merely sustaining a few injuries and even being able to escape, this was not any humiliation, instead it was an achievement!

Once he thought of other party's chase, Yang Chen could not help but turn around to take a look. The Flying Sword was at the seabed and the darkness around him made him unable to see anything. Guan Yueying had left a trace on Yang Chen's body and was not worried about losing him, even if he escaped to the ends of the world. She was flying above the surface of the sea without any intention of entering.

Although Yang Chen could not see the force chasing after him, he was clearly aware of the approaching danger. This kind of faint sensation was constantly on his mind, making Yang Chen feel nervous and uneasy at all times.

Even Guan Yueying hadn't anticipated that Yang Chen would be capable of sensing how near she was. Yang Chen's spirit sea was formidable and Gao Yueying was chasing Yang Chen from the trace of spiritual awareness she left on his body. But from the trace, Yang Chen could also sense her proximity, even though Yang Chen's spirit sea was still rummaging about.

This was completely out of his expectations. All along he had believed that apart from releasing killing intent and imitating demon beasts, his spirit sea only had a formidable strength, but he hadn't anticipated this kind of pleasant surprise.

Although the condition of the spirit sea had become better, Yang Chen was not able to suppress the anger within his heart. Shi ShanShan this woman, how highly did she think of herself? 'I, Yang Chen, need to use your name to handle my affairs?'

Clearly Shi Shanshan did not know how to conduct herself. Though she herself had not investigated this matter, she surprisingly wanted Yang Chen to have a confrontation with the instigator, Li QingChen. Could there be anyone more foolish in the world?

Demanding a confrontation with Li QingChen clearly explained that, after Li QingChen had 'informed' her, she had betrayed him. After anyone heard about that, who would dare to be at ease and tell her anything?

In addition to that, demanding a confrontation in someone's presence was a mistake within mistakes. Leaving aside the question whether Li QingChen would agree or not. At that time, if Shi ShanShan was unable to gather them successfully, that would certainly cause great damage to her reputation. Even if she was able to gather them successfully, from where would Li QingChen gather evidence of Yang Chen using her name to handle his affairs?

In case this happened, Shi ShanShan's criticism towards Yang Chen would be completely fruitless and she would moreover leave behind an impression an egomaniac who heard what she wanted to hear. The Green Jade Immortal Islands certainly did not educate its disciples properly, if this kind of talented disciple did not know how to handle even this simple kind of matter.

Another person who made Yang Chen angry was the elder Guan Yueying who was pursuing him relentlessly. She did not go to ask the disciple of her sect about the matter and instead stubbornly chased behind Yang Chen to maintain the face of her Green Jade Immortal Islands. Yang Chen was also not someone who would go down without a fight.

Only because of a trifling matter like this, she had left all major affairs she was responsible for as an elder and was still pursuing him relentlessly. Whether for good or bad, Yang Chen still possessed his memories as a Great Principal Golden Immortal. This was the first time in this life that someone had put him in such a sorry state.

The more he was forced, the more stubborn Yang Chen became. 'Do you want to chase me? I will allow you to chase me! In any case, since you can't even catch me within the sea, how could you even hope to do so in the sky?'

Guan Yueying's cultivation base of the peak YuanYing stage couldn't make Yang Chen bow down, instead evoking his fighting spirit. He had enough top grade spirit stones to insert into the flying shuttle for several years. If one piece was not sufficient, he still had eight more. If Guan Yueying, a peak YuanYing stage expert was ready to chase after a Foundation stage expert for nine years, then she should bring it on!

On the surface of the sea, a marvelous scene could be seen: Green Jade Immortal Islands' elder Guan was controlling her flying sword and could be seen flying towards the East China Sea. Elder Guan was

fuming with rage, which could be seen on her face, and nobody knew the person who was responsible for provoking her to this extent.

Guan Yueying also couldn't help her anger. She had already been chasing after Yang Chen for a full twenty hours and not only had she not caught him, she had also chased him for a long distance. Normally, a Foundation stage junior flying with all of his strength, being able to maintain this speed for such a long time under the pressure of a peak YuanYing stage expert was already an extraordinary achievement, but not only had Yang Chen persisted for such a long time, he wasn't showing any intention of stopping, which made Guan Yueying even angrier.

When had a trifling Foundation stage cultivator forced a peak YuanYing stage expert to chase with all her speed for such a long time? Moreover this was also when Yang Chen was injured and had already spat out blood, if this matter came out, what would remain of Elder Guan's face? What would remain of the Green Jade Immortal Islands' reputation?

Both of them were extremely stubborn, none willing to bow first. Moreover in Yang Chen's case, he had no other choice. If he stopped, he would be immediately captured by Guan Yueying, which would mean that at least his cultivation would be abolished, to maintain Green Jade Immortal Islands' reputation. How could Yang Chen be ready to become another sect's stepping stone? Most of all the sect of a haughty person like Shi ShanShan.

After this chase had lasted for three days, in the Flying Shuttle: Yang Chen's injuries had already stabilized and his spirit sea was also not that chaotic anymore, having begun to restore to its original state.

Because of this time's damage to the spirit sea, Yang Chen had made a pleasant discovery, the long blood river within his spirit sea and the fifth earth soil, together with PengLai Divine Wood had formed a strong framework. Regardless of how many injuries the spirit sea received, all of them would be supported completely and it would not collapse because of them. This was certainly a nice surprise for him. If it were not for the injuries this time, he would also not have discovered that his spirit sea was so formidable.

The alleviation of the spirit sea's injuries allowed Yang Chen to have an even greater ease in fleeing. Very quickly after he had finished the cultivation of the Three Purities Secrets, he discovered a dot of light within his spirit sea.

That was precisely the trace of Spiritual Awareness which Guan Yueying had left within his spirit sea. Above this dot of light, an extremely thin thread could be seen, barely connecting the rear of the Flying Shuttle with some other region. Yang Chen knew that this was Guan Yueying's spiritual awareness pursuing him.

The extremely small trace of spiritual awareness had raised great interest in Yang Chen. Under the effect of the Three Purities Secrets, the spirit sea hadn't suffered any critical injuries and had almost healed. Currently, Yang Chen could already use about eighty percent strength of his spirit sea and he could begin to deal with this spiritual awareness mark.

What gave Yang Chen some headache was if he should completely refine this mark, which would make Guan Yueying lose his trail or if he should seize the opportunity and make Guan Yueying suffer something of which she could never speak of?

Chapter 125: Want To Die? I'll Help You!

Within the sky, Guan Yueying did not have to face any attack from formidable sea beasts as, first, they would be unable to catch up with Guan Yueying's speed, and second, attacks from the water could not reach Guan Yueying within the sky, so throughout the entire journey she hadn't received any attacks from sea beasts.

The most formidable sea beasts did not come above two hundred meters within the sea and Yang Chen flying speed was even more rapid than Guan Yueying. At the same time, the Flying Shuttle was also able of concealing its traces, so his path within the ocean was even less obstructed.

In the end, Yang Chen still hadn't restored his spirit sea to the state before the spiritual awareness mark was made. In his previous life, Yang Chen had patiently bore everything, so in this life Yang Chen could also endure facing such a powerful enemy.

After three more days had passed, Yang Chen sensed that, within six days, he had already fled several thousands of miles, but Guan Yueying was still chasing him. Although the distance between them was continuously increasing, she had the spiritual awareness imprint to show the way and hadn't stopped for even one moment.

Finally Yang Chen's spirit sea had recuperated properly. At that time, Guan Yueying had struck suddenly and hadn't caused any irreparable damage to his spirit sea. Under the formidable recovery ability of the

Three Purities Secrets and after six days of recuperation, his spirit sea was finally restored to the same state as before.

According to Yang Chen's perception, the restored spirit sea had become even tougher and stronger compared to before. The frame of fifth earth true qi, the blood river and the PengLai Divine Wood trees had become even more robust. Although there was no large improvement in the overall amount of spiritual awareness, the quality had still slightly improved this time.

Guan Yueying was still persevering in her chase. She had also sensed that Yang Chen was relying on an exceptionally good magic tool to escape from her and his injuries still hadn't healed completely. But fleeing continuously for six days, without stopping had already won some admiration in Guan Yueying's heart. There was no Foundation stage junior who could persevere with Guan Yueying chasing them for a full six days and six nights.

Suddenly, Guan Yueying discovered that her spiritual awareness imprint on Yang Chen's body had been accessed by someone and a voice suddenly appeared within her mind:

"Senior, you and I have no past hatred, is it absolutely necessary to go all out?"

Actually Yang Chen had just used the Beast Controlling Secrets to penetrate that marking with his own spiritual awareness, as, in simple terms, it could be said to be an ability for people to exchange their thoughts and was similar to the time when Yang Chen had communicated with She Kui and Xie Sha in the beginning.

At first, Guan Yueying was greatly startled. She had never before thought that someone could unexpectedly communicate through the spiritual awareness imprint she had made and that it would moreover happen directly within her mind. This sudden shock made this peak YuanYing stage expert cry out in fear.

But after the initial shock had passed away, the only thing left behind was the suppressed anger. Not only had Yang Chen behaved arrogantly in the territory of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, afterwards he had also escaped, fleeing punishment and was now going as far as asking her about going all out. Thinking about this, Guan Yueying hated that she could not capture Yang Chen immediately and teach him a lesson to the bones.

“You have behaved arrogantly at my sect’s gate, but I am ready to forgive you for this chase, as long as you agree to seal your cultivation and kowtow at the gate of my sect for one month as a warning for others. Then I am ready to let go of this matter!”

Guan Yueying was an elder of the Green Jade Immortal Islands. Although she was enraged, she had not forgotten the appropriate behaviour as an elder in these kinds of matters. Yang Chen’s crime was not as serious to get him a death penalty and as a cultivator who had cultivated for so long, she would not change her principles just because of a minor offence. She hadn’t thought of killing Yang Chen from the beginning, only capturing him.

Yang Chen completely believed elder Guan’s words, he was convinced that, as long as he sincerely and obediently knelt at the gate of the Green Jade Immortal Islands for one month, the higher ups of the Green Jade Immortal Islands would not look into the matter. But believing her words was a completely different matter from following them.

“Sorry, I am very busy and have no time to delay over here!”

Yang Chen’s intentions were passed on within Guan Yueying’s mind and clearly expressed his rejection.

“Then I will not only capture you, but after capturing you, I will contact your sect and ask them what your master has been teaching you!”

Yang Chen’s refusal made Guan Yueying angry again. This time, even Yang Chen’s sect was implicated.

Guan Yueying hadn’t anticipated that her words would have completely offended Yang Chen. Hearing that Guan Yueying would cause trouble for Gao Yue in the future, Yang Chen exploded with anger and immediately made his resolve.

“Since you have not given me face!”

Yang Chen’s thought, filled with threatening menace was directly passed on through Guan Yueying’s spiritual awareness imprint:

“Then you must not blame me for being impolite!”

The Flying Shuttle suddenly turned around and started rushing towards Guan Yueying’s direction. Hearing Yang Chen’s words, Guan Yueying was also furious. A trifling foundation stage youngster was daring to be impudent in front of a YuanYing stage ancestor? Who did he think he was?

“Youngster, you are courting death!”

Naturally Guan Yueying did not care about Yang Chen’s threat, but since Yang Chen had turned around and was rushing towards her, she had no need for chasing him, she could easily capture him now.

Her fated flying sword immediately flew out. This time, Guan Yueying did not plan on giving Yang Chen any opportunities. The main problem was Yang Chen’s flying tool. Guan Yueying absolutely could not tolerate Yang Chen running away in front of her again and again. When they come into contact, Guan Yueying had to destroy that flying tool first.

At this moment, Yang Chen was also extremely enraged. He had no great hatred with Guan Yueying. If she tried to find the whole story, she could easily see that this incident was caused by Shi ShanShan, but she was hell bent on making Yang Chen kowtow and apologise. But if this could be tolerated what could not? If Guan Yueying was not so deeply settled on teaching him a lesson, Yang Chen would also not have talked in this tone.

The distance between the two people was diminishing very quickly. Originally the distance between them had stretched to several hundred miles in six days and six nights, but with Yang Chen and Guan Yueying’s speed, the distance between them had now almost dropped to zero.

Guan Yueying had already prepared properly. She had to teach this youngster, who did not know the immensity of heaven and earth, a good lesson and make him know that that Green Jade Immortal Islands were not something which anyone could casually insult.

Without waiting for Guan Yueying to respond, Yang Chen had already controlled Guan Yueying’s spiritual awareness imprint and threw it into the blood river.

Bang!

That unbounded killing intent which could make even a Da Cheng stage expert frightened stiff, directly invaded Guan Yueying's mind through that spiritual awareness imprint.

Although Guan Yueying was already a peak YuanYing stage expert, at this moment, she was no different from the people Yang Chen had already killed. This killing intent could scare even the immortal officials of the Heavenly Court, compared to them Guan Yueying was just a mere YuanYing stage youngster of the mortal world, who absolutely didn't have the power to resist. After an instant of alarm, she immediately lost consciousness.

Elder Guan was flying at high speed, her body still on the flying sword, but she had already lost consciousness. Her natal flying sword suddenly lost control and automatically entered her body. Her white clothes made her seem like a Immortal, forming a beautiful parabola in the sky, similar to the time Yang Chen had entered the sea at the Green Jade Immortal Islands.

Fortunately, by this time, Yang Chen's Flying Shuttle had also hurried over there and had caught Guan Yueying's body before falling into the sea. Otherwise, even if Yang Chen had not attacked, Guan Yueying's body would have been completely devoured by sea beasts. It was not like she would have woken up by falling into water after having been stunned by Yang Chen's killing intent.

Now a YuanYing stage ancestor was lying not too far from him. The space inside of the Flying Shuttle was big enough for Guan Yueying to lie down.

Although she had already lived for hundreds of thousands of years, she still had a young face. It had to be said that the Green Jade Immortal Islands pay good attention when picking disciples. This elder Guan Yueying would be considered a gorgeous woman at any sect.

But at this moment, Yang Chen was certainly not in the mood for looking at a beautiful woman. He was thinking about how to resolve this matter.

Guan Yueying was not an ordinary person, she was an elder of the Green Jade Immortal Islands and a famous person in the cultivation world. The Green Jade Immortal Islands was a big sect, comparable to the Greatest Heaven Sect. Yang Chen certainly could not offend the Green Jade Immortal Island at this time, otherwise, maybe the sect extermination would happen even earlier.

If he killed Guan Yueying, it would clearly mean that he had become hostile to them. Yang Chen did not want to create troubles for Pure Yang Palace and Gao Yue, but unfortunately, Guan Yueying who was currently lying in front of him, would certainly be difficult to deal with.

Not to mention about dealing with her, how would he manage Guan Yueying after she woke up? He could not kill her, but how could he make her abandon her investigation? That was the most important matter.

Yang Chen had already completely taken care of the spiritual awareness mark made by Guan Yueying. With Guan Yueying captured, things would be much easier.

When Guan Yueying woke up, the first thing she saw was not Yang Chen, but rather a sharp flying sword pointed between her eyebrows, the pointed end already slightly pricking her skin.

After some slight movements, the color of Guan Yueying's face changed. She could not use even a trace of spirit power as if her cultivation had been sealed by someone. This made Guan Yueying completely terrified. Nobody would like the sensation of being taken advantage of.

Now, she started remembering that, before she lost her consciousness, there was a sea overflowing with blood. It still gave her a shiver. What sort of person could have that sort of killing intent? Surprisingly even a peak YuanYing stage expert like her couldn't withstand it?

"I don't want to kill people!"

Yang Chen's voice echoed in her ears. Afterwards he appeared in front of her, looking at Guan Yueying:

"But I am not afraid to kill people! Do you believe me?"

Nodding her head, although she was a little panicky looking at Yang Chen, Guan Yueying was after all a peak YuanYing stage expert. She had seen a countless number of such spectacles and had also seen many battles. After her initial panic, she quickly regained her calm.

But for some unknown reason, Guan Yueying suddenly thought that the youngster in front of her was very frightening. This was not her logical judgement, it was a reaction from her body.

Guan Yueying's body suddenly started trembling, that sort of unconscious tremble. Even when meeting a Da Cheng stage expert, she never had this kind of sensation. In front of Yang Chen, she was feeling fear out of instinct.

She absolutely did not think that Yang Chen was just bragging. Just relying on the killing intent which had made her lose consciousness, if Yang Chen wanted, creating a massacre on the Green Jade Immortal Islands was not a difficult matter at all. As for whether Yang Chen was afraid of killing people, if a person possessing such a terrifying killing intent was afraid of killing people, then who wouldn't be?

"Who are you? How have the Green Jade Immortal Islands offended you?"

Although she was still frenetic within her heart, her body still trembling as before, Guan Yueying still clenched her teeth to ask these questions. Since Yang Chen had not killed her when she was unconscious and instead said this to her as soon as she woke up, it clearly explained that this matter could still be saved.

"Myself is Pure Yang Palace's Yang Chen, initially I did not have any grudges with your sect, but your sect has tried to bully me, whether it was insulting me or trying to kill me without any cause, do you think this Yang is so easy to bully?"

Although Yang Chen was sitting in front of Guan Yueying, he did not remove the flying sword pointed between her eyebrows.

"This is a misunderstanding!"

Hearing Yang Chen, all kinds of rumors flashed through Guan Yueying's mind. Afterwards she immediately thought of the matter regarding Qi YunRou driving away Yang Chen, but at the same time she also became clear about everything and hastily said:

"Regarding the matter of Qi YunRou driving you away, I have already punished her and sealed her cultivation and sent her to live in Fang city to temper herself!"

“That is the internal matter of your Green Jade Immortal Islands, it has nothing to do with me!”

Yang Chen looking at Guan Yueying, slowly said:

“I am also ready to overlook the matter of you injuring me, but, there is one condition, next time you shouldn't provoke me!”

“Are you threatening me?”

In any case, Guan Yueying was also an elder of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, Yang Chen's words really didn't give her any face. Guan Yueying couldn't help but be angry:

“Do you want to make an enemy of my entire Green Jade Immortal Islands?”

“I never do these meaningless matters.”

Yang Chen shook his head:

“If you want to silently disappear, I can help you accomplish that!”

“Kill me. Do you believe you can escape the Green Jade Immortal Islands' hunt?”

Guan Yueying was fighting for the Green Jade Immortal Islands' face. Even if she was facing someone she was afraid of, she did not change her intentions.

“You think your Green Jade Immortal Islands have someone who would believe that you, a peak YuanYing stage cultivator have been killed under the hands of an initial Foundation stage cultivator like me?”

Yang Chen bluntly pointed out the flaw in Guan Yueying's plan:

"Let alone believing this, would those great experts of your Green Jade Immortal Islands be willing to admit that you, a peak YuanYing stage cultivator have been killed by me?"

"But in the end, I have gone missing after I have started chasing you, isn't that so?"

Guan Yueying already knew that she did not have any support, but she was still trying to appear strong.

"When they find me, I will just say I don't know!"

Yang Chen gently laughed:

"If worse comes to worst, I can just say that you had caught me and I had promised to kowtow as apology and afterwards you disappeared. Tell me, wouldn't they believe these words, or would they think I am lying after killing you?"

"Weren't you against kowtowing and apologising?"

Guan Yueying got even angrier after hearing this. If Yang Chen was ready to kowtow and apologise, what was this chase for?

"Killing a peak YuanYing stage expert of Green Jade Immortal Island would be a great matter, kowtowing is just kowtowing. Not such a great punishment."

Yang Chen sneered.

"It looks like elder Guan has already planned on dying. Even if you are an elder of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, you are still an elder in my possession. Decide how you want to die and I will help you achieve it!"

Chapter 126: You Are My Heart's Devil

Seeing the indifferent attitude of Yang Chen, Guan Yueying had finally realized that the pressure of the Green Jade Immortal Islands didn't work in front of Yang Chen. Disappointed, she gave up struggle and unwillingly asked:

“What do you want?”

“I have already said, if you don't want anything, don't provoke me!”

Yang Chen said, closing his eyes:

“From the beginning, you didn't have the intention of killing me, that's why I am giving you face, but by all means, you must not think that I am afraid to kill people!”

Speaking until here, Yang Chen stretched out his hand.

Whoosh!

The flying sword which had been pointed between her eyebrows suddenly disappeared. Immediately after that, Guan Yueying discovered that the spirit power in her body was no longer restricted and she had turned into the omnipotent peak YuanYing stage expert again.

But this time Guan Yueying didn't retaliate against Yang Chen. Even though, with her strength of the YuanYing stage, she would easily be able to control a Foundation stage disciple like Yang Chen.

It was not simply because of those words about renouncing all hatred which Yang Chen had said just a moment ago, instead it was because Guan Yueying had suddenly discovered that, the instant Yang Chen had stretched out his hand to take back the flying sword, a black imprint had appeared on Yang Chen's finger. Moreover that imprint clearly had an extremely strange design.

Although Guan Yueying's cultivation was not high enough to notice that Yang Chen had not stored that flying sword into the qiankun pouch on his belt, but rather in that imprint. But that imprint on Yang Chen's hand was really extraordinary. Guan Yueying had some vague recollection of such an imprint.

The Green Jade Immortal Islands was a famous sect which had an enormous influence, even in the Immortal Realm. Although passing news from an upper levels to lower level was extremely difficult, some crucial information was still passed down. The design on Yang Chen's finger was also among that.

A person of the upper realm? Guan Yueying did not dare to judge this, but when she thought of Yang Chen's achievements, she also couldn't think of anything else.

If he was not a person from the upper realm, how was he capable of refining the Heaven Seizing Pill at the Foundation stage? If he was not someone from the upper realm, then how could he restrict a peak YuanYing stage expert such as her? If he was not from the upper realm, how could he have a magic tool which even a peak YuanYing stage expert, chasing with all her might, couldn't catch? If he was not from the upper realm, then how could he have that sort of killing intent?

The more Guan Yueying thought about it, the more certain she became, but she didn't dare to be completely certain. Transferring even a little information from the upper realm to a lower realm needed a big sect like the Green Jade Immortal Islands to invest a price which made even them feel bitter. How difficult would it be to transfer a person from the upper realm? Even if the Green Jade Immortal Islands used their entire strength, they still wouldn't be able to achieve it, but then which sect would have such resources to spend? The Pure Yang Palace? Was that even possible?

Therefore, regardless of any evidence, Guan Yueying did not dare to be completely certain that Yang Chen was someone from upper realms. Regardless of whether he was or not, there were still a lot of mysteries which didn't have an explanation. The person of Yang Chen was becoming more and more mysterious within Guan Yueying's mind.

What baffled Guan Yueying most was that, all this time after freeing her, Yang Chen hadn't taken any precautions. These two people sitting so close in front of each other, if she wanted, she could capture Yang Chen in a moment.

Guan Yueying had not been able to understand this matter from the beginning, it had to be known that, in the beginning just by the attack of her spiritual awareness, Yang Chen had sustained injuries and fallen down. Then why... Could it be that he was not worried that Guan Yueying would become hostile again?

"In any case you are an elder of the Green Jade Immortal Islands!"

As if Yang Chen had seen through Guan Yueying's doubts, he faintly smiled:

"By all means, do not allow me to think that the words of the Green Jade Immortal Islands' elders are not in good faith!"

The harder a person tried to defend their sect's reputation, the more he cared about the sect's reputation. Clearly, Guan Yueying was such a person, otherwise why would she have chased after Yang Chen for several days and several nights, just to make him kowtow and apologise?

"The people of my Green Jade Immortal Islands do not eat their words!"

Guan Yueying coldly snorted, no longer saying anything. She started looking around herself, but was amazed to discover that she was on a sail boat, travelling on the surface of the ocean.

"This is a small world, we will surely meet again!"

Discovering this, Guan Yueying wasn't in the mood for staying any longer and greeted Yang Chen. Then, calling out her flying sword, she disappeared without a trace.

But even Guan Yueying herself had not discovered that she had already stopped treating Yang Chen as a Foundation stage junior and was instead using proper etiquette and words which she used when dealing with people on the same level.

Seeing Guan Yueying's disappearing silhouette, Yang Chen released a long sigh. As he did not want to kill someone who didn't have any intentions of killing him, he only had two options: either entice her or scare her, but his status as a Foundation stage disciple of the Pure Yang Palace would rather make her laugh than scare her, so he only had the option of being a fox to exploit tiger's might and used this method to create more mystery.

Fortunately, Yang Chen knew that the Green Jade Immortal Islands had people in the upper realm, who passed on crucial information to them and moreover, as elder, Guan Yueying knew information like that. The mystery provided Yang Chen with a lot of unspoken arguments.

Estimating that, for the time being, he wouldn't have a lot of problems from the side of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, Yang Chen took the control of the Flying Shuttle and adjusted its direction, hurrying towards the coast. He still wanted to go to the Clear Sky Sect to find Sun Qing Xue.

Guan Yueying was using her flying sword again. Spending several days, she quickly returned to the Green Jade Immortal Islands. Carefully investigating the circumstances at that time, she finally knew that Yang Chen had communicated with Shi ShanShan and Shi ShanShan had returned to the inner islands to cultivate. There was no need to mention it, Guan Yueying immediately hurried to the inner islands and found Shi ShanShan, questioning her closely about what kind of matter had actually happened.

Hearing about the circumstances of Shi ShanShan making the appointment with Yang Chen, Guan Yueying stood dumbly on the spot. These kinds of groundless accusations, Shi ShanShan had surprisingly believed them to be true and moreover had still demanded that Yang Chen confronted Li QingChen in her presence?

Suddenly Guan Yueying understood the reason for Yang Chen's anger at the sect's gate. If it were any other person, they would also not feel better when accused of such actions. At the same time, while she understood Yang Chen's behaviour, she also felt great despair about her sect's most talented disciple.

"ShanShan!"

Guan Yueying's tone had become extremely gloomy, but the meaning within her tone leaked an unspeakable undertone:

"Do you think that our Green Jade Immortal Islands is already an unparalleled sect in the whole world and everyone will give us face at all costs?"

"No, elder!"

Shi ShanShan still had that cool and elegant look on her face, she hadn't even changed in front of her sect's elder.

"Then do you think that your reputation is sufficient to give rise to reverence within some sects?"

Guan Yueying asked again:

“Can Yang Chen, using your name, command the entire Pure Yang Palace, which has more than ten YuanYing stage elders and hundreds of JieDan stage experts?”

“Disciple does not dare to say that!”

Shi ShanShan’s face still hadn’t changed.

“Then why do you think that Yang Chen could use your name to run rampant in the Pure Yang Palace and moreover still get away with it?”

Guan Yueying could not understand this point. Could it be that the disciples cultivating within her sect did not understand the ways of the world?

Guan Yueying was extremely furious. If it were not for Shi ShanShan being so stupid, she would not have gone to chase and provoke an enigmatic person such as Yang Chen.

“Because of the words of a clansman of elder Li Yunyu, Greatest Heaven Sect’s fellow daoist, Li QingChen.”

Shi ShanShan continued to answer calmly.

“Do you think everything elder Li’s clansmen say is absolute?”

Guan Yueying did not know what to say anymore.

“Everything he says is completely false!”

As soon as Shi ShanShan opened her mouth this time, it immediately confused Guan Yueying even more.

“No matter what he says, like the many other people pursuing me, saying that I am a fairy, a heavenly talent and so on, I will not be influenced by it.”

“Then why did you still want to make Yang Chen confront Li ChenQing in your presence?”

Guan Yueying immediately realized that Shi ShanShan had some other plan in mind and asked her with a frown.

“Li QingChen is elder Li’s relative and elder Li was helping him trying to make me his Dao Companion. He comes frequently to bother me and disciple hasn’t found any suitable reason to refuse him!”

Shi ShanShan’s complexion hadn’t changed even now. All along, she had that cool and elegant face.

“If he was exposed in his confrontation with Yang Chen, he would not have any face to come and bother this disciple. As for Yang Chen, disciple will apologise to him at that time!”

In reality the reason why Li QingChen hated Yang Chen to the core was because, whenever Li QingChen came to meet Shi ShanShan, at some appropriate moment, she would bring up the topic of Yang Chen. It was not like she had taken much fancy to Yang Chen, instead she only wanted to know about how Yang Chen, the executioner whom she had given a body refining pill, had been fairing recently.

Each and every time, Li QingChen had smile on his face but hatred in his heart. Whenever he replied to Shi ShanShan, he used the most offensive and shameful words to describe Yang Chen. His cultivation was the lowest among the lowest, his character was inferior among inferiors, he spared no efforts in striking at Yang Chen’s image, but because of this, fellow daoist Li’s character had been clearly revealed.

Shi ShanShan had also become extremely vexed, but unfortunately, because of his relationship with Li YunYu, she was unable to do anything and could only empty agree. But Li QingChen continued to harass her, he even enticed the senior and junior female disciples in her surroundings, who incessantly praised him, leaving Shi ShanShan with no other choice. In order to completely eradicate this trouble without any after effects, she could only use this kind of method.

Hearing Shi ShanShan's reply, Guan Yueying had been speechless for a long time. Li QingChen was a relative of Li YunYu, in reality an offspring of one of his later generations. Having such a powerful grandmother, he could come to the Green Jade Immortal Islands anytime and anywhere. Shi ShanShan was not just extremely beautiful, her cultivation talent was also exceptional. Just right for a dao companion in some people's mind. For this, Li YunYu would naturally like to see one of her offspring become a dao companion of Shi ShanShan.

Shi ShanShan did not have any good defence, since Li QingChen had Lin YunYu's support, so she was basically unable to break away from his constant nagging. Refusing frankly would have incurred Li YunYu's anger, so the best method would be to make him withdraw by himself.

Meeting Yang Chen was a good opportunity for Shi ShanShan, with the premise that Shi ShanShan and Li YunYu's relationship would not be damaged, this situation could be resolved perfectly. The only somewhat inappropriate thing was that this matter involved an outsider, Yang Chen.

Qi YunRou was a person roped in by Li QingChen, that's why she had driven away Yang Chen without thinking of right or wrong. But she was also Shi ShanShan's junior apprentice sister, who had been punished because of Yang Chen. Although it was not Yang Chen's fault, in the end Shi ShanShan also put some blame on him, so when she saw Yang Chen, after the proper business was finished, Shi ShanShan meticulously laid out this plan.

If she had not met Yang Chen, Guan Yueying would have supported Shi ShanShan in handling matters this way. Li QingChen would withdraw, elder Li would have nothing to say and the relationships between everyone would not be damaged. But after meeting and knowing Yang Chen's mysteriousness, Guan Yueying thought Shi ShanShan had made a mistake.

After being exploited by Shi ShanShan, what use would an apology be? Not to mention the fact that Yang Chen would not only have to face Li QingChen and the Greatest Heaven Sect behind him, but at the same time also offend Green Jade Immortal Islands' Li YunYu. Even if one forget about these people, why would he let him exploit himself? Shi ShanShan was really taking him for granted too much.

After speaking about all of her apprehensions, Shi ShanShan had gone quiet. Only after a long time did she raise her head and said:

"If you think what disciple is doing is not good that is appropriate, but what has been done cannot be undone, there is no method to change it. Once this matter has been resolved, disciple will offer her humble apology to Yang Chen and ask for punishment!"

“What if Yang Chen asks for you to be his dao companion?”

Guan Yueying gloomily sighed and deeply asked:

“Wouldn’t that just be like having resisted the tiger in the front door while the wolf had entered from the back?”

Apparently Shi ShanShan had not thought about such a possibility. After hearing this, she was rooted to the ground, as if suddenly thinking about what she could do.

“Ai!”

Guan Yueying gloomily sighed again:

“Even if Yang Chen does not raise this kind of request, ShanShan, don’t you think that doing something like this is extremely selfish? We are cultivators. The greater our desires are, the more serious the tribulation is. Using such methods after all is said and done...”

In an outsider’s eyes, Green Jade Immortal Islands’ Shi ShanShan was a pretty good talent, but in Guan Yueying’s eyes, this elder of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, she was only a talented youngster. Admittedly, her cultivation gift could alarm people, but her nature had always been a problem.

“Elder, how should disciple...?”

Guan Yueying saying these words in this way made Shi ShanShan break out in cold sweat. These few sentences made her realize the problem with her method. If it had only brought some trouble for Yang Chen, it was still a trivial matter. At worst, she could simply cancel the confrontation and offer him an apology, but the main problem was that Shi Shanshan herself had developed Heart’s Devil because of this matter.

Since she could settle the dispute, Shi Shanshan was unable to cross over this threshold all along, this was certainly not a problem which could be solved just by tempering herself, training outside. Since this

had some relationship with Yang Chen, then it didn't need to be said that the solution could only come from Yang Chen.

Guan Yueying knew this point clearly, but she did not express it to Shi ShanShan. Some things one had to realize by themselves and only then could they get the best results. Since Shi ShanShan had already reached the JieDan stage by relying on her good innate talent, then, one day, she would surely think of this. If she called her attention at this time, Shi ShanShan would not be satisfied.

But Guan Yueying was still somewhat anxious, even when she had confronted Yang Chen, she had been incapable of making sense of anything and Shi Shanshan was a cold and detached person. When the time came, how would she confront him?

“Whoever hung the bell on the tiger's neck must untie it!”

Guan Yueying mysteriously said, taking her attention once. At least she had given her a hint, but she had not told her the exact details. In reality, she also did not know how to undo this situation, but it didn't need to be said that they had to take every step carefully.

Shi ShanShan's clear vision had seemingly also become somewhat blurred, not knowing what she wanted anymore.

Chapter 127: A Genius With Inferior Perception?

Yang Chen did not encounter any trouble on the way to the Clear Sky Sect. Flying on his flying sword, he also hadn't seen any people until he had entered the region under the influence of the Clear Sky Sect.

The Clear Sky Sect was also situated near a major city, only it was still in a mountain area. In the opinion of these common people, the Clear Sky Sect was at most an ordinary cultivation sect.

Yang Chen hadn't thought that he would meet the Snow White Fairy, famous in the future, under such circumstances.

The shy expression was just like the one Yang Chen had seen at the execution ground, which could make anyone behave tenderly towards her. When Sun Qing Xue saw Yang Chen at the gate of the visitor's

courtyard, her eyes started shining and she immediately ran towards him, showing a pleasantly surprised smile on her face.

“Elder brother, is that you?”

Initially Sun QingXue was baffled. She had no connection with anyone from the Pure Yang Palace, so why had someone asked for her? But the instant she saw Yang Chen, she immediately remembered him:

“I have looked for you for a long time, but I haven’t been able to find your whereabouts!”

All these years, Yang Chen’s appearance hadn’t changed much, so Sun QingXue recognized Yang Chen, her gleam of hope when she had given in to despair. That warm feeling had permeated into Sun QingXue’s days of cultivation.

“I was just passing by, so I came to see you!”

When Yang Chen looked at Sun QingXue, his heart was also filled with joy. Discarding formalities, Yang Chen very much admired Sun QingXue’s gratified nature, especially when he was the one receiving the gratitude.

“Are you happy at the Clear Sky Sect?”

Yang Chen casually asked, looking at Sun QingXue happily preparing tea for him. His eyes constantly staring at her merry figure.

Hearing Yang Chen’s voice, which was still gentle and soft like on the execution ground, Sun QingXue suddenly stopped for a moment, then, adjusting her mood again, she started mixing the tea plants. Afterwards she sighed again and slowly sat down, facing Yang Chen. Looking at Yang Chen having an expression of being wronged across her entire face, she slowly asked:

“Am I stupid?”

For a time, Yang Chen couldn't understand what she meant. What kind of question was this? So he could only ask her suspiciously:

"What happened?"

"I know I am very stupid!"

Sun QingXue slightly drooped her head, as if she was losing face, even tears had started coming out of the corner of her eyes:

"I have followed master to cultivate, but in ten years, I have only been able to reach the ninth qi layer and have no way to rush towards the peak qi layer, let alone the Foundation stage. Elder brother, what do you think, am I not stupid?"

Hearing Sun QingXue's words, Yang Chen didn't know what to say. The famous Snow White Fairy of the later generations, Sun QingXue, an extraordinary cultivation talent, surprisingly questioned whether she was slow in cultivation. This dumbfounded Yang Chen completely.

Seeing that Yang Chen did not say anything, Sun QingXue's head drooped down even more, with emotions choking her voice she said:

"I know I am very stupid, but at that time, whether it was older sister Shi or my master or Great Master, all have said that my innate talent was very good and I am a rare cultivation talent. I have failed to live up to their expectations!"

These words, made Yang Chen clearly realize Sun QingXue's distress. Surprisingly, Sun QingXue originally had such complications regarding cultivation and didn't have any confidence.

Although the case was clear, Yang Chen still was at a loss of words. Sun QingXue was definitely a cultivation talent, there was no need to doubt this, but from the time she had been carried away from the execution ground, around thirty four years had passed and her cultivation was only at the ninth qi layer; it was really strange. According to reason, thirty four years were already enough time for Sun QingXue to successfully reach the Foundation stage, why was she still at the upper qi layer and hadn't even reached the peak qi layer?

Carefully remembering his previous life's memories, Yang Chen was convinced that there was nothing like that in his memories. Sun QingXue was such a famous fairy, how could Yang Chen know her mistakes in his earlier life? How then could the current situation be explained? Could it be that Sun QingXue had deviated at the time when she had begun her cultivation?

"That should not be!"

Muttering to himself, Yang Chen suddenly could not help but think aloud.

Yang Chen's voice made Sun QingXue very surprised, raising up her head, she suddenly asked:

"What should not be? Elder brother!"

"You should better call me Yang Chen or perhaps Elder Brother Yang!"

Yang Chen was attentively watching Sun QingXue. First correcting her address of him, then he put his sights on Sun QingXue and began to size her up. On one side he was sizing her up, while saying on other side:

"I am saying that your cultivation speed should not be slow like this."

"Why, Elder brother Yang?"

Sun QingXue was completely submissive and directly turned changed her address to elder brother Yang. Moreover, Yang Chen's words gave Sun QingXue a new hope, similar to the time on the execution ground, when Yang Chen had informed her that she would certainly not die. Sun QingXue seemingly already blindly trusted Yang Chen.

"Your cultivation should certainly not be so slow!"

Yang Chen declared his judgement again very certainly, soon after that he reached out his hand:

“Come, let me hold your wrist, I will check your pulse to see what the problem is.”

For cultivators, using spiritual awareness to examine was a simpler method than checking her pulse and the results were also far better, but Sun QingXue was a woman, Yang Chen could not use an unbridled method, such as using spiritual awareness, to examine Sun QingXue’s body. This was a problem because of being male and female and was not related to cultivation.

If it was an enemy, Yang Chen would not have paid any attention, but Sun QingXue was a friend. Yang Chen wanted to help, so this was basic courtesy.

“Elder Brother Yang, do you think my body has some problems?”

Sun QingXue didn’t refuse Yang Chen even a little and directly extended her snow white hand:

“But master has said that my body has no problems!”

Yang Chen closed his eyes and started inspecting Sun QingXue’s pulse. Just from the information from the pulse, Sun QingXue’s body didn’t have even the slightest problem and was absolutely fine.

“Could you find anything?”

Sun QingXue was very nervous and asked in a low voice.

Hesitating for a moment, when Yang Chen looked at Sun QingXue’s face which was full of expectations. He released a low sigh within his heart and then opened his mouth:

“I want to use spirit power and spiritual awareness both to thoroughly inspect your body. The premise is, you have to release your spiritual awareness and must not try to move any spirit power, allowing my spirit power and spiritual awareness to enter your body.

Hearing Yang Chen's words, Sun QingXue's face flushed red. Completely releasing her spiritual awareness and spirit power, this clearly meant that her body didn't have any reservations in front of Yang Chen, she was a girl, how could she not blush?

Previously, even her master and great master had also done this, but they were elders and in addition to that they were also female, Sun QingXue would naturally not resist. But Yang Chen was male and at a similar age, how was this even doable?

In reality, Sun QingXue was living under privileged conditions at the Clear Sky Sect. At the time, she had entered to formally become disciple, she was discovered to have an almost-full wood spirit root. This kind of cultivation talent was rarely seen. The Clear Sky Sect immediately gave the green light to this kind of greatly talented disciple: not only was she given a master who had already reached the JieDan Stage, but also all the resources she needed.

Because of this, Sun QingXue felt even more pressure. Even after cultivating for 34 years she had only reached the ninth qi layer. This was completely unsuitable with her extremely high cultivation talent. The only possible explanation was that, although Sun Qing Xue's spirit root was good, her perception was extremely bad, otherwise she would not have such bad performance.

Sun QingXue's hesitation was perfectly normal, otherwise Yang Chen would not have asked such a question. Although Yang Chen wanted to help Sun QingXue to settle her problem, some things Yang Chen also had to pay attention to. In case something went bad, it would certainly not remain a matter between Yang Chen and Sun QingXue and could even involve the entire Pure Yang Palace and Clear Sky Sect. Yang Chen had already learned this from the incident regarding the Green Jade Immortal Islands.

"Little Xue, this fellow daoist of the Pure Yang Palace has good intentions, but he has only reached the Foundation stage not too long ago, so you need not trouble him!"

Sun QingXue still hadn't made her decision, when suddenly a tranquil voice was heard from outside the door.

"Master!"

Sun QingXue's body suddenly jolted, apparently she hadn't anticipated to hear her master's voice there.

Following Sun QingXue's call, an extremely beautiful woman slowly walked in from outside of the gate. Looking just around twenty four or twenty five years old, she was composed and dignified, a silent pressure being emitted from her body. After entering, she swept a glance at Sun QingXue and then her gaze shifted to Yang Chen and she started sizing him up.

"My respects to senior!"

Yang Chen also had to respect Sun QingXue's master, so he greeted her according to the rules of respecting one's elder.

Zhou Sulan was completely satisfied by Yang Chen's etiquette, even though Yang Chen was Sun QingXue's old friend, his courtesy made her treat Yang Chen in a completely new light.

Zhou Sulan was Sun QingXue's master, so she was very clear about Sun QingXue facing such pressure. But no matter what kind of inspection she did, she couldn't find any problem in Sun QingXue's body, which left behind only one possibility: that Sun QingXue's perception was insufficient.

Initially Zhou Sulan had not intended to appear personally, she cherished Sun QingXue very much and after these few decades she even considered her as her own child. But hearing Yang Chen wanted to do such an inspection on Sun QingXue, she became afraid that Sun QingXue would lose hope again, so she immediately stopped it. If it was just not effective, that was a trivial matter, but if such an inspection gave her other worries, then the losses would certainly not make up for the gains.

"I have checked little Xue's body many times, there were no problems with it."

Zhou Sulan sat down in front of Yang Chen. She did not assume the airs of an elder in front of Yang Chen and instead directly occupied the seat Sun QingXue had occupied just a moment ago and pulled her towards her side.

Sun QingXue, taking advantage of the opportunity, directly snuggled into her body. She was good to Sun QingXue and Sun QingXue also liked to snuggle up to her.

"There is definitely some problem, senior!"

Yang Chen knew that Zhou Sulan was just worried that his actions would increase Sun QingXue's worries, so he continued:

"Little Sun is like my younger sister, I request you to let this junior be slightly impudent, maybe I can find a solution."

"Elder Wu's Heaven Seizing Pill, were you the one who refined it?"

Zhou Sulan didn't reply directly and instead asked an unexpected question.

"This junior had only participated in it. The refining was done by other people!"

Yang Chen naturally would not reveal everything in front of other people. But Zhou Sulan didn't seem to believe that.

Pondering by herself for a moment, Zhou Sulan turned to Sun QingXue and asked:

"Little Xue, do you believe fellow daoist Yang?"

"I believe elder brother Yang!"

Sun QingXue had a trust in Yang Chen which couldn't be expressed in words. Hearing her master's question, she slightly bit her lip and replied, nodding her head.

"Fine then, you can inspect little Xue!"

Perhaps it was Sun QingXue's trust, or perhaps it was Yang Chen's achievement of refining the Heaven Seizing Pill which stopped Zhou Sulan from insisting. Infact, she also wanted Sun QingXue to break away from this trap. This last decade, Sun QingXue had truly stopped speaking much.

Completely releasing her spiritual awareness, releasing her spirit power and ignoring Yang Chen's spirit power and spiritual awareness entering her body... Even if Sun QingXue knew that this was for her diagnosis, her face still had completely turned red. This was even more shameful than letting Yang Chen see her naked.

When a cultivator wanted to examine someone, he could only do it as long as the other party was willing. If not, it could not be done thoroughly. But Sun QingXue was in the end a woman, so even if she knew that Yang Chen was doing this for her own good, she could not help but feel shy.

But at this moment, Yang Chen was not concerned with her expression. He was wholeheartedly immersed in examining Sun QingXue's body. From top to bottom, he left no stone unturned, he was inspecting her very thoroughly. A cultivation talent unexpectedly thought herself to be slow, then surely there had to be some problem with her body.

What made Yang Chen even more apprehensive was that he still couldn't find any problems with her body. Surely her master and great master would have also researched this and with Yang Chen's confirmation, this point became even more clear.

A weak perception? Nonsense! Otherwise there wouldn't have been the Snow White fairy in his previous life. But even in his previous life, Sun QingXue was indeed not very famous in the beginning, only after the incident with the LongTai Spirit Supporting Secrets had she risen to fame, so could it have some relation with the LongTai Spirit Supporting Secrets?

So only after her cultivation had been crippled, she had become an overnight success? What kind of problem was this? Yang Chen suddenly seemed to think of something and suddenly grabbed Sun QingXue's hand:

"Pass some spirit power to me, I will take a look!"

Sun QingXue passed a trace of spirit power without any hesitation. Yang Chen quickly discovered that, the spirit power passed on by Sun QingXue surprisingly contained both the first wood and the second wood attributes at the same time and not just first wood.

"How many cultivation methods have you cultivated to lay your foundation?"

Yang Chen seemed to have grasped something and asked again. He had only asked how many and not which cultivation method, so that he did not seem to steal them.

“One!”

Sun QingXue glanced at her master and only then answered:

“Master said not to bite off more than I can chew, there I have practiced only one cultivation method.”

“Who taught this cultivation method?”

Yang Chen’s gaze turned to Zhou Sulan, he had already determined that the problem laid with this cultivation method.

Chapter 128: How Can I Make You Believe Me?

“It was me, why?”

Zhou Sulan was startled, she hadn’t thought that Yang Chen would call the cultivation method of the sect in question. But this matter concerned her favourite disciple, so she did not care that much about Yang Chen’s tone, which lacked the proper courtesy and she asked him with knitted brows:

“Why, is there some problem with this cultivation method?”

“First wood is first wood, second wood is second wood. Senior, aren’t you making Sun QingXue bite off more than she can chew? What about not making her cultivate many cultivation methods? Why are you making her cultivate a cultivation method which contains both first wood and second wood together?”

Yang Chen turned around and asked Zhou Sulan in an extremely discontent tone.

“Cultivating first wood and second wood together? How is that possible?”

Zhou Sulan asked with great alarm:

“This clearly is a first wood cultivation method!”

“It is?”

Yang Chen watched attentively while staring at Zhou Sulan, extremely suspicious of her. He even believed that Zhou Sulan was doing it on purpose, deliberately using such a cultivation method to destroy Sun QingXue. Or maybe she just didn't understand, but how was this possible? How could a JieDan stage expert not understand the difference between first wood and second wood spirit power?

“Little Xue, pass me your spirit power for me to see!”

Yang Chen's gaze made Zhou Sulan feel extremely insulted, she could not put up with this youngster, who had just reached the Foundation stage and was questioning her knowledge and experience. But this also made her think: previously, apart from checking Sun Qing Xue' body, they hadn't checked her spirit power and cultivation method, because according to her, how could there be any problem with sect's cultivation method?

Sun QingXue gripped Zhou Sulan's hand tightly and began to slowly pass spirit power, but after a moment, Zhou Sulan's complexion turned deathly white. Just as Yang Chen had predicted, she was a wood attributed JieDan expert and clearly knew the difference between first wood and second wood spirit power. Inside of Sun QingXue's spirit power both first wood and second wood were mixed, nobody could deny this fact.

Since she was a new disciple, it was pardonable that Sun QingXue didn't know the difference. From the beginning she had only practiced one cultivation method, training in it all the time. Whenever she found a problem, she consulted her master, but her master and the people of the sect called her comprehension into question, which had created a lot of pressure on her, leading to the current situation where she had no self confidence.

Indeed, she had been Zhou Sulan's disciple for more than ten years, but surprisingly the problem was with her disciple's cultivation method, which needed an outsider, a youngster who had only recently reached the Foundation stage to point out. This was simply an extraordinary shame.

“Senior, have you personally chosen this cultivation method?”

Taking that opportunity, Yang Chen began to question Zhou Sulan. He and Sun QingXue didn't have any relationship in their past life, but since they have intersected in this life, naturally he had to allow her to have an even better development.

“Yes, Uncle Master Mo has chosen it personally, saying that it was the most suitable cultivation method for little Xue!”

At this moment, Zhou Sulan had been shocked by the discovery on Sun QingXue's body and completely hadn't realized, that currently her thoughts were completely in Yang Chen's hands. She was even replying to any question asked by Yang Chen without hesitation.

“The cultivation method is not much of a problem, as long as little Xue stops it and is taken to some senior for examination.”

Yang Chen smiled, so as to ease up the mood, but he immediately asked:

“This Uncle Master Mo, does he have some disciple or grand disciple, who has some talent and is considered valuable within the sect?”

“Uncle Master Mo's grand disciple Zhu Yanchun had reached the Foundation stage five years ago and was the one who had the best talent among the disciples of that generation and was also considered to be the number one disciple among the official disciples.”

Following Yang Chen's train of thought, Zhou Sulan quickly answered.

After she had finished speaking, Zhou Sulan suddenly thought of something. Opening both of her eyes widely, an unimaginable expression spread across her face. Staring at Yang Chen like she was looking at a ghost, she stammeringly said:

“You...you...”

“I haven’t said anything, it’s just that I have seen things like this many times!”

Yang Chen faintly shook his head. No wonder that Sun QingXue’s power had exploded only after her cultivation had been crippled in his previous life. Inside of a big sect, everyone was like a huge family, so there were bound to be many scheming matters. Even if the person was an immortal, he would also be like this.

“But, Uncle Master Mo, she…….”

Zhou Sulan only said these words, but could not continue. She was that much of an idiot, that she wouldn’t understand the relationship between them even now. But Uncle Master Mo destroying a talent like Sun QingXue just in order to get her own grand disciple out of a predicament, this kind of thing was too much for her to accept.

“I think, as fast as possible senior should have a discussion with the sect leader of your sect about this matter! With senior’s status, you alone can not solve it.”

Yang Chen faintly smiled and called this to Zhou Sulan’s attention.

At this moment, Zhou Sulan was completely shocked, she was agreeing to anything Yang Chen was saying, after all, if this kind of matter came out, it would really shock people. It didn’t need to be said, she could only go to the sect leader for guidance.

“What should I do?”

Sun QingXue also understood everything. Looking at her master and Yang Chen, she asked in a low voice.

“Abandon your cultivation progress, change your cultivation method to a proper one and start anew!”

Yang Chen had finally become clear about why had Sun QingXue’s talent had exploded only after it had been abolished by Lin Cheng, as her spirit power was not pure initially.

Yang Chen's words made Zhou Sulan and Sun QingXue go dumb. Sun QingXue knew she had a problem, but she hadn't expected that it would be so big. She would even have to dispose of her cultivation and start anew.

Zhou Sulan had wanted to refute and was just about to open her mouth, but she suddenly discovered that she didn't have anything to say. Sun QingXue's currently accumulated spirit power was heterogenous, which could not be changed just based on cultivation. But abandoning a few decades of cultivation progress was really pitiful.

The knowledge of the two people wasn't sufficient, initially Sun QingXue was very happy hearing that the reason had been found, but hearing this information, both master and disciple didn't know what to do.

Yang Chen didn't believe that Sun QingXue's cultivation could be saved, so he had already begun pondering about how to abandon her cultivation progress without injuring her innate qi. It had to be known that, in the previous life, because of cultivating the LongTai Spirit Supporting Secrets, Sun QingXue's innate qi was damaged and that's why the Snow White fairy could not match the Snow Plum fairy's cultivation. In this life, Yang Chen would certainly not let that matter happen again.

This was the main intention of Yang Chen finding her. He wanted to warn her to not cultivate the LongTai Spirit Supporting Secrets, but since he had found the reason for her cultivating that cultivation method, there was naturally no need to be anxious about future matters.

After pondering a lot, Yang Chen found a method and that was precisely to use seventh metal and eighth metal spirit power to consume the heterogenous spirit power in Sun QingXue's body and then afterwards break her meridians down to make her incapable of using the original method to restore it.

Naturally, it should be just right, although it was destruction, her dantian could not be damaged. This required an expert, but Yang Chen was sure that with the influence and power of the Clear Sky Sect, there had to be many people capable of doing so.

"Little Sun, listen to your master's plan, if you still have further complications with your cultivation, then I have something for you!"

While saying this, Yang Chen took out a third grade Foundation stage pill, containing the essence of the Penglai Divine Wood and gave it to Sun QingXue.

“What is this?”

Sun QingXue didn't have as much knowledge and experience as the Palace Master of the Pure Yang Palace. Although she knew that it was a precious pill, she did not dare to be certain what it exactly was.

“This is a third grade wood attributed Foundation stage pill!”

Yang Chen very confidently replied:

“As long as you are able to cultivate to the peak of the qi layer, it will definitely allow you to reach the Foundation stage!”

When Yang Chen had taken out the pill, Zhou Sulan had already opened her eyes widely, but because of the formidable first wood spirit power, she did not dare to say anything. Hearing Yang Chen speak with such confidence, she was amazed and happy beyond measure at the same time.

“With this thing, little Xue does not need to abolish her cultivation!”

Zhou Sulan immediately said that. Since it was capable of guaranteeing the Foundation stage, then there was no need for abolishing her painstakingly accumulated cultivation progress.

But Sun QingXue heard another meaning from Yang Chen. Yang Chen had clearly expressed that if there was another serious complication in her cultivation, that meant that her current cultivation would certainly have to be abolished. This was completely different from Zhou Sulan's opinion. Sun QingXue looked at Yang Chen and then looked at Zhou Sulan again, really not knowing how to make the decision.

On one side was her own master, on the other was her elder brother, who had already brought hope into despair not once, but twice by now. Sun QingXue was sure that both were thinking good for her, but they clearly had different opinions.

Hearing Zhou Sulan's words, Yang Chen deeply sighed within his heart. She didn't think far enough, the level of Sun QingXue's master was ordinary. No wonder, she couldn't find the cause for several decades.

"About whether to dispose or not dispose of your cultivation, you must ask your sect's elders!"

Yang Chen did not want to dispute Zhou Sulan on this question, so he pushed it onto the elders. Naturally Sun QingXue's own wish also had to be taken into consideration:

"Additionally, also see what little Xue wants!"

Zhou Sulan wasn't someone who had her own fixed views, so hearing Yang Chen's words, she did not raise any objections. With the elders making the decision, she also would not have to make any efforts. Just when Sun QingXue was about to leave, Yang Chen smiled towards her and said:

"Senior, this junior has not met with little Xue for so many years and still has many things to talk about, what do you say..."

"Actually I was the one who had forgotten her manners!"

Zhou Sulan awkwardly smiled, Yang Chen had come and hadn't talked much with Sun QingXue, but she had directly followed behind her. The concern she had for her disciple was indeed real, but she was really looking after her very tightly. She turned around to instruct Sun QingXue:

"Little Xue, you reminisce with fellow daoist Yang, I will go and find master to make a report!"

Following Zhou Sulan's disappearing figure with her eyes, Yang Chen stood at the gate. All of a sudden, he said to Sun QingXue:

"Little Xue, don't blame me for blabbering, but this master of yours is mediocre. Her achievements are finite, do not delay yourself for her."

Hearing these words, Shu QingXue only glanced at Yang Chen and didn't refute, only said bowing her head slightly:

"Master is very good to me!"

"Her vision is finite. Although abandoning your few decades of cultivation can save innumerable years of future, she can't even see this and could only see a few decades of hard work and could not even make out other people's schemes. I am very worried."

Yang Chen pulled Sun Qing Xue back to the visitor's courtyard to sit:

"If you are not happy, I will give some pointers to you!"

"Master is very good to me!"

Sun QingXue repeated these words. Apparently, apart from Zhou Sulan's achievements being finite, she had shown a lot of concern to this disciple, otherwise Sun QingXue would not have emphasized this.

"Then you take care in the future!"

Yang Chen did not push this topic any longer and only warned her repeatedly:

"You are someone born at an official's home. You must have seen many scheming fights in your house. The cultivation world is not so different from the secular world. When you stick out, other people will try to conceal you, so that they are not engulfed in your limelight and you can only fight with them. There are fights between sect but there are also fights within the sect. You must take care!"

Glancing at Yang Chen's figure, Sun QingXue nodded heavily. At this moment she was completely able to sense Yang Chen's concern for her.

"If your foundation is not good, everything in the future will be shaky."

Yang Chen continued to speak:

“There is no method to purify heterogeneous spirit power, other than cultivating again. You must not distress over a few decades of cultivation, don’t dwell on what can’t be changed. Cultivators must be clear about what they want, their vision must be long-term.”

Nodding her head again, Sun QingXue had already made her decision. Regardless of how much her master insisted, she had to dispose of her current cultivation and cultivate again. Yang Chen had not come this far to harm her, she was extremely clear about this point.

“You must not allow other people’s opinion to influence your confidence!”

Yang Chen emphasized this point gazing fixedly towards Sun QingXue:

“You are a cultivation genius, even a Great Principal Golden Immortal cannot deny this. You must always keep this point in mind.”

Yang Chen’s words were absolutely not empty. There were not just one or two Great Principal Golden Immortals who had died at the hand of Sun QingXue in his previous life, this was a clear cut fact.

“Am I really not bad?”

Sun QingXue had really formed some kind of mental barrier at the Clear Sky Sect. The sneering of the people for such a long time, has possibly led to a hit on her confidence.

“Believe me, as long as you are willing, there will be no one who can surpass you in wood attributed cultivation!”

Yang Chen heavily nodded his head:

“You absolutely can!”

“Elder brother, can I trust you?”

Sun QingXue had as if again turned into the shy little girl at the execution ground, her two eyes some blurred.

“Do I have any reason to lie to you?”

Yang Chen smilingly asked.

“No you don’t!”

Sun QingXue said this, but lowered her head and clearly still hadn’t completely believed these words of Yang Chen. This made Yang Chen feel frustrated. If Sun QingXue didn’t have any confidence, then it will prove to be a big hindrance in her cultivation. What is a heart’s devil? This is exactly an example of a heart’s devil.

“Speak, little Xue, what do you need in order to believe that you are not stupid, compared to them?”

Yang Chen also knew the root cause, but frankly speaking, it was his first time enlightening someone, so he basically didn’t know how to do it and could only use the method of directly provoking her.

“You have a fire attributed spirit root, but if you can also cultivate wood attributed spirit power, I will believe you!”

Whether unconsciously or deliberately, Sun QingXue had raised this seemingly impossible request.

“Are you sure you want this as the proof that you are not stupid? To make a person with a fire attributed spirit root cultivate a wood attributed cultivation method, is supposed to prove that you are a wood attributed heavenly genius?”

Yang Chen asked this, not knowing whether to laugh or to cry.

“Are you not asking me to believe you? As long as you can achieve it, I will completely believe you, big brother!”

Sun QingXue nodded without the slightest hesitation, clearly stating her line of thoughts.

Chapter 129: You Have To Change Your Master

Although releasing wood attributed spirit power was no big problem for Yang Chen, Yang Chen didn't do this. Currently Sun QingXue didn't have any confidence, but she was a person with a full wood attributed spirit root. If she really saw a fire attributed cultivator releasing wood attributed spirit power, then maybe her pathetic confidence would take an even greater hit.

“Give me a good reason!”

Yang Chen shook his head while speaking to Sun QingXue.

Yang Chen's gaze made Sun QingXue lower her head, as if not daring to be face to face with Yang Chen. Just when Yang Chen sighed, Sun QingXue raised her head again and, looking towards Yang Chen, earnestly said:

“Elder Brother, you are right, my master's vision is indeed limited, other than being good towards me, she doesn't have any other merit.”

As long as Sun QingXue had said anything, Yang Chen would have been able to accept it. Hearing that Sun QingXue had perfect knowledge of her current situation, Yang Chen was completely satisfied.

“Master has gone to look for someone to discuss, she will certainly return without any results.”

Sun QingXue slowly shook her head, her mood was very gloomy:

“With this matter, it is still unknown if I will be able to reach this level again after I had abolish my cultivation, even my life is not guaranteed. I do require some kind of miracle to happen to increase my confidence.”

“As long as you want, any kind of miracle can happen!”

Yang Chen clearly understood Sun Qing Xue’s desire. What she needed at that moment was not confidence in her cultivation, but rather the self confidence to keep moving forward, regardless of whatever happened.

A vigorous and robust spirit power suddenly rose in Yang Chen’s hand. Within a moment, after Yang Chen had moved, Sun QingXue sitting in front of Yang Chen immediately sensed the extremely pure essence of first wood. She could not help but open her eyes widely, looking at Yang Chen as if looking at a monster.

“Carefully study it, this is pure essence of first wood spirit power!”

Yang Chen immediately pulled Sun QingXue’s little hand and passed the first wood spirit power through it, making her experience this properly.

Sun QingXue was still in shock that a fire attributed cultivator like Yang Chen could produce wood attributed spirit power like this, when Yang Chen pulled her hand. She didn’t respond and just looked at Yang Chen as if she was looking at a monster. Her small mouth opened slightly, as if not daring to believe that she was seeing.

Yang Chen slightly fluctuated the spirit power he was emitting, to rouse Sun QingXue from her shock. After waking up, the first thing Sun QingXue did was to use that other hand, which hadn’t been grabbed by Yang Chen to cover her small mouth because of her surprise.

“What are you doing?”

Sun QingXue was not only extremely shocked but also terrified. Yang Chen was a fire attributed cultivator, a person with a fire attributed spirit root had suddenly produced such pure wood attributed spirit power, which was even more pure than hers, who was purely a wood attributed cultivator. How could it not make her extremely shocked?

“Just the miracle you need!”

Yang Chen smiled and continued to placate her:

“Carefully sense it, this is pure first wood attributed spirit power.”

At this moment, Sun QingXue had finally gotten over her shock and begun to slowly experience it. Actually, even Zhou Sulan could have allowed Sun QingXue to sense first wood spirit power, but Yang Chen’s was different. His first wood spirit power contained the essence of PengLai Divine Wood and was thus many times more formidable than Zhou Sulan’s. Allowing Sun QingXue to experience it would have many benefits for her.

“So pure first wood spirit power is like this!”

Sun QingXue muttered after sensing it for a long time. Compared to her current heterogenous spirit power, Yang Chen’s spirit power was much more formidable.

“No need to be discouraged, as soon as you abolish your current cultivation and cultivate from the start, when you use the wood attributed third grade foundation stage pill, you can also have similarly pure spirit power.”

Yang Chen consoled her. He could see that Sun QingXue had already come out from the depression she was in just a moment ago, apparently allowing her to look at this trick had really provided her with great encouragement.

With regards to this, Sun QingXue was very clear about her current situation, but the most painful thing was that her master was not of much use. It was even possible that if Yang Chen hadn’t come, she would have never even found the problem with her cultivation method.

But this was also good. At least knowing where the problem was and trying to find the method to solve it was many times better than confused people who did not know what they had to do.

“This is second wood spirit power, you should also sense this, but it is not as formidable as the first wood spirit power.”

Yang Chen was someone who perfectly understood his cultivation. The first wood spirit power had been refined by the Penglai Divine Wood's essence, but the second wood spirit power was absolutely ordinary, maybe it would even be inferior to Zhou Sulan.

But Sun QingXue was very grateful. Zhou Sulan had never instructed her like this before. She very carefully, even greedily, experienced the spirit power Yang Chen was passing over, her two beautiful eyes closed shut.

Sun QingXue was someone whom Yang Chen had to try to rope in with vigor. He even had to help her cultivate, but the current situation didn't allow Yang Chen to feel relieved. But when he was saying that his second wood spirit power was inferior, a thought suddenly flashed within his mind.

"Have you thought about changing masters?"

Yang Chen suddenly asked.

"Changing my master?"

Sun QingXue was startled. After she had been shocked by Yang Chen's body possessing both first and second wood spirit power, Yang Chen's every word was like an imperial edict to her. The matter of changing her master had caught Sun QingXue off guard all of a sudden:

"How is that possible?"

"Even a person who has a fire spirit root like me can cultivate wood attribute spirit power, then why can't you change your master?"

Yang Chen used Sun QingXue's own argument to refute her own question. Since even the most impossible of matters had happened in front of her, then why were other matters impossible?

Sun QingXue was startled again, but suddenly a smile emerged on her face. This was the kind of smile that appeared after all pressure on her had been released. Yang Chen had already allowed her to look at an impossible miracle, so if he said that anything was possible, then it had to be.

“Your words are correct, your master will certainly return without any good results.”

Yang Chen smiled:

“Her temper is really weak, in the future you will continue to get bullied. Exchange her for a master who is a little bit more powerful. Only then can you establish yourself firmly. Rest assured, I will take care of this matter. With this I will also solve the problem related to my second wood spirit power.”

As for Yang Chen’s words, the first ones were still normal, but the later ones did not make any sense. Sun QingXue was puzzled. How could changing her master have any relationship with Yang Chen’s second wood spirit power?

But he did not explain Sun QingXue’s doubt anymore. Yang Chen still remembered the goal he had come here for:

“In the future, if you run into a cultivation method which allows rapid progress and is applicable for all attributes, by all means, do not cultivate it! You must never spoil your foundation.”

After he finished saying this, Yang Chen suddenly thought of something. Sun QingXue had been so shrewd, could it be possible that in her previous life, she had deliberately cultivated that cultivation method? But there was no way to verify this.

“I know, elder brother!”

Sun QingXue replied, just like a meek wife.

“The cultivation method has no problem!”

Zhou Sulan who originally had gone in a rage had returned dejectedly, her behaviour while facing Yang Chen was also not very good:

“You evil person made me go back for no reason and make such a slanderous accusation!”

Looking at her behaviour, she had already been convinced by someone and had conversely begun to blame Yang Chen and Sun QingXue. She certainly cherished Sun QingXue a lot, so the majority of her hatred was towards Yang Chen.

Such a person who could change what she was insisting on so easily... It would only be a miracle if she could instruct Sun QingXue properly. Even if Sun Qingxue was a heavenly talent, being taught by a mediocre person would also make her a mediocre person. Looking at this situation, Yang Chen was even more sure of his decision to convince Sun QingXue to change her master.

If separating her from the Clear Sky Sect was not a bigger problem, Yang Chen would have wanted to take Sun QingXue back to the Pure Yang Palace. But unfortunately, Sun QingXue had already been apprenticed there for more than ten years, she absolutely could not quit.

Yang Chen was even more resentful towards Shi ShanShan now for pushing Sun QingXue into this living hell. Although Sun QingXue had been in the Clear Sky Sect even in his previous life, the occurrences before the tragedy still hadn't changed.

“Senior. Junior's cultivation experience is finite and shortsighted, so mistakes are unavoidable!”

Yang Chen politely apologized, the following matters still required Zhou Sulan to act as a middleman, which could not be done without eliminating her anger.

Zhou Sulan was in a very bad mood, but Yang Chen had himself admitted his error, so she had no reason to flare up. Yang Chen was a guest who had come from far away and had never said that he had a vision like her, a JieDan stage expert. Moreover, Sun QingXue's spirit power really was the problem, so Yang Chen saying that there was some problem with her cultivation was not false at all.

“Don't mind it, don't mind it!”

Zhou Sulan helplessly shook her head.

“Ai, little Xue’s comprehension is really very weak, she can’t even comprehend the most basic of the cultivation methods!”

“Senior, apart from taking a look at little Xue, this youngster still has one more favour to ask.”

Hearing that Zhou Sulan had again concluded that the problem was with Sun QingXue’s comprehension, Yang Chen did not talk with her about it and started talking about his other aim, which he had thought of a few moments ago.

“What do you still want?”

Zhou Sulan again her brows again. What a shameless person, he still wanted to open his mouth.

“Junior wants to read in the Clear Sky Sect’s library.”

Yang Chen smiled while stating his request:

“Senior must not misunderstand, junior is definitely not asking for those books related to cultivation of the juniors of the Clear Sky Sect, only those which are not important. Junior just wants to increase his experience.”

Yang Chen reputation of reading everything in the library of the Nine Earth Manor had also spread along with his reputation of refining the Heaven Seizing Pill, so this requirement was completely consistent with his behaviour.

But Zhou Sulan was not in support of this. Yang Chen’s shortsightedness had caused her to suffer humiliation in front of her master and the sect leader. If it were not for the face of her cherished disciple Sun QingXue, she would have never seen Yang Chen again.

“Why do you want to read the collection of my Clear Sky Sect?”

Although Yang Chen's request was in accordance with his nature, it was not in the interest of the Clear Sky Sect, even if the material Yang Chen wanted to read had no relation to the cultivation of the Clear Sky Sect.

"Junior is willing to invest a sufficient price."

Yang Chen said very honestly:

"I'm exchanging this for things the Clear Sky Sect requires."

"You are a trifling Foundation stage cultivator, what kind of things can you take out, which can catch the eye of my Clear Sky Sect?"

Zhou Sulan said disdainfully. The Clear Sky Sect had as many as thousands of JieDan experts, so why would they be interested in anything a trifling Foundation stage expert like Yang Chen could offer? Yang Chen was really someone who did not know his place.

"Junior has a method to deal with the blood phantom vine, but I don't know if it will be sufficient to gain me the qualifications to enter the library?"

Yang Chen said with a smile as if he hadn't seen Zhou Sulan's complexion. At the same time, he also gave a reassuring glance to Sun QingXue.

"The blood phantom vine?"

A tremor passed through Zhou Sulan's entire body. Luckily she was a JieDan expert, so she was able to control her mental state in time. But the instant Yang Chen had said these words, she almost jumped on the spot:

"You know a method to deal with the blood phantom vine?"

Zhou Sulan could not help being terrified: A peak YuanYing stage expert of the Clear Sky Sect, Hua Wanting, was suffering from the complications caused by the blood phantom demon. His situation had already continued for many years now and initially Hua Wanting had been the most promising person for rising to the Da Cheng stage in the past hundred years, but the last time he had gone out to train, he had been attacked by a blood phantom vine and afterwards had fallen asleep to this day and had never woken up. If Yang Chen really knew a method to deal with a blood phantom vine, that would just be like sending charcoal to the Clear Sky Sect in snowy weather.

Yang Chen hadn't intended to raise Hua Wanting's matter so early. Although the complications received by the blood phantom vine had been too many, because of the constant struggle with the blood demon vine for a hundred or so years, Hua Wanting's cultivation was also crazily improving. In his previous life, when Hua Wanting had forcibly won the struggle with the blood demon vine and thrown it away, he had directly entered the Da Cheng stage after waking up.

This matter was something that would happen after 20 years. Yang Chen had planned that he would go back after ten to fifteen years and then rescue Hua Wanting and gain the friendship of a Da Cheng stage expert, but since this had already been shifted to an earlier date, Yang Chen was no longer sure if Hua Wanting's cultivation would still be able to attain the Da Cheng stage.

But because of Sun QingXue, Yang Chen decided to shift Hua Wanting's rescue to an earlier date. Although he could completely free himself without any help from Yang Chen, how could Yang Chen let go of such a matter which didn't cost him anything? Perhaps, by some mystery, Hua Wanting may not be completely unconscious and if Yang Chen saved him only after ten to fifteen years, he may say that he had already done most of the work. Moreover, saving him currently may just be the right time.

Sun QingXue completely didn't know what had happened. When she had heard Yang Chen say the words 'blood phantom vine' and had seen Zhou Sulan's reaction afterwards, it made her completely suspicious, but nobody explained anything to her.

At this time, how could Zhou Sulan remember that she had an apprentice waiting for an explanation? She directly took a step forwards and fixed her attention on Yang Chen:

"Is what you are saying true?"

"Senior, do you think junior would make a fun using this matter?"

Yang Chen rhetorically questioned. Who would dare to make a joke of a matter concerning the elder of the Clear Sky Sect. Not to mention Yang Chen, perhaps even the palace master of the Pure Yang Palace would not dare to speak about this matter casually.

“So many experts do not know, how can a junior at the Foundation stage like you know?”

Zhou Sulan was still somewhat skeptical, the entire Clear Sky Sect couldn't find a method, but suddenly a Foundation stage youngster appears, saying that he could resolve this, how could someone not be skeptical hearing this?

“At the time of refining the Heaven Seizing Pill, there wasn't anyone who believed that we could refine the Heaven Seizing Pill!”

Yang Chen revealed a mysterious smile:

“Junior has already said that this junior is fond of reading miscellaneous things and has also read a lot, so it is completely normal that many times I know things that others do not!”

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Using the Heaven Seizing Pill was the best retort. Especially since Yang Chen's reputation of reading books was very well known, but this also saved him from having to explain too much.

“You really know how to deal with the blood phantom vine?”

After experiencing the problem regarding Sun QingXue's cultivation method, Zhou Sulan was extremely cautious and asked again to confirm.

“I had come this time mainly to read the library collection, I had no previous knowledge of little Xue's matter.”

Although he did not give a direct answer, Yang Chen made Zhou Sulan understand that he was completely earnest.

Zhou Sulan had some confidence in her heart that, since it was just the library, there wouldn't be much of a problem. Sun QingXue's matter was indeed unexpected and Yang Chen had never before come to the Clear Sky Sect. It was his first time, so it was completely possible that he did not know Sun QingXue's circumstances.

Although, Zhou Sulan was relieved, she also intended to report Yang Chen's matter to the higher ups. She had made up her mind, but it still depended on the higher ups. She was only a JieDan stage expert and still didn't have the influence to make decisions for a peak YuanYing stage expert.

Very soon, Yang Chen was led to the main visitor's courtyard of the Clear Sky Sect, in the front of the Clear Sky Sect's sect master and a few YuanYing stage experts. After completing the proper salutations, Yang Chen put forth his plan of dealing with the blood phantom vine in exchange for a large number of miscellaneous books, which did not have any relation with the Clear Sky Sect's cultivation.

Since this matter concerned the life and death of a YuanYing stage elder, even the sect master of the Clear Sky Sect did not dare to be careless. Even if Yang Chen's words were a deluge of heavenly flowers, they still had to be checked seriously, and so she asked him clearly:

"This technique is something only this junior can perform."

But Yang Chen would remain silent to death. What a joke, if he told them the method first, then what would be his use?

"Then how can you prove that you can handle the blood phantom vine?"

The mood of the sect master of the Clear Sky Sect was not good. A trifling Foundation stage youngster surprisingly dared to be impudent in front of her. If it were not for Yang Chen's skill, she would have already made people teach a good lesson to this arrogant youngster. Naturally, she would make other people do this. This youngster did not have the qualifications to make her do it herself.

"Junior can experiment on the blood phantom vine surrounding Senior Hua's body for senior to look, without getting in contact with Elder Hua."

Yang Chen knew that, if he could not show them something, these people would not believe him. Using this method would not deepen Hua Wanting's injury but it would prove his skill.

As expected, after Yang Chen proposed this method, the sect master of the Clear Sky Sect also began to exchange glances with the few elders in order to communicate. The elders were also present on the scene and had heard Yang Chen's method, which appeared to be a dependable and feasible method, so all of them silently nodded towards the sect master.

"You only want large number of books from the library in return?"

The Sect Master was attentively watching Yang Chen's eyes, as if wanting to find something from Yang Chen's reply.

"Sect master must not underestimate these scrolls."

Yang Chen replied with a smile:

"Perhaps in the eyes of seniors, these books are of no use, but for this junior they are the best method to expand my horizons. Last time, when refining the Heaven Seizing Pill, I had obtained the required inspiration precisely from the hoard of miscellaneous books of my master. This time, when referring to dealing with the blood phantom vine, occasionally I will have to refer to these."

"What else do you want?"

Although Yang Chen had already stated his request indirectly, the sect master was still not convinced. How could the life of a peak YuanYing stage expert, extremely close to Da Cheng stage, be this cheap?

"If senior really thinks this is too little, then can you grant this junior the qualifications to participate in the Clear Sky Sect's auction?"

Against what they had expected, Yang Chen was not even a little formal. Since they thought he was asking for too little, Yang Chen did not mind getting more. But the things he wanted had no relation with substituting Sun QingXue's master.

Sun QingXue was really a girl with a rich background. From the beginning she had accompanied Yang Chen there, she had not even batted an eyelid, as if only treating Yang Chen as an acquaintance. She hadn't even opened her mouth.

"Since you can find the method from the books, then someone among the thousands of disciple of my Clear Sky Sect can surely also find a method!"

This time, the sect master hadn't said anything. Instead it was an elder sitting behind her, with her tone completely blunt.

"Oh, then forgive this junior for being rash, I will take my leave now!"

Yang Chen apologized, beaming with smiles. Saying his goodbyes, he turned around to depart, not dragging his feet in the least.

If they could have found a method, they would already have found it long ago, why drag it out until now? Yang Chen departing like this made the elder of the Clear Sky Sect remain dumbly rooted to the same place. Who could have thought that he would depart as soon as he said his goodbyes, without even explaining anything, how could he do this?

Originally the elders and the sect master had planned that one person would play the hero and one would play the villain and first grasp the method that Yang Chen knew. Although it was without success, the sect master did not care, but the elder felt somewhat wronged and wanted to haggle a little more over the price. She had only thought of suppressing Yang Chen's arrogant attitude a little to make him know that he was not the only one who could haggle, but who would have imagined that, against all expectations, Yang Chen would not fall for his trick.

Yang Chen leaving so swiftly was against the expectations of the upper echelons of the Clear Sky Sect. Although they were desperate to know, they also had to maintain their demeanour. They also could not be too overbearing towards a junior who had come as a guest, most of all a junior who was someone whom Elder Wu regarded as important. And Elder Wu still hadn't ascended.

The sect master hastily sent a meaningful glance towards Zhou Sulan. At this moment, only Zhou Sulan and Sun QingXue were suitable to call back Yang Chen. If other people present on the scene did this, what would remain of their face?

“Wait a minute, Fellow Daoist Yang!”

By the time Yang Chen had already departed to the door, Zhou Sulan hastily urged him, simultaneously also hinting towards Sun QingXue to step forward to stop Yang Chen.

“Elder Brother Yang, Elder did not truly think like that, you must not misunderstand.”

Sun QingXue also cleverly showed off in front of the Sect Master and the other elders, while at the same time also acting like a spoiled child, making Yang Chen loosen his guard:

“She was only worried about Elder Hua, that’s all.”

“Yang Chen, with regards to the Pure Yang Palace and the Clear Sky Sect, both are on friendly terms, if anyone wants to say anything, they can say without any restrictions, it should never go as far as departing because of one wrong sentence from one side!”

The Clear Sky Sect’s sect master had never thought before that, one day, she would talk to a Foundation stage junior with such amiable and friendly tone and moreover it was just her first time confronting Yang Chen.

The elder who had opened her mouth just a moment ago had already retreated behind the sect master’s body, not daring to say anything anymore. Her head had been dropping a little, but while nobody was paying attention to her, a trace of discontentment flashed through her eyes.

“Since you have already found the method, we will not need to spend the strength.”

On the sect master’s face was a sincere smile:

“Moreover, in accordance to what you have said, if you are able to deal with the matter of the blood phantom vine, you will get ten thousand books and the qualifications to the auction.”

“Senior, forgive this junior for being impudent.”

On Yang Chen’s face was a smile which seemed even more joyful compared to the sect master:

“Those were previous conditions, now it is twenty thousand books and the qualifications to the auction.”

Yang Chen, with a smile all across his face was just like a cunning profiteer at that moment. The kind of profiteer who didn’t mind making a counter offer when haggling, the kind of profiteer that any honest person would want to throw to the ground and kick to death.

The problem was, that the thing that they needed was in the hands of this profiteer and the starting price of that profiteer was moreover not that high, but when the Clear Sky Sect wanted to raise the price they had to pay even more.

Since they wanted to haggle with Yang Chen, this meant they had to accept Yang Chen’s conditions. For the Clear Sky Sect, the life of a peak YuanYing stage expert who was going to break through to the Da Cheng stage was worth far more than twenty thousand books. This was one of the reasons Yang Chen had dared to increase the price.

Regardless of whether Hua Wanting was tormented by the blood phantom vine and his cultivation entered Da Cheng stage, just Hua Wanting’s cultivation experience was equal to ten times the price asked for by Yang Chen. If the sect master of the Clear Sky Sect let this matter slip, let alone speaking of her face on the outside, just the voices of blame and reproach in the Clear Sky Sect would be too much for her to withstand.

“Twenty thousand books, I will immediately have someone prepare them!”

The sect master of the Clear Sky Sect who met losses and gains with equanimity, knew that their previous conduct definitely was not in accordance with a big sect’s style, so to prevent Yang Chen from increasing the prices again, she directly agreed to Yang Chen’s request:

“At what time, can we see the results of the tests you said you will conduct?”

“You can see it at any time!”

Yang Chen spoke directly, but within his heart, he was full of praise with regards to Sun QingXue’s behaviour just a moment ago. With just a sentence, she had been tactful enough to allow everyone, most of all that elder, to get out of an embarrassing situation and was moreover still able to show her concern for Hua Wanting. These few favours would surely benefit her in the future.

“And what if you are not able to resolve the blood phantom vine?”

The elder who had spoken just a moment ago, suddenly lifted her head, her two eyes intently watching Yang Chen. Together with the formidable pressure of the YuanYing stage bearing down on him. She wanted to see whether Yang Chen would lose his self control and be alarmed, otherwise she would not have said anything again.

The sect master was a little late in stopping her, the elder’s pressure had already come out, so she had no alternative other than releasing her own pressure to cut it off at midway. But unfortunately, she was a little late. The elder’s pressure had already reached Yang Chen’s body.

Just when the sect master and the other elders started lamenting in their hearts, believing that Yang Chen would be witlessly scared and lose his mind, they suddenly discovered that Yang Chen was just the same as normal. He basically did not care about the elder’s pressure and replied with a smile:

“If this junior cannot resolve the blood phantom vine, then be assured the blood phantom vine will be directly sucked in my body and I will die, what else can I say. All seniors, is this agreeable to you?”

Being ignored like this was like a tight slap on the face of the elder sitting behind the sect master, her whole face was flushed red. If it were not for the sect master and the other elders sitting in the room, maybe she would have already attacked him in rage. Allowing a Foundation stage youngster to ignore her like this, was seriously a little too hard for her to handle.

“This junior was formerly an executioner, so I’m innately not affected by killing intent or anything like that.”

While Yang Chen explained with a gentle laugh:

“Afterwards I had climbed to the peak of the Heavenly Stairs twice, so I am even less worried about any pressure pushing on me. Seniors should not jest with me!”

Once Yang Chen’s words came out, the elder who released the pressure was even more embarrassed, but she was unable to say anything. Her face had thoroughly turned red due to her embarrassment. She did not even intend to continue waiting for the results and directly left the room disappearing completely.

Once she walked out, apparently everyone’s mood relaxed. Yang Chen had already said clearly that if he was not able to resolve the blood phantom vine, it implied that the blood phantom vine would kill Yang Chen. Everyone clearly knew about this point, who in the room did not know the ferociousness of the blood phantom vine? Even a peak YuanYing stage ancestor had been tormented by it, then what about Yang Chen, who was just a minor Foundation stage youngster?

Sun QingXue knew for the first time that the blood phantom vine could be terrible like this. If Yang Chen was not able to resolve it, he would have to pay with his life.

She wanted to stop Yang Chen, that he should not do this by any means, but in front of the sect master and the other elders as well as her master, how could she have any chance to speak? She could only continue to worry within her heart and at the same time feel warm towards Yang Chen.

That one person was willing to risk his life by himself to assist her in changing her status in the sect. This kind of feeling was something she had never before come across in this sect. Even if her master loved her dearly, it was not to the extent of risking her life for Sun QingXue. How could Sun QingXue not be moved?

The sect master together with the elders did not dare to be careless with regards to the matter of Hua Wanting and immediately led Yang Chen to the gate of Hua Wanting’s courtyard. Everyone had a tacit understanding with each other and stopped at the doorstep.

After the blood phantom vine had coiled around Hua Wanting, she had rushed back to the sect with all of her strength. The blood phantom vine was extremely dangerous, even to the extent that the entire area in the vicinity of elder Hua Wanting's courtyard had been sealed. People did not dare to go near it for a reason. Even if it were these elders or the sect master, they also did not dare to come in contact with him without the restrictions of a few spell formations.

Just outside of the innermost restriction, everyone could see the situation inside clearly. The entire courtyard was similar to a sea of blood. The red coloured vine covered up the entire area within everyone's field of view. In the center of the courtyard, a figure was sitting upright, but it was already covered entirely by the blood phantom vine and the exact situation could not be seen.

Only one thing was sure, that it was elder Hua Wanting. Apart from any special circumstances, the blood colored vine required a large amount of spirit power and blood to survive. That the blood colored vine was thriving in this way clearly illustrated that Elder Hua was still alive and enduring the torment.

The sect leader and the elders did not feel good seeing this scene. It was also the first time for Zhou Sulan and Sun QingXue seeing such frightening circumstances. Zhou Sulan could still tolerate it, after all she had much more knowledge and experience, but Sun QingXue was forced to close her eyes.

"Elder Hua is inside."

The sect master said, pointing towards the motionless silhouette with a gloomy tone. But she also gave Yang Chen a chance to retreat:

"Yang Chen, if you don't have assurances, then you must not risk your life, I will not look into the words you said previously."

After all, Yang Chen was someone Elder Wu thought very highly of and while Elder Wu had still not ascended, nobody wanted to be responsible for Yang Chen's death.

"Senior, this junior has never withdrawn his words!"

Yang Chen smiled and afterwards, in accordance with the sect master's instructions, he opened the first layer of restrictions and entered. After entering the final barrier, Yang Chen did not stop for one moment and directly rushed to enter that courtyard in large steps.

Once Yang Chen's figure appeared in the courtyard, the blood phantom vine was like a hungry, carnivorous beast, which had seen fresh food. It directly rushed towards Yang Chen with an earth shattering might, wishing to cover him up.