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Chapter 201: Black Tiger's Injury Is Cured

The people of the Second Fierce Yang Courtyard were very fortunate. Not only did they get to cultivate in the best environment, but now they also had the opportunity to experience and observe the lightening tribulation of a JieDan expert who had formed his Ying. This was basically getting educated through observation, What learning opportunity could be better compared to this?

As for the part of Second Fierce Yang Courtyard which had been destroyed, there was nothing to worry about. Only Yang Chen, Gao Yue, some of Yang Chen's senior apprentice brothers, and their servants had participated in the construction of the initial Second Fierce Yang Courtyard. Presently, Palace Master Zhong Jiao simply waved his hand and assigned the sect's builders, using natural resources, to repair the entire courtyard properly. Compared to initial one, the courtyard this time will be constructed more spectacularly.

All the elders were happy, Palace Master Zhong Jiao was also happy, and all the other disciples were happy. Under such extreme happiness, Palace Master Zhong Jiao decided to celebrate Hall Master Zhu becoming a YuanYing stage expert by giving every disciple an additional allotment of their monthly elixir allowance, regardless if they were an inner or outer sect disciple.

Once the information began to spread, a great celebration began in Pure Yang Palace. Everyone realized the benefits of an increase in the number of YuanYing stage experts, especially the addition of a YuanYing stage pill concocting expert. This also implied that, in the future, even more higher grade elixirs could be provided to the disciples of the Pure Yang Palace.

Even in this celebratory atmosphere, there were a few unhappy people. The gloomiest among them was Song Hang! He was also at the peak of the JieDan stage and was also confronting a bottleneck. Zhu Chentao had gained enlightenment from Yang Chen and stepped into the YuanYing stage without any warning. Moreover, Song Hang felt even more despair thinking that Yang Chen knew the way of crossing the bottleneck, but he wouldn't tell him no matter what. There was great hatred between both sides, so how could the good fortune of these others not make Song Hang extremely depressed?

Similarly, another unhappy person was the Luminous Moon Hall's Hall Master Liang Shaoming. He was both at the JieDan stage and a Hall Master. In fact, his cultivation could be considered better than Zhu Chentao's before Zhu Chentao entered seclusion to concoct pills. Now, Zhu Chentao had apparently easily stepped into the YuanYing stage, whereas he was still hovering at the peak JieDan stage even after

ten years of closed door training. How could Liang Shaoming, who had always bragged about his cultivation, endure this?

Regardless of whatever was said, Liang Shaoming and Song Hang could only bite their tongues, swallow their resentment, and congratulate Zhu Chentao on forming his Ying and passing the lightning tribulation.

Pure Yang Palace's upper echelon, including Palace Master Zhong Jiao and the other elders, were well aware of Zhu Chentao's previous circumstances. They knew that he previously had no hope of forming his Ying and had therefore delved into pill concocting. Now, after concocting elixirs with Yang Chen for more than a dozen years, he had surprisingly stepped into YuanYing stage. This was simply a pleasant surprise.

Logically speaking, in the years that this foundation stage disciple Yang Chen had been at Pure Yang Palace, he had already produced a Da Cheng stage expert, two YuanYing stage eccentrics and now a YuanYing stage pill concocting master for the sect. No need to mention the fact that, under his influence, the cultivation of his great master Wang Yong had advanced by leaps and bounds. Seemingly, as long as someone was on Yang Chen's side, his cultivation will increase at an incredible speed.

Speaking of Yang Chen's achievements, they were not only limited to those previously mentioned. Regarding the recently refined black tiger spirit supporting pill, when the senior black tiger of Beast Taming Sect uses this elixir and his injury gets cured, the Pure Yang Palace will gain a second rate sect as an ally. Moreover, if Yang Chen consents to becoming dao companions with the beautiful Fairy Shi, Pure Yang Palace can further gain Green Jade Immortal Islands as another ally.

Strictly speaking, the accomplishments of some Hall Masters or even the Palace Master paled in comparison to those of Yang Chen. Just with one comparison, the difference was clear. Truly said, the true value of person can only be determined through comparison.

While the Pure Yang Palace was engulfed in celebration, the higher ups of Beast Taming Sect were also endlessly excited. Originally, they believed it would have taken ten years to complete the refining, but they hadn't expected that after Yang Chen had fused the three flames, his cultivation would increase greatly and the refining time would be cut down by one and a half years. Within a brief eight and a half years, they were notified that the black tiger spirit suppressing pill was complete.

Fan Shan, who received the news, used his fastest speed to hurry to the Pure Yang Palace and meet with Yang Chen to confirm the news. After verifying the good news, Fan Shan immediately started pressing

Yang Chen to go to Yang Liang Mountain. Due to excessive anxiousness, he even forgot to follow through with the proper etiquettes. Presently, there were a lot of concerns that Fan Shan refused to attend to. He even apologised forthrightly in front of Palace Master Zhong Jiao that all the other matters would have to wait until his sect master comes personally to congratulate Zhu Chentao on successfully reaching YuanYing stage.

Naturally, when the sect master personally comes, he would also discuss the matter of additional future cooperation with Pure Yang Palace. However, Palace Master Zhong Jiao wasn't the slightest bit displeased. Instead, he also urged Yang Chen to hurry on the journey.

This time, there were no twists and turns on the journey. Without any distractions, Yang Chen and Fan Shan hurried rapidly to Yang Liang Mountain. Once they reached Yang Liang Mountain, Fan Shan immediately led Yang Chen to the rear of the mountain towards senior black tiger's residence without saying anything.

Senior black tiger had already changed his residence and didn't live in that crude cave anymore. Rather than living in a crude cave, he used that cave as a foundation and directly transformed it into a palace within the belly of the mountain. Although it wasn't very lavish, compared to that crude cave, it was many times more comfortable.

After the condition of the injury had been stabilized, senior black tiger was not depressed anymore and had begun to ponder things which he hadn't considered before. The transformation of the cave was just one of those things.

The sect master and several elders of the Beast Taming Sect had already been waiting for some time. Upon seeing Yang Chen, they immediately expressed their gratitude first before saying anything else. Regardless of whether this elixir failed or succeeded, just the fact that Yang Chen had spent fourteen years on refining this pill for senior black tiger was deserving of their gratitude.

Once senior black tiger saw the black tiger spirit supporting pill, he immediately felt a sensation as if he was seeing his own blood and flesh. He was very clear that inside the pill the powder from his inner dan was present. This detection of his own inner dan was why the pill gave him this sensation.

Looking at this round and smooth pill, which had a clear pill mark of a black tiger, senior black tiger wasn't willing to gulp it down immediately. Waves of memories began to surge inside his brain. During these past several hundred years, he had no other alternative other than to endure his injury that flared

up again and again. The memories of the pain of his constituent spirit dissipating once again returned to his mind.

After sighing once, under the anxious gazes of the upper echelon of the Beast Taming Sect, senior black tiger swallowed that pill.

This time, the effect wasn't like the previous time where there was no reaction in beginning. As soon as the pill entered his stomach, everyone sensed a kind of refreshing spirit power that began to quickly spread around. Senior black tiger issued a satisfying hum as if enjoying a pleasurable sensation.

Senior black tiger was indeed enjoying the present moment, and that refreshing spirit power filled his whole body after a short time. The internal organs which had sustained injuries several years ago because of the Yin Fire Tribulation were surrounded by this refreshing spirit power. Those ashes of Yin Fire, which hadn't stopped burning, seemed to have been extinguished by this refreshing spirit power. While at the same time, this refreshing spirit power also nourished the area of injuries which now started to recover slowly.

Within a moment, senior black tiger sensed that his injuries had been restored by more than half and were recovering stably. Because of that comfortable sensation in his whole body, he was unable to control his emotions and issued a low croon while lying on his stomach.

The situation was both alarming and exciting for the higher ups of the Beast Taming Sect. After senior black tiger had recovered completely, the morale of the entire Beast Taming Sect would reach the sky.

The medicine continued to take effect for three days and three nights. The people standing near him didn't even need to ask about his situation. Just by looking at his power and presence rising endlessly, anyone could tell the situation in his body.

The dissipated constituent spirit also began to return little by little. This result also implied Yang Chen's elixir had been completely effective.

After four days had passed, senior black tiger finally stood up. He stretched his several meters long body comfortably before slowly shrinking, soon reducing to half his original size.

All the people present on the scene were experienced and knew that the size of senior black tiger's body reducing also meant that his cultivation had also increased. Seeing this, the group of higher ups of Beast Taming Sect were greatly exalted. Yang Chen's pill not only cured senior black tiger's injury, but surprisingly also allowed his cultivation to increase. It really was very effective.

"Good! Originally, I was only waiting to close my eyes and die, but now my cultivation has increased instead."

Senior black tiger himself was also endlessly grateful to Yang Chen:

"Fellow daoist Yang, many thanks! If you have any difficulties in the future, just inform me. Even if I have to tread on fire or go through water, I will not refuse!"

Previously, he used to call Yang Chen as junior, but now had already corrected himself to fellow daoist Yang.

"This is senior's own accumulation and has nothing to do with this junior."

Although Yang Chen would accept the reward for curing senior black tiger's injuries, Yang Chen wouldn't take the credit for the increase in senior black tiger's cultivation:

"If senior wants to thank someone, then senior should thank himself!"

Yang Chen's one line was to the point. Everyone also realized the reason behind senior black tiger's increase in cultivation. All of them were experts, so they could also comprehend the reason. During the several hundred years senior black tiger was injured, he had been suppressing the injury from the beginning, year in and year out. If it was not for the burden of his injury, his cultivation certainly wouldn't have stopped or declined.

Now, the injury had been completely recovered, and senior black tiger's hard work for years all those hadn't gone to waste. The results of his hard work were automatically reflected in his increased cultivation. Moreover, previously his mental state was depressed, thinking that he would certainly die, but now it was different, and his confidence had increased so his realm also upgraded as a result.

“However, senior, let your injuries heal first and do not use spirit power lightly.”

After saving him, Yang Chen also didn't forget to remind everyone:

“The weakness accumulated in several hundred years needs to be healed slowly. If it is suitable for you, it would be better to let it consolidate for ten years, allowing it to be thoroughly healed.”

Everyone present were cultivators, so they all knew whether Yang Chen's words were true or not. Seeing Yang Chen's concern for senior black tiger made everyone in the Beast Taming Sect feel even more gratitude and everyone successively expressed their thanks.

Everyone in the Beast Taming Sect rejoiced greatly. They couldn't control their happiness. A trifling twenty thousand books and the qualification for an auction, in addition to catching He Lianyun, whose reputation had already turned into trash, in exchange for a curing a Da Cheng stage senior black tiger. This deal was indeed extremely profitable.

On that day, the sect master of the Beast Taming Sect announced this news. Once this information was released, all the disciples and friends of the Beast Taming Sect all became aware that senior black tiger had recovered from his injury completely and had regained the strength of the Da Cheng stage. Each and everyone of them was jubilant. The more a sect's strength increases, the more helpful it becomes for the disciples. When they go out traveling to gain experiences, the more reputation it gains for them.

Because of refining the pill and hooking another Da Cheng stage expert, Yang Chen's fame spread again. According to cultivators talking between themselves, presently Yang Chen had already been considered as a high grade pill concocting master just after Deng Yi and Zhu Peng. Although his cultivation was low, no one dared have contempt for him.

Not to mention other things, but it could even be said he had already helped many others as a pill concocting master. Elder Wu's Heaven Seizing Pill, Subduing the Blood Phantom Vine for elder Hua Wanting, senior black tiger's black tiger suppressing pill, and the black tiger spirit supporting pill, all these three occurrences had some relation with a Da Cheng stage expert. Even Deng Yi also hadn't been that formidable.

Especially when Pure Yang Palace released the information that during the refining process, Medicine Hall Master Zhu Chentao had a flash of enlightenment and successfully formed his Ying and Pure Yang Palace had gained another YuanYing stage expert. This additional news surprised people to no end.

Many people had known about Zhu Chentao's reputation, and they also knew how much innate talent he had. If it was said that Zhu Chentao achieved YuanYing stage by his own strength, then eight out of ten people will not believe it. He had been concocting a pill in seclusion with Yang Chen for fourteen years and surprisingly made the breakthrough. It clearly had some unspeakable relation with Yang Chen.

A foundation stage pill concocting master who had been concocting pills one after another for Da Cheng stage experts. Moreover, Yang Chen also helped his own sect's Medicine Hall Master to upgrade a realm. What kind of formidable pill concocting master was this?

Now, no one mentioned the incident between Yang Chen and that clan regarding Heaven Seizing Pill's pill recipe. Can the Heaven Seizing Pill cure senior black tiger's injury? Or can it resolve the entanglement of Blood Phantom Vine? Everyone would rather believe that Yang Chen was getting inspiration from some random book, or perhaps he had discovered the some rare cheat pill scripture.

Regarding the beheading of He Lianyun and that clan at the Pure Yang Palace, no one spread any rumors. Even if someone mentioned it, he would only be laughing at them, who had overestimated their abilities. Being much too greedy and insatiable, seeking Yang Chen's own recipe, however, they had angered the Pure Yang Palace and death only served them right.

Many pill concocting masters had already begun to follow Yang Chen's method of learning, by reading random books extensively and attempting to increase their own experience and knowledge to broaden their horizons. Unfortunately, they didn't have Yang Chen's formidable memory, so they couldn't remember too much.

Naturally, even more people, intentionally or otherwise, began to slowly get pulled towards Yang Chen. It was clear that even the heavens had something they required from this pill concocting master. Having good relations with the Pure Yang Palace was absolutely necessary.

Moreover, those disciples of the Pure Yang Palace who were travelling outside to gain experience also clearly discovered that apparently other people were much more polite towards Pure Yang Palace now. After the successive major events that were associated with Yang Chen, everyone was both pleasantly surprised and frightened towards their own sect's disciple Yang Chen. They were also grateful towards him from the bottom of their hearts.

On the return journey to Pure Yang Palace, Yang Chen was joined by the Beast Taming Sect's sect master and senior black tiger. They jointly followed Yang Chen to the Pure Yang Palace. First, in order to express their gratitude towards the Pure Yang Palace, and second to discuss the next step of cooperation with the Pure Yang Palace.

When the guests arrived, Palace Master Zhong Jiao and other elders also became busy while receiving the guests. During this time, Yang Chen asked to be excused and returned to Second Fierce Yang Courtyard.

Throughout this pill concocting event, he hadn't seen his master for more than ten years, last time he could only catch a glimpse of her when Zhu Chentao passed his lightning tribulation. At that time, his master Gao Yue was immersed in observing Zhu Chentao's tribulation, so Yang Chen didn't disturb her. Now, Yang Chen wished to chat with her for three days and nights without any disturbance.

The part of the Second Fierce Yang Courtyard that was destroyed by Zhu Chentao had been constructed during the time that Yang Chen had been away. It looked even more imposing as compared to before. With the sect exerting itself, the constructed buildings were more lavish. Even their layout had changed. Yang Chen had no option other than to look for Shangguan Feng first to know about his master's location.

However, before he could see Gao Yue, Shangguan Feng gave Yang Chen news. Senior Scarface, whom they met last time, when Gao Yue was injured, had come to Pure Yang Palace half a month ago, wanting to see Yang Chen. But Yang Chen was at the Beast Taming Sect at that time. Therefore, the sect had arranged for him to stay at a guest room in the Second Fierce Yang Courtyard, so if Yang Chen had the time, he should go and meet senior Scarface first.

Chapter 202: Scarface's Big Business

Yang Chen didn't listen to Shangguan Feng's proposal and went to his master's place first. Upon seeing his master again, he was happy.

Gao Yue had already reached foundation stage in water attributed cultivation. This had also put Gao Yue at a loss, even if she had elixirs and her JieDan stage spiritual awareness to help, reaching foundation stage after a short nine years. This speed could astonish anyone.

Even Gongsun Ling who was known as a cultivation genius inside the sect and had a nearly full earth attributed spirit root, had taken a full ten years to reach foundation stage from qi layer. But Gao Yue knew very well that she clearly had fire attribute spirit root, so how could she cultivate water attributed cultivation methods so quickly?

“why is it like this?”

Gao Yue, who had already reached second layer of foundation stage, asked Yang Chen, feeling very confused. Since Yang Chen had been insisting from the beginning for her to cultivate water attributed cultivation methods, so he must most probably know the reason.

“For the time being, let us just say that I guessed it. Allow me be completely sure before I give master a proper explanation.”

Yang Chen naturally would not explain it to her right now. Presently, the time hasn't come.

“Are you making your master become a test subject for your experiment?”

Seeing Gao Yue's slightly angry expression, Yang Chen was enchanted. When Gao Yue saw him not paying attention, she pushed him a little which made Yang Chen snap out of his daze.

“Is your master beautiful?”

Gao Yue suddenly asked Yang Chen curiously. As soon as she said this, Gao Yue also sensed that the question was inappropriate and her whole face turned red.

“Beautiful!”

Yang Chen replied immediately.

“Compared to the cool and calm Fairy Shi?”

Seeing Yang Chen answer immediately, Gao Yue suddenly didn't know what demon had possessed her as she asked again.

"Master is more beautiful!"

Yang Chen answered immediately again. In his mind, there was no place for Shi Shanshan from the beginning, so there was no need to think about anything else.

Hearing Yang Chen's reply, Gao Yue felt sweetness spread through her heart, but at the same time, she also felt shy. How could she ask such a strange question. This was certainly not the way a master should behave with her disciple.

"Master, Scarface has come, let's go meet him together!"

Yang Chen appeared to not have sensed his master's peculiarity and calmly said. But in his heart, there were already big waves surging around, only, he didn't know how to express his emotions.

Regarding Yang Chen's suggestion, Gao Yue didn't have any intention of declining at all. Both of them jointly arrived at Second Fierce Yang Hall's guest room and met with Scarface whom they hadn't seen for almost twenty years.

Although such a long time had passed, Scarface almost didn't change. In any case, YuanYing stage expert's appearances don't change greatly. Only now, Scarface was completely different from before when he didn't know what to do after his hatred had been satisfied. Seemingly, he had found a new direction again, he seemed to be full of energy.

"Senior!"

Regarding YuanYing stage, they have to be regarded as senior, so Yang Chen and Gao Yue also addressed him as senior:

"Long time no see, senior, you seem safe and sound!"

“Thanks to your lucky influence!”

After getting his revenge, Scarface seemed very polite, however that scar on his face destroyed all peace, even his smile made him seem more sinister.

“This is the promised face changing pill, kindly accept it senior!”

Yang Chen didn't need to follow fake niceties with Scarface, he took out the bottle containing a face changing pill which he had already refined and gave it to Scarface.

Scarface also wasn't polite and directly accepted it. Feeling it with his hand, he suddenly smiled:

“Yang Chen, in the past few days, your reputation has spread greatly!”

After returning from the Demon Beast Plains, throughout the whole journey, Scarface kept hearing about Yang Chen's matters. Moreover, all of them were apparently related to Da Cheng stage experts, Scarface could not help but be astonished. But once he remembered how Yang Chen had convinced old tree demon to take his advice, all these matters didn't seem so hard to understand.

“A few trivial matters, not worth mentioning!”

Yang Chen casually waved his hand and courteously said, then asked:

“Senior, what were the harvests this time?”

Without the face changing pill, Scarface didn't go to the Hundred Thousand Mountains. Rather, he had to go to Demon Beast Plain which he was not so familiar with. Also fortunately, he himself was a formidable YuanYing stage expert so he didn't have any losses at the Demon Beast Plains.

Demon Beast Plains really were enriched with natural resources, otherwise, it wouldn't have produced so many demon beasts. Scarface holding large amounts of spirit stones as well as some of the products of dao sects, were all exchanged for many good things he had obtained from Demon Beast Plain.

Although his qiankun pouch had already been filled from before and he could have returned in three years, Scarface was fortunate enough to have found a good place in the Demon Beast Plain. However, after he had collected some good things, he discovered that twenty years had already passed, so he hastily rushed back.

“What kind of treasure was worth senior spending twenty years time to collect?”

Yang Chen’s eyes immediately shone, he asked curiously. On the other side, Gao Yue also had a curious expression on her face, waiting for Scarface’s reply.

“A bottle of seventh metal true qi.”

Scarface calmly replied, completely unaware of the shock his reply had produced in Yang Chen.

“Seventh metal true qi?”

Yang Chen almost cried out in shock. Trying to repress the surprise in his voice, he asked with ecstasy:

“Senior, is this seventh metal true qi useful to you?”

“For me, it is useless.”

Scarface shook his head and said with a smile on his face:

“However, for those who cultivate metal attribute, this is a treasure which could only be found by luck. Alas, why are you and I speaking of this, you certainly know of this better than me.”

Speaking till here, Scarface suddenly remembered Yang Chen’s reputation about being a great reader and shook his head.

“If senior is not going to use for himself, could you exchange it with this junior?”

Repressing his emotions, Yang Chen asked in a discussing tone:

“What does senior require, don’t hesitate to tell me.”

“Exchange with you?”

Scarface was startled, he believed that Yang Chen was a fire attributed cultivator, so hadn’t expected that Yang Chen would require this seventh metal true qi. He asked curiously:

“What will you use it for?”

“Junior requires it for a sect’s cultivation method.”

Yang Chen also didn’t hide anything.

“I don’t have any use for it, so might as well exchange it to you.”

Regarding this, Scarface didn’t have any conflict, in any case, this would fetch him spirit stones or perhaps a magic weapon, it didn’t matter who he exchanges it with, but he again asked just to clarify:

“What do you intend to exchange it for?”

“Senior what do you want? Spirit stones? Magic weapons? Elixir? Cultivation method?”

Yang Chen spread his hands, asking Scarface his price. This seventh metal true qi was incomparably precious to Yang Chen as it was essential for the cultivation of «Seventh Metal True Secrets» and thus was necessary for completing the Great Yin and Yang Five Phases Secrets, so Yang Chen must have it.

Seeing Yang Chen so intent on asking Scarface's price, Gao Yue also became anxious, but she could not do anything to help. Suddenly thinking of something, she said:

"If senior does this for Yang Chen, then the three requests that senior had promised to me can all be forgotten."

Because Scarface had injured Gao Yue, Scarface had promised three requests to Gao Yue, this was before they came to an agreement. Presently, Gao Yue was raising this issue to help fight for Yang Chen.

"Since it is like this, then this could only be considered as one of the requests to fellow daoist Gao."

Scarface also wasn't a shameless and greedy person and immediately took out the jade bottle that was densely packed with sealing talisman and gave it to Yang Chen:

"So, now I only owe two requests to fellow daoist Gao."

"This is not appropriate!"

Although Yang Chen extended his hand to take the bottle, he shook his head and refused:

"This seventh metal true qi is too precious, master's one request is not enough to exchange for this."

"Then let's also add in your face changing pill."

Scarface lightly added. Apparently, he was rejoicing over the fact that he could settle one request:

"You only promised me the face changing pill, do not say anything else, this is just perfect for our exchange."

"Not appropriate, not appropriate!"

Yang Chen again shook his head, face changing pill was too easy for him and couldn't be compared to the value of seventh metal true qi. Moreover, he was sincerely determined to rope in Scarface and even a little push could push him thousand miles away.

"Then I will reserve a good elixir from you in advance."

Scarface was greatly generous, after taking his revenge, he neither had the desire nor need for anything, at this moment also he didn't want any disputes with Yang Chen:

"This ought to do for you, shouldn't it?"

Although his words were light, in his heart, Scarface was greatly appreciative of Yang Chen's big hearted personality. At least when dealing with him, he needn't be anxious that Yang Chen would cheat him or would use him lightly.

"What kind of elixir?"

Yang Chen nodded his head, also in addition, this wasn't something that could not be accepted.

"I haven't thought about it yet."

Scarface smiled shaking his head:

"Perhaps, in the future, I may need a unique elixir, when I require it, I will tell you. As long as, you remember that you owe me an elixir, that'll do."

"Then, we have a deal!"

Yang Chen loosely said, as if gaining the most important treasure, he immediately put the seventh metal true qi within his Achievement Ring. After holding the seventh metal true qi in his hand, he was no longer anxious and could rest in peace.

Gao Yue standing on the other side was also very happy, although she had used up one of her requests, Yang Chen had finally gotten what he wanted. Although she didn't know what Yang Chen wanted to do with this, Gao Yue was absolutely satisfied.

"How did senior collect this seventh metal true qi?"

Although he had accepted it, Yang Chen was still curious about how Scarface had collected it. He wasn't a demon beast neither was he metal attributed, he really must have had some trouble.

"It was not easy."

Hearing Yang Chen ask about this matter, Scarface also started feeling proud, thinking about it, he could not help but began to explain non stop about it.

Scarface himself was a fire attributed cultivator. Moreover, Nanming fire already belonged to him personally. Since fire restrains metal, after he had discovered the Seventh Metal True Qi, Scarface used Nanming fire and tried to force the Seventh Metal True Qi to a certain place, but even though he had spent tremendous amounts of strength, he could only collect that bottle of Seventh Metal True Qi.

Although it was simple logic of five phases subduing each other, Scarface used it to the point of perfection. Inevitably, Scarface was proud of himself at the end:

"Although it wasted twenty years of time, but my cultivation had increased again because of the hard work that went to collecting this Seventh Metal True Qi, so it was worth it!"

Apparently, Scarface's goal of changing his mental state was fulfilled, his cultivation had also increased because of the increase in confidence. No wonder, Yang Chen had felt a sensation that was full of vitality coming from him when he saw him. So this had been the reason.

"Congratulations, senior!"

Yang Chen also smiled and congratulated Scarface, with this kind of start, in the future, Scarface will be someone who will certainly excel, which would possibly lead to even better cooperation.

“This time, I have obtained many great things at Demon Beast Plains, what do you intend to purchase?”

Yang Chen and Scarface, both began to talk about normal business matters, Scarface naturally didn't forget to talk about it. If he doesn't get spirit stones by selling the objects he had brought back, then his trips would just be a waste. Moreover, those big sects and schools would just try to lower the prices forcefully, so naturally he found Yang Chen as most suitable person to sell to.

“If senior is willing then we can deepen our cooperation.”

Yang Chen directly mentioned his intent to deepen their cooperation. At the same time, he would also talk to Shangguan Feng on the side. He was thinking of discussing about expanding his business outside the Pure Yang Palace.

This would establish a stable market, at the same time, it would also signify the establishment of stable means of supply of goods from dao sect, how could Scarface be unwilling? Not only limited to these, Yang Chen's business, by using Yang Chen's great fame which Scarface had just recently heard about, Pure Yang Palace will certainly not be ignored. At least it will provide for security and Pure Yang Palace itself will be a formidable patron compared to individuals and the earnings will also be higher.

The more both sides discussed, the more optimistic they became. Gao Yue hearing all this was dumbstruck, she hadn't even thought that Yang Chen surprisingly was so proficient about business dealings. While chatting with Scarface, he had never been in a disadvantageous position.

Scarface was even more astonished regarding Yang Chen's familiarity with everything produced in Demon Beast Plains. Yang Chen seemed even more knowledgeable compared to himself, who personally went there. Even compared to him, Yang Chen's thinking was even more comprehensive, what price to mention, at what price should the negotiation end, he already had the basic idea about everything. Also compared to his ad hoc scheme, Yang Chen also had specialized knowledge about which things would earn him spirit stones and how much profit would he make.

The more they spoke about this, the more Yang Chen was aroused, so much that he even called Shangguan Feng. Shangguan Feng's interest regarding business far surpassed his interest in business,

but the strange thing was that the better business he did, the more his cultivation seemed to increase. During the years Yang Chen was busy with pill refining, Shangguan Feng surprisingly entered mid foundation stage and soon was going to break through into later foundation stage.

Yang Chen also clicked his tongue in wonder, apparently Shangguan Feng was talented as supervisor and also didn't neglect his cultivation. Regarding how to run this business efficiently, Shangguan Feng had much more knowledge, he opened a huge world of business in front of Yang Chen, Scarface and Gao Yue, making all of them dumbstruck.

“Seemingly, this business wouldn't be a loss!”

Scarface said deeply moved, even without needing look at the result of this opportunity, just hearing Shangguan Feng's words gave him a sensation as if he was looking at a tall mountain. Even though he was a YuanYing stage expert, he couldn't help but look in awe at the foundation stage Shangguan Feng's ability to do business.

Scarface felt greatly refreshed, he immediately opened his qiankun pouch and began to take out all the good objects he had obtained at Demon Beast Plains. On the other side, Shangguan Feng began to value all of them, the sound of metal objects being put on table was very pleasant to hear.

While four of them were immersed in counting their riches, several days passed. Scarface's harvest was quite abundant this time, even his biggest qiankun pouch was filled squeezed to the top, just sorting them out took several days and it took even more time to calculate their exact value. Shangguan Feng also couldn't help but envy Scarface, just with this trip alone, Scarface would reap several hundred thousand catties of low grade spirit stones.

Shangguan Feng was also not negligent and immediately took out several tens of high grade spirit stones to pay. Inside Pure Yang Palace, perhaps apart from Yang Chen, only he had so many spirit stones.

Chapter 203: Settle It Yourself

Both sides were completely satisfied, especially Scarface. After receiving the face changing pill, he could return to Hundred Thousand Mountains without having to worry about being discovered by the people there. The region Scarface was most familiar with was still Hundred Thousand Mountains. Compared to Demon Beast Plains, Scarface clearly knew which regions in the Hundred Thousand Mountains had specific kinds of materials.

Of the two, Yang Chen was the happiest. Who would have thought there would be such a coincidental opportunity? That he would surprisingly obtain something he had yearned for day and night, the Seventh Metal True Qi, was certainly an unexpected surprise. With the Seventh Metal True Qi, Yang Chen's Seventh Metal True Secrets would certainly transform his seventh metal spirit power to the purest seventh metal true qi. His Great Yin and Yang secrets would advance by one more step.

"Senior, remaining alone isn't always convenient, is it?"

While everyone was at last stage of discussion, Yang Chen suddenly asked.

"You mean?"

Scarface asked in confusion. He instinctively felt that Yang Chen was thinking of arranging some helpers to be at his side.

"What I mean is that senior's first priority should be to find some suitable juniors or perhaps begin to slowly find some helpers."

Yang Chen only wanted to give him a reminder:

"Sometimes, having many people is not only a convenience, but it can also help a lot. Other people also would not dare to casually attack you at Hundred Thousand Mountains and Demon Beast Plains."

This was actually true, at least in Hundred Thousand Mountains. A lone cultivator was the easiest target. Generally speaking, regardless of how high one's cultivation was, in cases where there were many people attacking, they would all jointly attack from all sides. Previously, Scarface had only gone to look for wealth, but it was not like he hadn't fought with others to the death. If he had the help of a small group, it would be much safer and would also simplify matters a lot.

"If there is an opportunity, I will try to get some helpers."

Scarface contemplated for a moment and nodded his head in agreement.

Yang Chen had already mentioned his point about what Scarface should do, so now Scarface had to deal with his own matters himself. Ever since Shangguan Feng had been in control of these things, Pure Yang Palace had become more and more prosperous, now it was almost time to allow him to start business outside.

The negotiation between the Palace Master of the Pure Yang Palace and the Sect Master of the Beast Taming Sect regarding future cooperation turned out great, so the Palace Master's mood was good. When Yang Chen mentioned this small matter, without any hesitation, Palace Master Zhong Jiao replied:

“Go find the shopkeeper of the Thousand Autumn Pavilion and ask him to arrange a shop front for you all. You all need not trouble yourself to worry about this.”

Shangguan Feng accepted the order and rushed out excitedly. Palace Master Zhong Jiao, however, had asked Yang Chen to remain behind. The Palace Master didn't say anything at first. He only kept on hesitating. Finally, clenching his teeth, he asked Yang Chen:

“Yang Chen, you know where Song Hang is stuck, could you guide him a little?”

Palace Master had only asked this after hesitating for a good moment. He knew Yang Chen's temperament, but the good news of Zhu Chentao becoming YuanYing stage had provoked him, making him think that if Pure Yang Palace had one more YuanYing stage expert, then it would be even better for Pure Yang Palace. Therefore, he still hesitated a long while before asking this question.

Yang Chen didn't reply directly. He only shook his head silently. Palace Master Zhong Jiao's question was indeed logical, but for Yang Chen, only this couldn't be the only reason. Song Hang, who had tried to target Yang Chen, now wanted Yang Chen to help him? How could Yang Chen be expected to give charity like this? Moreover, even if someone were to request this of him, it should have been Song Hang asking. Why is Palace Master and Yang Chen talking about this?

“Alas!”

Palace Master Zhong Jiao faintly sighed. He had also been aware that this would be result, only, he wasn't willing to accept without trying once. A YuanYing stage expert, ah, what a pity. Why did Song Hang have to be so stupid to allow his brain to be poisoned by Liang Shaoming when he had been the

substituting hall master and go cause trouble for Yang Chen? Now, the method of breaking through was in Yang Chen's hands. What an irony indeed!

"Palace Master!"

Yang Chen suddenly addressed him, which again gave rise to a trace of hope within Palace Master. Raising his head to look at Yang Chen, he was expectedly waiting for Yang Chen to say something which would benefit them all.

"A YuanYing stage expert wouldn't increase the strength of my sect."

Yang Chen's first words once again extinguished the little trace of hope that Palace Master Zhong Jiao had, but his next words made the Palace Master turn pale with fright:

"If in near future, when Palace Master isn't busy, then maybe you should think about attacking Da Cheng stage."

Attacking Da Cheng stage? Palace Master Zhong Jiao hadn't had this thought for a long time. Presently, he was at the mid YuanYing stage, not to mention Da Cheng stage, and even reaching the peak the YuanYing stage seemed like an extravagant hope. Yang Chen's words about him attacking Da Cheng stage, how was it possible?

"If Palace Master is willing, then you should find a suitable dao companion. Disciple actually knows a metal attribute dual cultivation method which can allow your strength to increase greatly."

Ever since Yang Chen returned from Immortal Falling Well, Palace Master Zhong Jiao had shown great consideration for Yang Chen. So naturally, Yang Chen also wanted to return the favour by allowing Palace Master Zhong Jiao to advance one step further.

"Dao companion?"

Palace Master Zhong Jiao was so startled that he was rooted in his original place. He hadn't thought about this question.

Firstly, the Pure Yang Palace didn't have any great dual cultivation methods. Secondly, finding a suitable dao companion was really extremely difficult. Palace Master Zhong Jiao's status was special, so how can he casually take a disciple of another sect as his dao companion?

But Yang Chen's reminder gave some hope to Palace Master Zhong Jiao, especially Yang Chen's performance in these last few years. As long as someone was on Yang Chen's side, he would certainly show consideration to them and all of them had an increase in cultivation. There had been many examples, so clearly Yang Chen was not just speaking big words. Since he had said that he will help Palace Master attack the Da Cheng stage, then maybe Palace Master would be able to reach Da Cheng stage.

Yang Chen also wanted the surrounding people to feel this. As long as they have good relationship with him, there will be many benefits, but if they oppose him, the losses will be disastrous and maybe they will have to worry about their life. This way, the people of the sect will easily make the correct choice.

"Are you certain?"

After pondering for a moment, Palace Master Zhong Jiao lifted his head and asked.

"Sixty percent certain!"

Yang Chen also wasn't a hundred percent sure about this, so he only answered that there was a relatively high possibility. In reality, sixty percent assurance was enough to tempt Palace Master Zhong Jiao, even thirty percent certainty was sufficient to stake his life on it.

This scene was very weird, if someone saw it, their first impression would certainly be that Yang Chen was asking Palace Master Zhong Jiao for advice, but who would have thought that the truth was the complete opposite?

One option was to remain a YuanYing stage expert, another was to turn himself into Da Cheng stage expert. Between these two choices, how could Palace Master Zhong Jiao not know which to pick? But once he thought that Yang Chen would rather spend time and energy training a Da Cheng stage, but he wasn't willing to even say a single line of advice to Song Hang, who had offended him, Zhong Jiao really didn't know how to describe Yang Chen.

“Regarding the matter of a dao companion.”

Palace Master Zhong Jiao suddenly mentioned another topic, and said while looking at Yang Chen:

“While you were in seclusion, I personally went to Green Jade Immortal Islands.”

Yang Chen couldn't help but throw a look at him, this matter concerned him and he couldn't avoid it, so could only ask angrily:

” Could Disciple know what was the result?”

“In my opinion, you have obtained a beautiful flower, her cultivation is high, her innate talent is also outstanding and exceptionally good for dao companion. In addition, my Pure Yang Palace will obtain the support of Green Jade Immortals Island. This would just be having your cake and eating it too.”

Palace Master Zhong Jiao looked at Yang Chen and said with a smile.

“Palace Master, will you answer me or not?”

Yang Chen became anxious, without caring for the etiquette between senior and junior, he hastily asked.

“You are afraid of that girl, Shi Shanshan?”

Palace Master Zhong Jiao looked at him teasingly and could not help but make fun of him.

“I am not afraid!”

Yang Chen shook his head, then earnestly stood up, within his mind, his master's determined face of previous life again flashed through, formally said:

"Only, I cannot accept her."

"The matter is between you two, so you have to resolve it yourself!"

Palace Master Zhong Jiao seemed to sigh faintly and continued to speak:

"I have already spoken to the Island Master of Green Jade Immortal Islands. You two are still young. Perhaps if you know each other more, you will understand. As for whether it will succeed or not, since you both started this matter, you will have to resolve it!"

"Many thanks Palace Master!"

Yang Chen had heard that faint sigh from Palace Master Zhong Jiao's mouth. Palace Master had already fought for him to this stage, this certainly wouldn't have been easy. Yang Chen paid his respects and thanked him.

"You need not be so courteous with me."

Palace Master Zhong Jiao shook his head, then said optimistically:

"I have already agreed with Green Jade Immortal Islands, that after your pill concocting had ended, regardless of whatever you do, you will do it together with Shi Shanshan. You will both gain experience together in these next several years. Perhaps that will enhance your understanding."

"What?"

Yang Chen was stunned. What did this mean? Why was he still required to accompany Shi Shanshan to gain experience? To promote understanding between them?

“You don’t need to be so stunned.”

Palace Master Zhong Jiao said in commanding tone:

“This is for your own good. What do you intend to do next?”

He had barely asked this when he directly instructed, without waiting for Yang Chen’s answer:

“Regardless of what you do, you are to first go to Green Jade Immortal Islands and pay formal visit to Shi Shanshan. Then, you are to travel together afterwards.”

Palace Master Zhong Jiao’s command was the result of discussions between him and the Island Master of the Green Jade Immortal Islands. Yang Chen knew that this matter couldn’t be changed and could only scowl miserably and ask to be excused.

“I am allowing an exquisite woman like Shi Shanshan to travel with you and you still want to complain? Quickly get lost!”

Seeing Yang Chen’s expression, Palace Master Zhong Jiao understood what he was thinking and berated him before driving him out.

Yang Chen was incessantly complaining within his heart, what is this? Initially, he had intended to go and find that blood essence of Heavenly Roar Dog for his Heavenly Roar to use as a supplement together with his master, but now, he had no option but to bring along Shi Shanshan. How could this have happened?

While complaining in his heart, he could only return back to his master’s courtyard and tell her about Palace Master’s instruction, while anxiously waiting for Gao Yue to say something.

“Since these are Palace Master’s instructions, then go with her, what harm can be there?”

When Gao Yue saw Yang Chen being so anxious, she couldn’t help but laugh:

“You don’t have confidence in yourself? Or still....”

Saying until here, Gao Yue suddenly bit her lip and continued:

“Or you don’t have faith in your master?”

“Master!”

Yang Chen lifted up his head and looked at Gao Yue in complete astonishment. Seeing the red shade on Gao Yue’s face, as well as her limpid eyes, he suddenly thought that him protecting her for so long was finally showing some result.

With an ecstatic sound, Yang Chen suddenly recovered his vigorous fighting spirit and laughed for a long time. He then said high spiritedly:

“Disciple understands master’s intention clearly! Disciple will go to Green Jade Immortal Islands and invite Fairy Shi to journey together.”

In any case, Palace Master Zhong Jiao said they should resolve their problems themselves. If worst came to worst, he could just speak clearly with Fairy Shi. Yang Chen’s only worry previously was that he feared his master would misunderstand. Now that his master had full confidence in him, why should he be afraid of anything?

While Yang Chen was involved with pill concocting, Gongsun Ling had already studied that maze thoroughly. Moreover, she had returned in time to see Zhu Chentao form his Ying successfully and had observed the entire process of lightning tribulation in close range. She had comprehended something at the end and was now in closed door training.

Yang Chen wanted to pay her a visit, but that had been in vain. He could only ask the servants of Gao Yue to pass on a message to her, saying that he was going outside to travel and would return in two to three years.

After handing over the business matters to Shangguan Feng, Yang Chen congratulated Zhu Chentao, and then left the Second Fierce Yang Courtyard. He called out his Flying Shuttle and directly headed towards Green Jade Immortal Islands.

When there was still some distance left to reach Green Jade Immortal Islands, Yang Chen commanded his Flying Shuttle to fall in ocean. He changed it into a big boat and rushed towards Green Jade Immortal Islands.

Regardless of what is said, he had maintained all etiquettes properly, so even if there were some indifferences, other people wouldn't be able to pick faults with these trivial things. This was Yang Chen's intention.

After stopping his boat on the shore, he paid his respects as per the islands' rules and announced his name. Then, he requested to meet with Fairy Shi.

The entire Green Jade Immortal Islands had heard of Yang Chen's famous name, moreover, the upper echelons of Green Jade Immortal Islands had also let out the news confirming that Yang Chen was Shi Shanshan's dao companion. So when he announced his name this time, the treatment he received was completely different.

When the disciple guarding the island gate heard Yang Chen's name, he enthusiastically led him to the guest room, delivered fine refreshment, and didn't forget to inform him:

"Fellow daoist Yang, this time, ask senior apprentice sister Shi to show you around the islands. Next time when you come, just announce your name and directly go find senior apprentice sister Shi."

Shi Shanshan was extremely talented and had entered the JieDan stage quite early. The fellow disciples of the same generation as her were still here looking after guests and were still only in the foundation stage, so calling her 'senior apprentice sister Shi' was normal.

Through his journey to the island, Yang Chen had already considered this carefully. This matter regarding Shi Shanshan had to be solved as early as possible. As for what Shi Shanshan was thinking, she could do whatever was convenient for herself. In all likelihood, Green Jade Immortal Islands had considered his innate talent in pill concocting, and because of that, had generously agreed to make Shi Shanshan his

dao companion at that time. In any case, as long as the matter was appropriately dealt with, no one would be greatly offended and probably there wouldn't be much effect.

Upon receiving the news that Yang Chen had come to see her, Shi Shanshan also wasn't neglectful and quickly flew towards the guest room. On seeing Yang Chen, she exchanged conventional greetings with him, but apart from that cold expression as before, she didn't show any other expression which would astonish people.

Shi Shanshan indeed invited Yang Chen to take a walk around Green Jade Immortal Islands. He didn't refuse, as per Palace Master Zhong Jiao's instructions. Yang Chen followed behind Shi Shanshan, looked around Green Jade Immortal Islands, then also rested in Shi Shanshan's room for a while. Only when both of them were sipping tea did Yang Chen speak about his intentions.

"You intend to go to Ming Qi Mountain to gain experience and are inviting me to journey together with you?"

Shi Shanshan was startled, apparently she hadn't expected that Yang Chen would invite her to travel together. However, she wasn't that conflicted towards Yang Chen's request as she had already acknowledged Yang Chen as her dao companion publicly, so naturally, she would not refuse:

"That is also good, I haven't gone out to gain experience in a long time. So let's go and see."

Shi Shanshan was a firm person, she just sent one of her servants to notify her master and she followed Yang Chen without any hesitation.

Chapter 204: Common Interests

The Meng Qi Mountains were quite far from Green Jade Immortal Islands and close to the Demon Beast Plains. Although the region didn't penetrate the territory of demon beasts deeply, there were still many demon beasts. However, this blood essence hadn't been found until now.

Regardless of what is said, Yang Chen had to go and take a look. That one drop of blood essence of Heavenly Roar Dog could possibly activate some unique ancient beast's bloodline. His Heavenly Roar himself is a unique beast and this blood essence would be a great supplement for him. Taking a trip there wouldn't waste anything, but if he found that blood essence, there would be great benefits.

Since Guan Yueying already knew that Yang Chen had a flying shuttle which was very fast, Yang Chen didn't hide it from Shi Shanshan and called out his Flying Shuttle, inviting her onboard. He then controlled it to move towards the Meng Qi Mountain's direction.

Although Shi Shanshan was slightly surprised, she wasn't that astonished. However, sensing the high speed of Flying Shuttle, she couldn't help but steal glances at Yan Chen. Seeing from her reaction, it could be assumed that Guan Yueying had spoken with her about this matter.

"Is this the magic weapon you had to used to escape from elder Guan when she was chasing you?"

After sitting in the Flying Shuttle, no one said anything for a long time, so Shi Shanshan found a topic and asked.

"Yes!"

Yang Chen nodded affirmatively. He was thinking about Seventh Metal True Qi, so he didn't speak much.

Although he had already obtained the Seventh Metal True Qi, Yang Chen wasn't anxious to refine it immediately. His fire attribute spirit power had already reached late foundation stage. After successive upgrade in layers, it required some time for consolidation. Right now, forcefully absorbing the Seventh Metal True Qi to cultivate the Seventh Metal True Secrets would certainly not do him any good.

However, when he thought of Seventh Metal True Qi and Seventh Metal True Secrets, Yang Chen suddenly remembered that Shi Shanshan was metal attributed. If Shi Shanshan and he became dao companions, then with her full metal spirit root and Yang Chen's postnatal full metal spirit root, their cultivation would increase at an astonishing speed.

However, with the image of his master in his heart, Yang Chen didn't feel anything towards Shi Shanshan. Perhaps this was also destiny, in his previous life, Yang Chen had coveted Fairy Shi passionately, but in this life, he didn't have that kind of feeling.

"Then what blade did you use to kill Li Qingchen at that time?"

During the time of Yang Chen's life and death challenge with Li Qingchen, Shi Shanshan was also present at the scene, but she also couldn't see clearly how Yang Chen dealt the final blow. Just one blade slashed down and as a result, countless chins fell down.

Shi Shanshan was also one among one of those. At that time, she also wasn't that optimistic about Yang Chen winning, therefore, she had said that she would remaining faithful to Yang Chen. And now, with Yang Chen sitting by her side, she couldn't help but ask about this to clarify her thoughts.

"My Immortal Executing Blade is a high grade magic weapon."

Yang Chen also didn't hide and stated the reason:

"My strength was very high and was holding the blade with two hands, so it was much more advantageous for me compared to him, who was protecting himself by controlling his flying sword with spiritual awareness."

Shi Shanshan was also an expert, so immediately understood the crux. One side was slashing with physical strength and power of spiritual awareness, moreover, also had a high grade magic weapon, while the other side was careless and didn't have a high grade magic weapon, so this outcome was completely normal.

"Thank you!"

Shi Shanshan earnestly thanked Yang Chen.

"Because I killed Li Qingchen?"

Yang Chen was slightly confused, even if Li Qingchen nagged Shi Shanshan, it should not have gone so far as to give birth to killing intent in Shi Shanshan. And even if she wanted to kill Li Qingchen, Shi Shanshan could have casually led to him to a place where there wouldn't be any witnesses and have gotten rid of him easily, so why thank him for doing anything?

“Because you have saved me a lot of trouble.”

Shi Shanshan earnestly replied:

“After your life and death duel, elder Li hadn’t come to look for trouble with me, so I was able to remain in peace, therefore, thank you!”

Because of Fairy Shi’s words about remaining faithful to Yang Chen for no cause or reason, Yang Chen had become the best shield for Shi Shanshan. Moreover, with elder Guan Yueying’s consent and elder Min Huafeng’s agreement later on, there was no opposition within Green Jade Immortal Islands.

Naturally, outsiders also got this news. Those that were chasing after Shi Shanshan couldn’t do anything except rack their brains, loathe and curse Yang Chen as they couldn’t chase after Shi Shanshan anymore. They had already become dao companion, so going after her wouldn’t be admirable, moreover, it will also be disrespectful.

Surprisingly, he had once again saved much trouble for Shi Shanshan without any intention, Yang Chen didn’t know what to say in this situation and could only force a bitter laugh:

“You need not be so formal!”

After that there was silence again, Shi Shanshan also saw that both of them were bored and fished out a beautiful tea set from her qiankun pouch and set it on the table. Then using the teapot and tea leaves, she began to boil tea within the Flying Shuttle.

It had to be said, Shi Shanshan herself was a beautiful woman, matchless, cool, and elegant. At this moment, this remarkably beautiful woman was earnestly boiling tea in front of him. Seeing her earnest expressions, Yang Chen also couldn’t help but admire.

After a series of tricks, Shi Shanshan placed a mug of aromatic tea in front of Yang Chen. Yang Chen very naturally, picked up the aromatic mug and poured it in the cup and sniffed it once. Then brought the tea cup to his mouth and began to sip slowly, closing his eyes to attentively enjoy the aftertaste.

“How is the taste?”

Shi Shanshan looked at Yang Chen with an expectant expression, wanting to hear the assessment from his mouth.

“This water, is it taken from the spring at the ocean floor after removing the salt?”

After sampling for a moment, Yang Chen opened his eyes and asked.

“You’re really knowledgeable!”

Shi Shanshan was slightly amazed, but when she remembered that Yang Chen had read many random books and his reputation of being extensively knowledgeable, she wasn’t greatly baffled.

“Good water, however the tea leaves aren’t properly matured.”

Yang Chen slightly shook his head, then continued with his evaluation:

“Boiling also wasn’t enough, but getting it to this stage also wasn’t easy for you!”

This unrestrained criticism made Shi Shanshan slightly enraged, following which she said coldly:

“In that case, today let’s taste your skills.”

Yang Chen also wasn’t that polite and nodded his head. Taking out tender leaves of tea trees he had long ago planted in Medicine Garden, he began to roast them in front of Shi Shanshan.

Suddenly, the Profound Spirit Furnace appeared in front of them, the Cold Ice Fire flashed and began to dry the moisture content from the green tea leaves. After waiting for some time, he changed the flame to the Profound Wood Fire, a tiny flame began to bake the tea leaves. Yang Chen, using the Profound Spirit Furnace as a ware for sauteing tea leaves, began to stir fry them.

With his fire controlling technique, Yang Chen didn't even need to touch tea leaves and completed all the work. By the time, he placed the well fried tea leaves in a jade cup on the table, Shi Shanshan's face had turned sluggish, apparently not daring to believe everything she was seeing.

“Using the pill concocting furnace to saute the tree leaves, you would be the first one to do so?”

After remaining expressionless for a while, she suddenly smiled. When she smiled, it was like cold ice had been defrosted, so beautiful, that nothing more beautiful could be imagined.

But only after one smile, Shi Shanshan quickly restored her cold expression from before. She grasped the jade cup with her lily white hand and brought it towards herself. First, she marvelled at the plump tea leaves, afterwards, bringing it closer, she slightly sniffed it.

With this one sniff, Shi Shanshan's ice cold expression transformed again, changing to an expression of not daring to believe the sight in front of her.

Yang Chen's tea leaves were planted in the Medicine Garden. Although they were planted only twenty years ago, the several times transformation in the clean bottle had lead to all the herbs within the Medicine Garden to increase their maturity by hundred years for no special reason. This tea tree was also no exception.

They had reached sufficient maturity themselves. Moreover, with the nourishment of fifth earth soil within the Medicine Garden and the medicinal power distributed by countless herbs, this combination made the harvested tea leaves even more unique.

Up to here, everything was still normal, but surprisingly Yang Chen had used pill refining technique to fry the tea leaves. Speaking of frying, it is inferior to refining. Even then, he used two different flames and a portion the strong medicinal power of Profound Spirit Furnace had also permeated within it. These were not simple tea leaves, rather, they were clearly tea pill.

These kind of tea leaves were completely different compared to ordinary tea leaves. Even if Shi Shanshan's tea leaves were grown in the region of Green Jade Immortal Islands with plentiful spirit power and fried with utmost care, how could they compare to Yang Chen's special tea leaves?

Just these tea leaves were enough to make Shi Shanshan forget her unwillingness to accept criticism from a moment ago. Furthermore, when she saw that Yang Chen had surprisingly used Nanming Fire within the pill concocting furnace to boil water, she immediately realized what Yang Chen meant by saying that the heat was not enough.

Shi Shanshan had a metal spirit root and was not proficient in everything like Yang Chen. Presently, she could only shockingly look at Yang Chen adding water to the tea leaves in a way that was more proficient than her. She didn't dare to believe what she was seeing. Where did Yang Chen learn such a traditional method of making tea?

After a series of techniques, a cup of tea that was even more aromatic compared to previous one was placed before Shi Shanshan, Yang Chen then extended his hand and made an inviting gesture:

“Please!”

Shi Shanshan gracefully picked up her fragrant cup in her lily white hands and deeply sniffed. Immediately, she sensed a sweet fragrance together with spirit power which comforted her entire body and rush into her nostrils. Just this one sniff had made her unable to control her gasp.

Only after the tea entered her mouth did Shi Shanshan genuinely taste what is known as the high quality tea. That refreshing flavour penetrated deeply through her body, making her whole body loiter within that feeling she got after sniffing the tea. Even without speaking about the refreshing spirit power that passed along with aroma of tea, it was not very dense and neither was it too weak. It was just perfect to cleanse the body once, from her lip directly to the sole of her feet, giving the sensation of rushing to become an immortal.

After drinking a mouthful, even the Cold Plum Fairy Shi, exposed an expression of admiration and was unable to hide it. After reflecting on the aftertaste for a good while, Shi Shanshan issued a faint sigh.

“Such delicacy, at which year, which month, would I be able to enjoy it next!”

Shi Shanshan couldn't help but feel regret, Yang Chen's current behaviour towards her didn't resemble one of a dao companion. Shi Shanshan could see that he just didn't care about her. If this continues,

then there would be no fixed time when these two would see each other again, much less talk about drinking Yang Chen's tea.

All her life, Shi Shanshan never had other hobbies except one. Apart from cultivation, she was only fond of tea making techniques. She didn't spare any effort and even went to the underground spring at the bottom of the ocean to collect water from the core of earth. The tea leaves were also personally grown and fried by her.

Initially, she had believed that her tea was already very high quality, however, she hadn't expected that within one short hour, Yang Chen would manage to produce something which was many folds better compared to the tea produced by her with utmost care for several years. If Yang Chen had also prepared it meticulously, spending several years to take care of it, what kind of delicacy would he produce?

"Whenever you wish you drink, just find me!"

Yang Chen subconsciously considered Shi Shanshan as an ally, after the words came out he felt a sense of regret, but couldn't take back his words.

Speaking frankly, Shi Shanshan was someone who understood tea and also understood how to appreciate it. Yang Chen's effort a moment ago, although it seemed simple, was quite dazzling. Showing off in front of the famous Cold Plum Fairy of previous life, Yang Chen also couldn't help but feel some excitement.

When Shi Shanshan drank the tea, Yang Chen also felt some longing. When Yang Chen saw the intoxicated expression on Shi Shanshan, he felt even more complacent. As the maker, the genuine delight for Yang Chen was someone who knew how to appreciate his tea. Therefore, he had started talking without thinking.

However, just after he had opened his mouth, Yang Chen immediately regretted it, but this was only a faint regret. Didn't he not want to become estranged with Shi Shanshan? How could he reply to her like this?

Shi Shanshan was greatly exalted. She surprisingly revealed a smile again and thanked Yang Chen.

“No need to be polite!”

Since he had already said so, Yang Chen wouldn't be petty. How could he insist on such a trivial matter? He only nodded:

“Sometimes, freshly prepared things are far more delicious compared to things which are prepared a long time ago with utmost care. If you like it, then you can come and drink the fresh tea!”

Two people, each one holding a cup, were silently sipping tea. Shi Shanshan was immersed within the beautiful taste. After taking a sip, Yang Chen again slightly shook his head:

“Unfortunately, the tea is still not the best. Only sometimes do I find some wild tea. Compared to them, these spirit plants are much worse. Although the water is pretty good, but it is only in the sunflower water category and it is not as good as natural ninth water.”

The ocean water was precisely sunflower water, having large amounts of salt, even if it is from an underwater spring from the bed of the ocean. It was also the same. Although salt was removed from it, some amount of salt still remained, making it lose its natural flavor. This was the reason of Yang Chen's resentfulness.

While sipping the tea, Shi Shanshan committed Yang Chen's words to memory. Next time, when she traveled out, if she would find some good type of water and then would surely collect it. She knew she must try what this heavenly ninth water tastes like.

As for the tea plant, that could only be encountered by chance and not purposefully found. If she encountered it, she would surely pluck a branch or two and grow them. Using the pill concocting method to refine and further raise the quality, it would probably increase the taste even more.

Although not many words were spoken, both of them seemed to have found a common pleasure, each of them sipping their aromatic tea slowly, which took an incense stick burning time to finish. After the tea was finished, the atmosphere between seemed to have become harmonious.

“What are you going to do at Meng Qi Mountain?”

This time, Shi Shanshan asked Yang Chen's real goal:

"There are many demon beasts there, if it is just for getting experience, isn't that dangerous?"

"In near future, I intend to raise a spirit pet. There are many treasures at that place which can substantially increase the strength of my spirit pet, thus I am going there to try my luck."

Yang Chen didn't conceal anything. In any case, she would be travelling with him through the whole journey. Sooner or later, she would become aware of Yang Chen's aim. So concealing anything would be of no use, and he told her everything forthrightly.

"Spirit pet?"

Shi Shanshan glanced at Yang Chen and was somewhat surprised:

"You should spend more time on cultivation. Refining pills is already difficult enough, but you still want to raise a spirit pet? You must absolutely not become greedy. I remember that during the last 'great calamity of devil cultivation', Pure Yang Palace suffered the least loss. Did your master allow you to do this to distract you?"

"This is my own matter."

Yang Chen slightly smiled, hinting her not to bother:

"Moreover, my spirit pet will be unique and won't require me to spend much time on it."

Chapter 205: Searching Heavenly Roar Dog's Blood Essence

Hearing Yang Chen's words, Shi Shanshan couldn't help but curiously ask:

"What kind of spirit beast is so easy to breed? Is it possible for me to take a look?"

Since the two people were publicly acknowledged to be dao companions, so naturally will not call each other as senior apprentice brother or senior apprentice sister or fellow daoist and just addressed each other informally.

Yang Chen also sensed that travelling without speaking would be too difficult, Cold Plum Fairy Shi rarely took the initiative to speak, so Yang Chen also didn't intend to brush her away and directly took out Heavenly Roar from Medicine Garden and released him within the Flying Shuttle.

Heavenly Roar was greedily licking the low grade flying sword when he was pulled out from Medicine Garden. When he suddenly discovered he was in an unfamiliar location, he subconsciously bit the flying sword and looked vigilantly at the two people. Seeing Yang Chen, he delightedly ran towards him and started intimately rubbing himself against Yang Chen's leg.

Shi Shanshan was stunned. Initially, she had believed that the spirit pet of someone like Yang Chen would certainly be an unique and formidable beast, but she didn't expect that it would be such a cute little puppy. She couldn't endure it any longer and started giggling. Once a smile bloomed on her snow white face, the sensation she exuded was indescribably breathtaking.

Heavenly Roar seemed to sense that Shi Shanshan was laughing at him. He started whimpering at her, opening his small beady eyes. He then angrily growled at Shi Shanshan. Once Yang Chen held him to his bosom and caressed him gently, he started to calm down and make crooning sounds; he then began to lick his flying sword again.

"Sorry!"

After Shi Shanshan laughed, she immediately sensed that it was inappropriate of her. As her control over her mental state was good, she quickly composed herself and returned to normal.

"No problem."

Yang Chen shrugged his shoulders with an indifferent expression. When he had informed Gao Yue and Gongsun Ling about Heavenly Roar, they had also laughed, so he didn't think that Shi Shanshan laughing at this moment was inappropriate.

“Forgive me for speaking bluntly.”

After observing Heavenly Roar for a long time, Shi Shanshan couldn't find anything extraordinary about him and earnestly said:

“But your spirit pet doesn't seem very outstanding. You spent your only chance to select a spirit beast companion to be its master, isn't it a waste?”

“If he had been that outstanding, then he would already have been discovered by others before being discovered by me.”

Yang Chen smiled but didn't dispute her, he hadn't found Heavenly Roar based on previous life's memories. Rather, Heavenly Roar was treasure he had found using his insight, like an antique lover that had picked up a great antique, so he couldn't help but feel proud of himself:

“If you knew his origin, you would certainly not be thinking like that.”

“Then I request you to enlighten me.”

Shi Shanshan's eyes shone brightly. She was a cultivator and also knew that Yang Chen had extensive knowledge and experience, after taking a good look at Heavenly Roar again, she was puzzled and asked him.

“For the time being, you should not ask about this. Even if I told you, you wouldn't believe.”

Yang Chen shook his head while smiling and returned Heavenly Roar back to the Medicine Garden. In reality, Heavenly Roar had already started revealing some characteristics from Yang Chen's memories, but his outward appearance was still ordinary, making people unable to believe his origins.

Seeing that Yang Chen didn't intend to speak no matter what, Shi Shanshan also didn't insist and changed the topic:

“What kind of thing can allow a spirit pet to upgrade?”

“It’s nothing great. Just the Heavenly Roar Dog of the Immortal World had left behind a drop of blood essence in the mortal world.”

Yang Chen said nonchalantly, without caring for how shocking the answer was.

“Heavenly Roar Dog’s blood essence?”

Shi Shanshan said with great alarm. Although she didn’t know much, she had definitely heard about Yang Erlang’s Heavenly Roar Dog. There were many legends about him. When Yang Chen unexpectedly mentioned that there was a drop of Heavenly Roar Dog’s blood essence here, Shi Shanshan immediately thought of the little pup from a moment ago:

“How is it possible? Could it be that your spirit pet is a descendent of a Heavenly Roar Dog?”

“No!”

Yang Chen shook his head to refute and immediately continued:

“However, you can think about it as you like, and I will also not refute you for the time being, and in any case, you should treat him as he is!”

What kind of reply is this? Shi Shanshan was bewildered. He would not refute and treat him like he is? Then in the end is he or is he not a descendent of a Heavenly Roar Dog?

“Believe me, you are an orthodox dao sect cultivator, you most certainly do not want to know what it is.”

Looking at Shi Shanshan’s confused face, Yang Chen couldn’t help but remind her:

“You need not indulge in flights of fancy.”

Even though he said these things, Shi Shanshan still wrinkled her brows, trying to guess what Heavenly Roar was. But regardless of how much she racked her brain, she couldn't imagine what kind of ferocious spirit pet he was. After observing him and pondering for a long time, with his appearance, only Heavenly Roar Dog came to her mind.

As for why Yang Chen knew that Heavenly Roar Dog's blood essence was there, Shi Shanshan didn't ask much. Yang Chen had a reputation of reading many random books, so it didn't need to be said that he must have found it within some book by chance.

Yang Chen also hadn't expected that this reputation, which he had let out casually, had saved him many misunderstandings. Even when he did something strange, other people wouldn't doubt him and would rather take the initiative to find the reasons and sources.

Meng Qi Mountain was still very far away. Even using the Flying Shuttle, it still would take one full month of travel to reach. During this long time, the two people riding in the Flying Shuttle exchanged some words from time to time, but for most of the time, they cultivated silently. Occasionally, they would taste Yang Chen's fresh tea prepared on the spot.

However, every time the tea was cooked, Shi Shanshan tactfully took charge. Moreover, with each time, Shi Shanshan began to resemble a virtuous wife more and more; carrying the tea water respectfully with both hands for Yang Chen. In the beginning, Yang Chen was unused to this, but Shi Shanshan insisted that this was woman's work. Yang Chen couldn't change her mind, so he could only slowly adapt.

With Meng Qi Mountain within sight, Yang Chen and Shi Shanshan also did some preparation. After finding a suitable region, Yang Chen put away the Flying Shuttle and landed.

After observing the surroundings for a good while, Shi Shanshan turned to Yang Chen and asked:

“Where should we go now? Where did you say that blood essence was?”

The information about Heavenly Roar Dog leaving behind something was only a few words. It was clearly at some hidden valley at the Meng Qi, but there is no clear sign of where the hidden valley is.

“It must be at some hidden valley, but there is no specific location. We would have to spend time to search.”

Holding the Bright Ray Sword in one hand, Yang Chen released his spiritual awareness and began to investigate everything.

“If only you had a better solution!”

Shi Shanshan wasn't in favor of Yang Chen's plan of searching region by region, but she had already followed Yang Chen, so it wouldn't be appropriate to return. She could only follow after Yang Chen, taking one step and checking.

Not waiting for Yang Chen to remind her, Shi Shanshan had already taken out her flying sword. However, she didn't clench her flying sword in her hand; rather, it spun around her body rapidly. Together with it, a faintly discernible armour also appeared. With this, her battle preparation was done.

Looking at Shi Shanshan naturally get into a fighting stance, Yang Chen recalled that in his previous life, Shi Shanshan hadn't gotten the fame of Cold Plum Fairy just because of her cold face. Rather, she earned her reputation because of her real world battle experience. Having such a companion would save him the worry of needing to show any consideration for her during battle.

Both of them had completed their preparations in a timely and proper manner. Just when they had started walking after being fully armed, not far away, they saw a demon beast suddenly incline its head to look at them. Seeing two people, the spirit beast loudly roared, and its saliva was immediately thrown towards the two people.

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With three successive sounds, Shi Shanshan's flying sword flickered three times continuously on the body of the demon beast in the sky. As the body of the demon beast fell in front of Yang Chen from the sky, with one ferocious slash, Yang Chen chopped the already seriously injured demon beast into two pieces.

Even though they were cooperating for the first time, their mutual understanding seemed to be perfect. There were no unnecessary movement, and the demon beast was taken care of very efficiently. Both of them hadn't expected this. Neither of them had previously seen the other person fight, but now, after seeing for the first time, both were full of praise in their hearts for the other.

Although this place was close to the Demon Beast Plains, the demon beasts here were not very formidable, With Shi Shanshan's JieDan stage strength, they advanced forward effortlessly. Furthermore with Yang Chen, the killing god, things were even easier.

Within less than two hours, the two of them had already killed three demon beasts. Each beast seemed to be at foundation stage. Their inner dan still hadn't solidified. Yang Chen would always conveniently remove the most useful part, but for Shi Shanshan, she refused to do so.

Fairy Shi was clear as ice and clean as jade. She was more or less obsessed with cleanliness. Seeing the blood dripping from the parts cut off from the demon beasts disgusted her.

Yang Chen also recalled this habit of Shi Shanshan from his previous life, so he also didn't insist on her doing it. Rather, he did it himself. Moreover, when they reached a place near water and rested, he took these things out and washed them clean when she was not near.

Although the Meng Qi mountain was not very huge, it still had a radius of several hundred miles. There were several hundred valleys, so finding the valley where Heavenly Roar Dog's blood essence was located was not an easy task. Yang Chen had already planned ahead. It would take at least three to five years, since they would have to search all the valleys one by one. Thus, he was not very anxious.

There were many demon beasts, always jumping out when least expected, so the both of them remained extremely alert, especially Yang Chen. He was sensitive towards killing intent, and the demon beasts here didn't know how to conceal their presence. They were always discovered by Yang Chen in advance.

While they had searched three or four valleys, both of them had already killed more than ten demon beasts. Both of them gained even deeper understanding towards the other person's cultivation and techniques, further increasing their coordination.

Shi Shanshan was a pretty good fighting partner for Yang Chen. She was an expert who had matured through fighting and was different from an academic like Gongsun Ling. She had ample experience and knew what kind of techniques should be used against which enemy. She also understood when to attack and when to defend. She wasn't hesitant and soft hearted when dealing the final blow and was therefore extremely compatible.

Both of them were extremely well coordinated and attacked one after the other in full swing. From start to end, those demon beasts didn't have the slightest chance to retaliate under the unending successive attacks of the both of them and were killed immediately.

While killing so many demon beasts, both of them felt that it was too easy. Their attacks were incisive, dodging was also prompt, not in the least obstructing the attack line of the other companion. After killing the demon beast, when they beheaded it, they would always give each other a knowing smile.

He had a few memories of Shi Shanshan smiling, from his past life. After Yang Chen and Shi Shanshan had come here this time, he had already seen her smile several times. Thinking about it, Shi Shanshan also did not have it easy. She was such a beautiful woman, but she always wore an ice cold expression. Smiling several times was also an effective means of releasing pressure.

Yang Chen checked all the valleys one by one carefully. The blood essence left behind by Heavenly Roar before ascending was certainly not anything ordinary. There would certainly be formidable spirit power fluctuations. He found nothing extraordinary in these valleys which he had already inspected.

Luckily, Yang Chen had already discussed his intentions with Shi Shanshan, so neither of them were anxious and rather kept searching one valley after another trying to find it.

Continuously searching more than a hundred valleys consumed fully three months. During this time, they had killed several hundred demon beasts, but they couldn't find a single sign of Heavenly Roar Dog's blood essence.

"Could it be that you have made a mistake?"

Shi Shanshan also became doubtful, even after searching for so long, they couldn't find any sign of it.

“No, certainly not!”

Yang Chen thought about it. Heavenly Roar Dog shouldn't have lied under those circumstances, so he firmly shook his head and said:

“Hidden valley, where could it be?”

“Hidden valley?”

When Shi Shanshan heard these words, a light suddenly passed her eyes and she immediately asked:

“The valleys that we searched, were they hidden?”

Being reminded by Shi Shanshan, Yang Chen suddenly realized. Indeed, all the valleys these two had searched all clearly stood out. How can they be said to be hidden?

Seemingly, even a person like Yang Chen could also be negligent and hadn't carefully given thought about the region. Yang Chen was extremely grateful towards Shi Shanshan's warning. Following this, both of them began to search for valleys which couldn't be seen easily.

There were many hidden valleys, with probably several kinds of circumstances. One of the possibilities was that the entrance to the valley was hidden. After several thousand years, it was also not possible for them to be discovered by the demon beasts roaming here. Another possibility was that an expert may have hidden the valley from view using spell formations or some magic tools. Regarding the valley where Heavenly Roar Dog's blood essence was present, this was the most likely case.

With this new line of reasoning, their goal became even clearer. With just one glance at a valley, they could determine which ones could be ignored. They were specially searching for a region with a large scale spell formation.

Regardless of how hidden a spell formation was, under the probing of Yang Chen's formidable spiritual awareness threads, as long as it was within a range of several feet, Yang Chen would definitely discover

some clues. Shi Shanshan didn't have such formidable spiritual awareness, so she could only follow after Yang Chen, searching through the whole journey.

Hard work indeed pays off, after changing their goal this time, in less than two months, Yang Chen discovered marks of a spirit formation hidden extremely well. There were spirit power fluctuations in a crack between a large stone and mountain rock. The crack was not very large, and its insiders were covered with thorn and bushes. Even the demon beasts couldn't squeeze in so easily.

After approaching it, Yang Che carefully checked it and even used some things to inspect it properly. Only after confirming that it was an illusion spell did he take the lead and enter the hidden illusion formation.

Just as he entered, Yang Chen saw a huge valley. It really was a hidden valley in accordance with Heavenly Roar Dog's words. Before he could express his astonishment, Shi Shanshan followed behind him, seeing the huge valley, she was endlessly surprised.

The inside of the valley was quite warm. All kind of trees and flowers grew luxuriously inside it. Just one thing was odd. There were no large animals inside and only had some small insects.

The most astonishing thing was not this fact but rather the plants growing inside. With just one glance, Yang Chen surprisingly discovered several unique legendary herbs. Moreover, from their shapes, it was clear that their maturity had reached at least ten thousand years.

Chapter 206: Unexpected Harvest And Collecting The Blood Essence

Ten thousand years was just Yang Chen's initial estimate, but their real maturity may not just be limited to ten thousand years. He knew that it had already been over ten thousand years since Yang Erlang and Heavenly Roar Dog had ascended and these were left behind when Heavenly Roar Dog had ascended so it certainly could surpass that limit.

"Half belongs to both of you, you can choose first!"

Suddenly Yang Chen had some slight regret, if he had known earlier about this, he wouldn't have led Shi Shanshan here, he had given a huge favour to Green Jade Immortal Islands for no reason. But he also wasn't a cheap person who would hog everything to himself, so he generously extended his hand and indicated for Shi Shanshan to choose first.

Shi Shanshan was also a knowledgeable person, even though she didn't specialize in pill concocting, she could still make out the maturity of these rare herbs. Great astonished, she didn't expect to see Yang Chen being so generous and sighed.

"Aren't you afraid that after seeing these herbs, I would kill you to silence you and take everything for myself?"

Shi Shanshan didn't immediately start to collect the herbs, but rather, turned to Yang Chen and coldly asked.

"I only asked you to take your portion, why is there a need to speak so much rubbish?"

Yang Chen said resentfully, in fact, he wasn't afraid of becoming hostile with Shi Shanshan; that would be the perfect excuse to break off with her.

Whether it was the shock of seeing these precious ingredients or Yang Chen using an aggressive tone, the coldness on Shi Shanshan's face immediately weakened by much, she gave a little smile to Yang Chen and agreed:

"Good!"

"Wait a moment!"

Just as Shi Shanshan was about to move, Yang Chen suddenly shouted at her.

"Regretting it now?"

Just as she was hesitating, thinking about which herbs she should pick first, she heard Yang Chen's voice and immediately turned around. Looking at Yang Chen suddenly take out his flying sword, she asked, ridiculing him.

“First investigate the surroundings and check whether there is any danger or not.”

However, Yang Chen didn't pay any attention to Shi Shanshan's words, rather, he alertly scanned the surroundings first:

“With heavenly treasures in the vicinity, maybe there will be a guardian spirit beast, so being a little careful wouldn't harm you.”

This logic was applicable for most of the treasures, Shi Shanshan also understood it clearly. Thinking about how she had misunderstood Yang Chen, her face turned bright red with embarrassment, unable to say anything. Only following his words, she took her flying sword and began to look all around.

Inside the valley, there were no traces of any large demon beast moving about, these plants also didn't seem to have suffered any damage while growing. Both of them were carefully flying around on their flying swords. On one hand, they had to make sure that they don't ruin the medicinal ingredients, while on the other hand, they were afraid of what might be lying therein.

This hidden valley also wasn't small, both people flew on their flying sword for the time it took for an incense stick to burn, only then did they reach the end. At the end point of the valley, there was a large stretch of empty land. A spell formation could be clearly seen on that empty land. Lines that were about ten meters in radius filled the land and the lines of the spell formation were still flickering faintly.

At the core of the spell formation, a ball of blood coloured liquid of the size of a person's head was floating, incessantly changing shapes. But regardless of how it changed shape, it was always unable to leave the core of the spell formation.

“Isn't this the blood essence of Heavenly Roar Dog that you've been trying to find?”

Looking at that blood coloured liquid that was still completely full of energy, Shi Shanshan was slightly astonished, her tone was also slightly unconvinced.

“Should be!”

No spirit power seemed to penetrate through the spell formation's cover, Yang Chen's spiritual awareness also didn't seem to be able to pass through it, so he couldn't confirm whether it really was the blood essence or not. But since it was here, moreover it also fitted with Heavenly Roar Dog's description, it should be correct.

"This is.....one drop?"

Shi Shanshan was even more dumbfounded. In any case, how could the concept of a drop of blood be linked this human head sized lump of liquid.

"Perhaps!"

Yang Chen also didn't know what to say, Heavenly Roar Dog's idea of a drop of blood was perhaps different from a human.

"Then what do we do now?"

Shi Shanshan seemed to be completely following Yang Chen, so she asked, waiting for his next command.

After looking all around the surroundings once, he pointed to the vacant land at the edge of the spell formation and said:

"There doesn't seem to have the slightest trace of demon beasts, so there shouldn't be any here."

The soil on the side of the spell formation was obviously not solid. The thing inside the spell formation was the most precious, if there had been demon beasts there, with so many legendary herbs growing nearby, they would have awakened their spirit wisdom by now. Demon beasts with spirit wisdom would certainly not leave the thing inside the spell formation alone, even if they could not break the spell formation, they would have certainly tried to. But since there were no marks here, it clearly meant that there weren't any demon beasts around.

"Go pick the ingredients that you want!"

Presently Yang Chen only had the blood essence of Heavenly Roar Dog in his eyes, but suddenly, after he thought about something, he turned around and told her:

“If there is something you can’t determine or perhaps you don’t know how to harvest it, then wait for me to get there and I will get it for you, by all means don’t ruin it.”

“En!”

Shi Shanshan agreed and began to slowly look around the valley. There was no need to be hasty, she could decide later after looking around properly.

However, Yang Chen remain seated at the edge of the spell formation and began to carefully analyze its mysteries. Since the lines of the spell formation could be easily seen, it saved Yang Chen a lot of trouble.

He kept on searching through all the high grade spell formations in his mind, but couldn’t find anything identical to this. Having no other option, he could only use the most basic spell formation principles to analyze it.

Although the spell formation could be broken forcefully, it would easily destroy the blood essence inside it, so he could only keep on analysing as the gains did not make up for the losses here. Sitting at the edge of the spell formation, Yang Chen began to determine the principles behind the spell formation and also began to determine the function of the spell formation.

Just this one analysis had taken full two months. For some reason, Shi Shanshan had unexpectedly not pluck even a single legendary herbs. After taking a look around the valley, she returned. Seeing Yang Chen focused on analyzing the spell formation, she didn’t say anything and sat down at one side and began to meditate, acting as a protector for Yang Chen.

“So it was like this!”

Yang Chen who had been attentively observing the spell formation, revealed a hint of a smile suddenly and blurted out these few words.

“Have you figured it out?”

Suddenly, a voice came from one side, it was Shi Shanshan. Yang Chen was startled, hadn't Shi Shanshan gone to collect the legendary herbs?

“Clearly!”

Yang Chen slowly stood up and chuckled:

“There is a sealing spell formation, a defensive spell formation, one is a preserving spell formation, another is a floating spell formation, and the last one is a spirit collecting spell formation, these few spell formations are just joined together, it will not be too troublesome.

“Yang Chen!”

Shi Shanshan suddenly called Yang Chen, Yang Chen also turned his head.

“You are so audaciously analyzing the spell formation here, don't tell me that you aren't a little bit afraid that I would kill you for this treasure?”

Shi Shanshan had her customary ice cold expression on his face, but her gaze contained slight hopelessness.

“Although Fairy Shi has killed a lot to exterminate the devil and defend the dao.”

Yang Chen blurted out without any hesitation:

“But I still haven't heard Fairy Shi killing people to take their riches or silence them.”

These words weren't from this life, rather heard in his previous life.

"If I killed people to silence them, then naturally you won't hear about it."

A slight light passed through Shi Shanshan's eyes, but she continued with a stiff face:

"If you haven't heard that doesn't mean I haven't done so."

While speaking, she turned around her head to take a look at the valley and asked Yang Chen again:

"Do you know, if Green Jade Immortals Island obtained all this legendary herbs, how big of an advantage that will be?"

As a disciple of Green Jade Immortal Islands, she naturally would think about her sect.

"Even if you get more of them, then it also won't matter to me!"

When Yang Chen said these words, Shi Shanshan almost tumbled on the spot. Does Yang Chen really not know value of these legendary herbs?

How is this possible, Yang Chen was a somewhat famous pill concocting master, how can he not know the value of these ingredients. If he really meant this then he certainly considers Shi Shanshan as an ally. Thinking of this, Shi Shanshan felt a little warmth in her heart, this is the first time she had such sensation towards a male.

Yang Chen was totally oblivious to the misunderstanding created in Shi Shanshan's mind by the words he had blurted out. His goal was simple, to get the blood essence of Heavenly Roar Dog, as for other things, they were just an added bonus, regardless of whatever he got, he was totally indifferent. He was only slightly astonished to discover the ten thousand years matured herbs but didn't attach much importance to them.

Yang Chen remembered many locations having such legendary herbs, some had more than here, some had less, so the herbs here couldn't stir up his greed.

However, Yang Chen's behaviour had a completely different meaning in Shi Shanshan's mind. Not tempted even when facing riches, this was a true cultivator who wasn't affected by external factors. No wonder, within the brief thirty or so years, Yang Chen's reputation had increased so much, he indeed deserved it.

At this instant, Shi Shanshan had a sudden insight, her mental state had once again improved and she unconsciously entered the state of meditation.

However, Yang Chen hadn't discovered Shi Shanshan's peculiar situation. Besides discovering the logic behind the spell formations, he had also found the way to enter it at the same time. So he took out Heavenly Roar from Medicine Garden, seized the flying sword he had in his mouth and carried him into the spell formation.

Since his flying sword had been snatched, Heavenly Roar was barking furiously. Seeing this, Yang Chen gently caressed him and said:

"I have something good for you, after eating this, you can start licking high grade flying sword."

It was not clear whether Heavenly Roar understood him or not, but once he saw the blood essence of Heavenly Roar Dog, his gaze was hooked on it, saliva kept dripping from his mouth. It could be assumed that he had also discovered the unusualness about the blood essence.

The radius of the spell formation was only ten or so meters, but it took Yang Chen fully two incense burning time to reach the middle. Yang Chen didn't want to break the order of the spell formation and risk wasting even a drop of blood essence, that's why he had chosen such a complicated method.

If the spell cultivators saw this action of Yang Chen, they would be astonished to the point of their chins dropping to the ground. He had easily entered inside the spell formation without the least bit of problem which was formed by combining several spell formations and was arranged by a Da Cheng stage expert more than a thousand years ago. Those so called experts who had been researching spell formations for their entire lifetime would be ashamed to death upon seeing this.

When he came in front of the blood essence of Heavenly Roar Dog, without damaging the spell formation, only then did he discover the ferociousness of that blood essence. The spirit power contained inside the blood essence seemed to be earth shattering. Surprisingly, Yang Chen was sensing an oppressive pressure standing in front of it.

If Heavenly Roar swallows this formidable blood essence, the outcome was certain, his body would explode into pieces. But collecting it wasn't extremely difficult for Yang Chen. He used a bucket sized piece of jade stone and quickly carved out a jade bottle from it using flying sword.

Soon after he engraved the floating spell formation and preserving spell formation on that jade bottle by referring to those two portions in the spell formation. Then he stretched his hand and collected the blood essence within the jade bottle.

Speaking of jade bottle, it would be more suitable to call it jade bucket. Once the blood essence entered the jade bottle, then similar to the spell formation, it remained suspended within air without coming in contact with the four walls.

Carefully using spirit power to take roughly one tablespoon of blood essence, he fed it to Heavenly Roar whose mouth was already dripping with saliva. Heavenly Roar excitedly drank that mouthful of blood. Immediately, red coloured light glittered from his entire body, after continuing for an instant, Heavenly Roar was unable to support himself and lost consciousness.

Yang Chen understood that this was the effect of blood essence and carefully placed him within the Medicine Garden. Then following the spell formation's pace, he slowly came out.

After coming out, he noticed Shi Shanshan's situation, she seemed to be comprehending something. Yang Chen couldn't resist passing a bitter smile, the talented were indeed talented, they could gain enlightenment from even the slightest things that any ordinary person wouldn't pay any attention to.

Without saying anything, he stood at some distance from Shi Shanshan as her protector. He also felt strange within his heart, from when did he start to not bothered by Shi Shanshan at his side, surprisingly, not even a least bit afraid that she would catch him off guard and attack?

Although within his memories, Cold Plum Fairy was a person of extreme importance, but, himself and Shi Shanshan shouldn't have that kind of friendship where they don't need to put up any defenses

towards each other, right? But Yang Chen himself, didn't understand this clearly, even the two months while he was analyzing, he never felt that Shi Shanshan would attack him for even a single moment.

Moreover, even more strange was Shi Shanshan's current situation. She had casually entered meditation not feeling the least bit afraid that Yang Chen may have ill intentions.

This kind of mutual trust had appeared between them at some point in time. Yang Chen also felt quite baffled, didn't he draw a clear dividing line between himself and Shi Shanshan? So how had this happened?

Confused, Yang Chen could only keep on protecting Shi Shanshan while observing Heavenly Roar's circumstances in Medicine Garden.

At this moment, Heavenly Roar was still unconscious, but blood veins had appeared around his body, becoming more and more dense, like a cocoon that binded around Heavenly Roar. Moreover, wave after wave of spirit power began to bubble forth from Heavenly Roar's body. Compared to previous state when he didn't have even the least bit of spirit, it was simply sky and earth turning upside down.

"Hmm, this blood essence of Heavenly Roar Dog is indeed a great supplement!"

Yang Chen felt sincere admiration, then said concluding:

"Perhaps, after you consume this entire blood essence and arouse your blood vessels, you will turn into a Yazi!"

Sure enough, this little pup Heavenly Roar surprisingly had a faint blood vessel. When Yang Chen had incidentally discovered this, he didn't dare to believe his eyes.

However, this blood vessel wasn't clear, but Heavenly Roar had already started showing a traces of a Yazi's characteristics. His head had started to resemble that of a jackal, also he was fond of holding sharp blades in his mouth, but the spirit power in his body was very weak, thus people would easily mistake it for an ordinary pup.

Yazi was one of the nine sons of the Dragon King. Yang Chen hadn't even thought of meeting him in the mortal world. Perhaps, after Heavenly Roar's blood vessels had been properly awakened, Yang Chen could think about going to the Dragon King's Palace and collecting the other magic weapons. Previously, he could only collect the Flying Shuttle so there must be many remaining.

However, it was unclear whether the dragon qi on this Yazi's body would allow Yang Chen to collect all the magic weapons concealed inside the Dragon Palace. If he really could, then it would be awesome as that was a genuine daoist immortal abode. Not the maturity of these rare herbs. Greatly astonished, she didn't expect to see Yang Chen being so generous and sighed.

Chapter 207: Troubles Of Sharing

Yazi, Dragon King's second son, with a body of dragon and head of a dog, upright and resolute in nature, excellent warrior, fond of war and would always be holding a sword in his mouth and use it to increase his strength.

Presently, Heavenly Roar still hadn't aroused Yazi's bloodline, so although his head seemed to resemble a dog, his body still resembled that of a dog since he was very young, thus other people only considered him as a little pup. Hence not being discovered by others was normal.

Yang Chen had countless links to Yazi, not to mention other things, even the chief demon blade used by him at the execution ground, that so called chief demon was precisely Yazi. Normal people believe that engraving Yazi on knife's end and sword's hilt would increase the strength of their weapons, making it formidable.

These beliefs were based off legends, which may have had some effect, but Yang Chen was certain about one thing. That certainty was that only when a genuine Yazi would become close to a weapon, that weapon would become greatly formidable.

A weapon's spirit, made from cleaving, destroying evil, and beheading all living things or engulfing another weapon's spirit could elevate and transform the weapon into a godly and ferocious instrument of death. Yang Chen knew that if he could, at some point in the future, get the mature Yazi to become close to his flying sword, then even if all the enemies of Yang Chen joined all their magic weapons together, they would be powerless against his weapon.

Because Yang Chen could already sense Heavenly Roar's rising killing and attacking intent, he knew that Heavenly Roar's Yazi bloodline had already started to be aroused. After some consideration, Yang Chen

placed the Bright Ray Sword near the Yazi's body. This was Yang Chen's most precious flying sword. It might not be the most formidable one, but Yang Chen would still protect it with his life.

On one side, Shi Shanshan was still meditating and comprehending, while on the other side, Heavenly Roar continued to sleep for one full month. After waking up, Heavenly Roar immediately took the Bright Ray Sword Yang Chen had placed near him and began to madly lick it. After licking for a moment, he seemed to sense that someone was spying on him and quickly went to a concealed corner, taking the Bright Ray Sword with him. He then continued to enjoy it as if this flying sword was something delicious.

Yang Chen knew that this was the Yazi's instinct as he was quite fond of weapons. Heavenly Roar not only enjoyed licking swords, but this act could also greatly increase a weapon's strength. Even though this Yazi's bloodline weren't completely aroused, it wasn't a difficult task for him to use his ability to increase the sharpness of the Bright Ray Sword.

Yang Chen only fed a tablespoon sized portion of Heavenly Roar Dog's human head sized blood essence to Heavenly Roar. He didn't want to feed Heavenly Roar any more than that for now. Spirit pets were the same as human cultivators in that after reaching certain stage, it was always better to consolidate the realm. Otherwise, his later cultivation speed would decrease when reaching higher levels. Moreover, the cultivation will also be unsteady.

Shi Shanshan's meditation lasted for full two months. During those two months, Yang Chen attended to Heavenly Roar while calmly guarding Shi Shanshan. A few days after that two month period, Shi Shanshan suddenly opened her eyes.

"Congratulations!"

One look at Shi Shanshan and Yang Chen immediately knew that Shi Shanshan had once again gained some insight and her cultivation had again increased.

"You were guarding me all this time?"

Shi Shanshan didn't smile as she responded. Rather, she asked with her customary cold expression.

"If I had not guarded you, then what would have happened if something had disturbed you?"

Yang Chen lazily replied, then standing up, he properly stretched his body.

Shi Shanshan's cultivation had indeed increased, causing her mental state to become more stable. Looking at Yang Chen stretching out, Shi Shanshan also suddenly had an impulse to follow Yang Chen without caring about her image, but her conscientiousness restrained her to not show a lack of manners.

When her gaze swept through the valley and saw the intact ingredients, she was stunned as this was completely out of her expectations. If he had been some greedy and vile person, he would have already swept everything clean. Moreover, he also would have attacked her while she was meditating.

Thinking of how vulnerable she had been, Shi Shanshan was frightened while at the same also surprised at how she had not bothered to set defenses against Yang Chen? She was aware that while she had been in meditation, if there had been even a little disturbance, the backlash could have seriously injured and maybe killed her. Until she found a safe region, she basically shouldn't have experimented. How could she be so bold?

After pondering these things, she reached a conclusion toward Yang Chen. Surprisingly, she had somehow developed trust towards Yang Chen without being conscious of the fact. Could it be because she had agreed to become Yang Chen's dao companion and the feelings had developed automatically?

Shi Shanshan also didn't understand this other fact clearly, but after running into Yang Chen, she had already gained insight two times. First was because of his words at the execution ground when he still hadn't began his own cultivation. The second was seeing Yang Chen's indifferent attitude towards herbs. Although she didn't understand Yang Chen greatly, Shi Shanshan felt that becoming Yang Chen's dao companion wasn't anything unbearable.

"Have you chosen the ingredients you want?"

While stretching and looking happy, Yang Chen pointed towards the great pile of legendary herbs and asked.

Shi Shanshan looked at the surroundings and then suddenly asked Yang Chen:

“Are you really sure that I should take away some?”

“Both of us get half. This is the rule.”

Yang Chen smiled and casually asked:

“Why, haven’t you chosen yet? Do you want me to give some suggestions?”

“Yes!”

Shi Shanshan nodded her head, agreeing with Yang Chen. But within her heart, she was a little surprised.

“Then let’s start from here!”

Yang Chen had really intended to introduce Shi Shanshan to some good things. Since he had already agreed to give her half, why not do the job perfectly?

“This herb is comparatively ugly but also the most attractive.”

Yang Chen pointed to an herb having six leaves and explained:

“Ginseng, after its maturity reaches ten thousand years. It doesn’t even need refining and can be directly consumed. Even YuanYing stage experts have a chance of reaching the Da Cheng stage after consuming it.”

“This is Nine Leaf Profound Ginseng.”

Yang Chen again pointed to other one:

“As long as its maturity passes ten thousand years, it is basically the best mid grade ingredient. Any elixir refined with it has at least a third grade efficiency.”

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Yang Chen quickly introduced a series of items, speaking very quickly without any hesitation. As one item after another was mentioned, Shi Shanshan could only force a smile while listening.

All the ingredients Yang Chen mentioned were indeed genuine. Shi Shanshan understood this clearly. But what she couldn't understand was that all the ingredients Yang Chen mentioned were of comparatively higher value. Left over all were ordinary goods. Is this also Yang Chen's kindness?

Yang Chen who was introducing items one by one, didn't have the faintest idea that his act had caused a stir in Shi Shanshan's mind. In any case, now that he had obtained the Heavenly Roar Dog's blood essence, all these things didn't even enter his eyes. What could be more precious compared to a spirit pet like a Yazi? Other people might not know, but how could Yang Chen not realize this?

When ten more sword spirits had been added to the Immortal Executing Blade, with Great Yin and Yang Five Phases Secrets to propel it, with the Yazi possessing it, let alone within the Mortal World, even in the Spiritual World or the Immortal World, what wouldn't the Immortal Beheading Blade be able to cleave?

When compared between ten thousand years matured legendary herbs and a Yazi, even if ten times more of these herbs were present, Yang Chen would still choose the Yazi without any hesitation.

Yang Chen's behaviour was quite casual, but Shi Shanshan wasn't able to relax. Although she could sense that Yang Chen didn't consider her an outsider, when she saw his generosity while deciding her share, she was completely surprised.

Shi Shanshan felt quite conflicted. There were so many several thousand years matured legendary herbs. If she could bring them back, then regardless of either herself or the Green Jade Immortal Islands, both of them would gain immense wealth.

But the problem was that such wealth would give rise to evil intentions of some elders with ulterior motives within the sect. One such elder was elder Li Yunyu who belonged to the same clan as that Li Qingchen.

So at that time, these herbs would certainly create disputes. Yang Chen and her had both set out on a journey together and had collected these legendary herbs, but to divide them evenly? Why? Shi Shanshan's cultivation was of the JieDan stage, so she certainly must have done more work. Moreover, Yang Chen was only a foundation stage youngster, so he certainly must have attached himself to Shi Shanshan for her help to get his work done.

Then, what would follow would be the rise of a dispute between the Pure Yang Palace and the Green Jade Immortal Islands. This was not Shi Shanshan's baseless assumption, rather such matters had happened in the past. There were many examples of big sects doing such things.

Next, there would be certainly some argument which would cause both sides to go to war. The two sect which had originally been harmonious would turn into enemies. Shi Shanshan was absolutely unwilling to see such circumstances.

It was not that Shi Shanshan wasn't thinking of the sect, rather sometimes when the benefits were too big, they can break the balance. The saying that people would appreciate you when you help them but will hate you once you stop helping them was quite true.

Only Shi Shanshan herself knew that her contribution was not that great in obtaining these things. Rather Yang Chen had already planned this trip out long ago. He went to find Shi Shanshan to go on a journey only because the elders from both sides had requested this, and he had no other choice. What surprised her even more was that during this process, both sects had good mutual understanding and confidence in one another. What an irony!

If all these events were just in Shi Shanshan's imagination, then she also didn't know how to face Yang Chen's confidence in her. Especially since she hadn't done much work, she still had obtained the benefits for no reason.

After pondering over these thoughts, Shi Shanshan only could think that she should not accept this share, but even after asking few times, Yang Chen seemed to have already decided resolutely that she must have her share.

Looking at Yang Chen still explaining non-stop, Shi Shanshan took a deep breath and made her decision.

“Yang Chen, I don’t have anything like a medicine garden or similar with me. It would be better for you keep them first!”

When she said these words with indifferent expressions to Yang Chen, Shi Shanshan felt calmness return to her heart:

“If I collect them just like that it would just be a great waste, when I want something, I will ask you!”

“En?”

Yang Chen’s eyes opened widely, what did this mean? Making him collect everything? Yang Chen clearly understood Shi Shanshan’s intention and asked her mockingly:

“Aren’t you afraid that seeing these riches could provoke my evil intentions and I will hog everything for myself?”

“How about you, weren’t you afraid that I will keep everything for myself when you were researching spell formation?”

Shi Shanshan finally smiled and looked in Yang Chen’s eyes with a slight hint of provocation.

“Speak frankly, I don’t understand!”

Yang Chen shook his head. Naturally, he could collect all these herbs within his Medicine Garden, but he could not understand how a core disciple of the Green Jade Immortal Islands, Shi Shanshan, could renounce these riches so easily. Could it be that she didn’t think the Green Jade Immortal Islands needed them?

“Many people on the island don’t think highly of you.”

Shi Shanshan also didn't hide anything and directly spoke the reason:

"If these things were to appear on the island, many people will target you and Pure Yang Palace."

Yang Chen was delighted. For the moment, he hadn't thought this through. With Shi Shanshan's one warning, Yang Chen immediately realized the problem. For an innocent man, treasuring a jade ring could also become a crime. In his previous life, a ten thousand year matured vermilion fruit caused the young master of the Greatest Heaven Sect to be tempted. What to say of the matured legendary herbs in this valley, all of which had reached ten thousand years maturity?

After understanding this one point, Yang Chen saw Shi Shanshan in a new light. Previously obtaining Heavenly Roar Dog's blood essence and the thought of arousing the Yazi bloodline had excited him so much that he had forgotten about other matters. Fortunately, Shi Shanshan reminded him.

He felt a little happy. This cool and elegant beautiful woman hadn't betrayed his confidence. Rather, she took the initiative to propose this method. But Yang Chen couldn't help but get another headache. How could he refuse Shi Shanshan in this case?

Shi Shanshan's method was quite legit. It was the best method to preserve the efficacy of these herbs for maximum time. But the premise is that both parties should have absolute confidence on each other.

Presently, Shi Shanshan had already shown her absolute confidence on Yang Chen. If Yang Chen was argumentative as a male, then her trust would not be justified. Immediately Yang Chen also made his decision and nodded his head:

"Ok, then let's work together, you successively take out the root. I will transplant them."

This work was also not easy. If these legendary herbs, which had reached the maturity of ten thousand years, were even spoiled a little bit, then just simple regret wouldn't be enough. Shi Shanshan used a large tree to make a wooden sword and then carefully used it to dig the roots one by one. She then handed them over to Yang Chen for transplantation.

Sometimes, a few legendary medicines grew together, so it was better to not separate them and just dig the entire piece of land and plant it as one unit within the Medicine Garden.

Yang Chen's work was contrarily much easier, since the environment inside the Medicine Garden was as better than the outside environment. Moreover, the spirit power was also abundant. Furthermore, with fifth earth soil as the foundation, these legendary herbs would easily take root in the Medicine Garden.

With those two working together, they quickly rooted out all the herbs from the valley. It still took them a full two months. Regarding time, it had already been a full one year since Yang Chen and Shi Shanshan had left together on their journey.

"Where do we go next?"

On this journey, Shi Shanshan had gained great harvests. Her cultivation had also improved. Furthermore, she had also obtained so many legendary herbs. Thus, she didn't have even the least bit of hesitation on travelling further together with Yang Chen. After completing this, there was no meaning of remaining at Meng Qi Mountain for Yang Chen, therefore Shi Shanshan asked for Yang Chen's next plans.

"Initially I was thinking of going to ocean together with you, but now that we have found these legendary herbs, I am thinking of returning and refining some elixirs first."

Yang Chen also didn't hide anything, presently he was feeling very conflicted. Initially he hadn't thought that he would have this kind of contact with Shi Shanshan, so he could only use pill concocting as an excuse to avoid her.

"That is also good!"

Shi Shanshan also didn't want to pester him, so nodded her head in agreement:

"Just perfect, I have also gained some enlightenment so must go and consolidate my realm first."

After the work had been finished, naturally Yang Chen wanted Shi Shanshan to return to the Green Jade Immortal Islands. Shi Shanshan also didn't decline, and having no qualms, she tasted the tea prepared by Yang Chen several times on Flying Shuttle. Afterwards, she also bluntly asked for some reserves before sending Yang Chen off from the Green Jade Immortal Islands.

After returning back to the mountain by himself, Yang Chen began to ponder. Returning this time, what should he do? Speaking of pill concocting, earlier he had just said that he would concoct pills to give an explanation to Shi Shanshan. However, since he had those legendary herbs, pill concocting really wasn't a bad choice. Great Master was presently stuck at the bottleneck of the peak of the YuanYing stage. Having these legendary herbs, maybe he could overcome the bottleneck and enter the Da Cheng stage?

Naturally, this still required to be thought over, Yang Chen had already followed Palace Master's instruction and returned first to see master.

Chapter 208: Blessed Distress

Yang Chen had reaped great harvests on this trip to Meng Qi mountain. But apart from the legendary herbs in the hidden valley, everything else was under Yang Chen's expectation.

The only headache Yang Chen had now was that he hadn't cleared everything with Shi Shanshan. In the future, this will become another troublesome matter.

However that hidden valley where he found the blood essence of Heavenly Roar Dog was also a reminder to him. The owner of Positive Yang Mountain's Medicine Garden, that is the owner of Yang Chen's current Medicine Garden in clean bottle had already ascended to Immortal World from Mortal World, three to four thousand years ago.

The maturity of the herbs in the Medicine Garden seems to have some problems. As his talent was exceptional and he did not delay during his cultivation journey, it had only taken him a short amount of time to retrieve the Medicine Garden.

However, when Yang Chen observed those ingredients, they seemed to be a thousand year matured at most. Could it be possible that the herbs in the Medicine Garden had already been taken by someone a thousand years ago? But why were the herbs re-planted? This made no sense.

The only logical explanation could be that within the Medicine Garden in the clean bottle, there exists some secret which he had yet to discover. Perhaps his cultivation was insufficient or perhaps he hadn't gotten right the opportunity yet.

In any case, at that time, the senior had only informed him of the method to enter the Medicine Garden, as for the things inside, perhaps he wanted Yang Chen to slowly discover them by himself.

Throughout the whole journey, he kept thinking about a way to handle Shi Shanshan's matter. After returning to Pure Yang Palace, he immediately went to see his master before meeting anyone else.

Ever since Yang Chen had gone out with the Fairy Shi of Green Jade Immortal Islands, Gao Yue's wasn't in a very good mood, her cultivation also wasn't progressing smoothly. When she suddenly saw Yang Chen, a smile bloomed on her face, all her previous worries seemed to have vanished.

Yang Chen naturally reported everything that had happened at the Meng Qi mountain one by one to her, including the matter of Heavenly Roar Dog's blood essence and the matter of legendary herbs too. Apart from the origin of Heavenly Roar, he revealed everything. Yang Chen had absolute trust towards Gao Yue.

Hearing about the immense harvests, moreover, that Shi Shanshan had unexpectedly thought about the possibility that Yang Chen treasuring a jade ring may become a crime and thus left all of the legendary herbs in Yang Chen's safe keeping, Gao Yue couldn't help but be astonished.

What did this mean? Did she really consider Yang Chen as her husband so she had full confidence in him? Gao Yue couldn't guess what Shi Shanshan was thinking, however, after seeing her complete confidence in Yang Chen, Gao Yue was rendered speechless.

Naturally, obtaining the legendary herbs was an exciting affair. However, Yang Chen returning back safely was much more important than anything else to her. Gao Yue treated Yang Chen very nicely without saying anything else. Finally, she gave Yang Chen an astonishing news.

Clear Sky Sect's genius Sun Qingxue had appeared at Pure Yang Palace several months ago requesting to meet Yang Chen. After hearing that Yang Chen had yet to return, she had surprisingly chosen to stay at visitor's residence of Pure Yang Palace to wait for him rather than going back. Gao Yue didn't know what kind of relation Yang Chen and Sun Qingxue had so she informed him of the news, asking him to go see Sun Qingxue.

Upon hearing Sun Qingxue's name, the image of the little girl from execution ground immediately appeared in Yang Chen's mind. With Yang Chen's assistance, the future Snow Dance Fairy was not only

saved from Great Calamity of Devil Cultivation, she had also entered the patronage of elder Hua Wanting, so she should have reached the foundation stage?

The first time Yang Chen saved her life was pure coincidence, but after he helped her the second time, she surely would have wanted to repay the favor. In any case, becoming friends with Snow Dance Fairy was far better compared to offending her. Furthermore, Yang Chen hadn't made any extravagant demands. He was just slightly surprised, why has Sun Qingxue come to meet him?

Very quickly, Yang Chen saw Sun Qingxue within the guest's residence. Sun Qingxue, who was wearing green colored clothes, even after so many years, still had the appearance of that pure little girl. Seeing Yang Chen, a smile blossomed on Sun Qingxue's face as she sweetly called Yang Chen:

"Big brother Yang, you have returned!"

"How are you?"

Yang Chen was quite glad seeing this little girl after a long time.

"After I built my foundation, my master asked me to travel and gain experience."

Sun Qingxue made a spin in front of Yang Chen, showing her youthful appearance, then suddenly blinked her big eyes and asked:

"Big brother Yang, am I pretty?"

"Very!"

Yang Chen replied honestly. He could already see that Sun Qingxue had reached the foundation stage some time ago, the pure wood attributed spirit power in her body, full of PengLai Divine Wood's presence, was possibly the effect of the foundation stage pill given by Yang Chen.

"Then you must not become dao companions with elder sister Shi, ok?"

Suddenly, an expression, which was completely different from her personality, could be seen in Sun Qingxue's eyes, surprising Yang Chen.

"What did you say?"

Yang Chen just didn't dare to believe that Sun Qingxue had said this right after meeting with Yang Chen after so long, so he couldn't help but ask with bewilderment.

"I will be your dao companion, so you must not become dao companions with elder sister Shi, ok?"

This time, Shi Shanshan said these words even more clearly. After saying this, she felt little bashful and sat down on one side with a red face, playing with the hem of her clothes, not daring to raise her head and look at Yang Chen.

Sun Qingxue had quite a favorable opinion of Yang Chen, this does not need to be said. When Yang Chen left the Clear Sky Sect, Sun Qingxue immediately entered seclusion with her master Hua Wanting and started to cultivate from the beginning after destroying her previous cultivation.

Sun Qingxue, who had full wood spirit root, was indeed worthy of being called a cultivation genius. Within less than ten years, she had already reached the foundation stage. Moreover, when she built her foundation, she hadn't used the foundation stage pill given by Yang Chen. Afterwards, under the advice of the knowledgeable Hua Wanting, she used the third grade foundation stage pill given by Yang Chen after reaching foundation stage, transforming the first wood spirit power into PengLai Diving Wood's spirit power.

While under Hua Wanting's guidance, her seclusion had already passed twenty years. After coming out, Sun Qingxue immediately heard of Shi Shanshan being betrothed to Yang Chen. Moreover, Green Jade Immortals Island was also in favor of Yang Chen becoming Shi Shanshan's dao companion.

Although this little girl considered Yang Chen has her elder brother in her heart, after hearing this news, she felt quite uncomfortable. Even after cultivating for several years, she couldn't make any progress because of her unstable mental state. Elder Hua Wanting seemed to have sensed this rancor in her disciple and allowed her to travel outside and gain experience.

Who could have thought that Sun Qingxue would directly come to Pure Yang Palace and after hearing that Yang Chen had gone on an outing with Shi Shanshan, would simply wait here for one year to for Yang Chen. And once he returned, this would be the first question she asked.

Yang Chen's eyes almost seemed to come out, looking at the little girl standing in front of him, he was dumbfounded for a long time. What could he say? First, the Cold Plum Fairy wanted to become his dao companion and now even Snow Dance Fairy had come? Moreover, she even wanted to compete with Cold Plum Fairy?

Before he could even cast off the trouble named Shi Shanshan, why has a Sun Qingxue suddenly appeared?

"I know that elder sister Shi has a full metal attributed spirit root."

Seeing Yang Chen's stupefied expression, Sun Qingxue looked up and continued to speak:

"I have a full wood attributed spirit root, wood gives birth to fire, so wouldn't I be a more suitable dao companion than elder sister Shi? You are fire attributed, fire subdues metal so you both will just hold each other back.

"This....."

Yang Chen didn't know how to respond to Sun Qingxue and could only mumble the reply:

"This is really sudden, let me think for some time!"

After thinking of something, Yang Chen immediately asked:

"Does Elder Hua know about this?"

"Master knows!"

Sun Qingxue quickly replied like a good assistant.

Yang Chen completely believed that this was Sun Qingxue's decision and that Hua Wanting and Clear Sky Sect didn't know about this so he could use this as an excuse, but he never thought that Hua Wanting knew about this.

"Elder Hua knows?"

Yang Chen's eyes opened widely, what's going on here?

"Elder Hua knows, even the sect master knows!"

Sun Qingxue gladly reported, she was greatly excited about this, master supports her, even the sect master also supports her:

"They all said that I have to fight my own fight with my own method, so here I am."

Yang Chen didn't know what kind of expression he had any more, however, one thing was certain that it wasn't very good looking. But seeing Sun Qingxue looking at him anxiously, Yang Chen had no other option other than to give an answer to stall.

"Let me think about it properly!"

Yang Chen forced a smile:

"I... I will consider it carefully!"

"Ok, I'll wait!"

Sun Qingxue's excitement didn't lessen even a little bit as she replied with a smile, then she stopped and held Yang Chen's arm and asked in an earnest tone:

"Elder brother Yang, I still haven't seen MeiQing mountain properly, you must accompany me, ok?"

How could Yang Chen say no? As a host, accompanying the guest to stroll in his territory was completely normal. However, compared to Sun Qingxue's delightful mood, Yang Chen clearly wasn't himself somehow.

Sun Qingxue was in high spirits and seemed to be completely interested, almost as if all that happened just now was not real. Together with Yang Chen, they flew on their flying swords to Thousand Autumn Pavilion and looked at some things, enjoying herself to her heart's desire, she followed after Yang Chen and returned to Second Fierce Yang Courtyard.

After arranging a good place for Sun Qingxue to settle down, Yang Chen returned back to Gao Yue's room miserably and simply repeated everything that happened with Sun Qingxue, sighing:

"What is all this?"

When Yang Chen was in the mortal world in his previous life, most of the time, he was being hunted down by people so where did he have the time to think about these matters. Regardless of whether it was the Cold Plum Fairy or the Snow Dance Fairy, how can Yang Chen have any extravagant hope of getting into the good grace of both of them? With so many cultivation geniuses, why would these two have look at him? But in this life, he hadn't expected that he would have form a connection with both of them.

"Two beautiful women have shown their appreciation for you and you still aren't satisfied?"

It was not clear what Gao Yue was thinking at this moment, she began to make fun of Yang Chen.

"Ai, I will go and see Palace Master Zhong Jiao!"

Having found no solution at Gao Yue's place, Yang Chen could only leave dejectedly. He went to Palace Master Zhong Jiao's place hoping to find some guidance.

"This is great!"

Hearing that Yang Chen wanted to meet him, Palace Master Zhong Jiao immediately allowed him to come in. After hearing everything Yang Chen narrated, he couldn't help but burst out laughing:

"Two exquisite cultivation geniuses want to become your dao companion, this clearly illustrates the excellence of my Pure Yang Palace's disciple! Why don't you accept both of them? In any case, you already have more than one type of spirit power on your body."

Yang Chen had the spirit power of both phases of all five attributes, Palace Master Zhong Jiao clearly knew about this and thus asked him. But Yang Chen became more and more depressed, why is this Palace Master so unreliable?

"Green Jade Immortal Islands and Clear Sky Sect, surprisingly, both of these first grade sects are supporting their disciples to become your dao companion."

Palace Master Zhong Jiao stroked his beard light and muttered:

"Could it be that they have taken fancy to your potential?"

Yang Chen had already thought about this. From the angle of the upper echelons of Clear Sky Sect and Green Jade Immortal Islands, they would certainly not allow their sect's geniuses to become other people's dao companion that easily. The only explanation could be because of the elixir he had refined for senior black tiger.

Naturally, ordinary cultivators will not be accepted by these big sects, but a genius pill concocting expert was another story, especially the one who had refined elixirs that were used by Da Cheng stage experts when he himself was just at foundation stage, this made their acceptance easier.

The only thing a sect considers is, its own benefits. But the behavior of the two females towards him gave Yang Chen another headache.

Because she exploited Yang Chen for her own benefit, Shi Shanshan felt ashamed as she thought that Yang Chen would certainly die in the life and death duel, hence the reason why she said that she remain as his widow.

But Yang Chen's victory came as a complete surprise for her and using the reason of keeping true to her words, Shi Shanshan unilaterally decided to be Yang Chen's dao companion.

Admittedly, she had thought that she would be troubled by Yang Chen, but after coming in contact with Yang Chen, Shi Shanshan herself didn't seem to have any conflicts with him.

As for Sun Qingxue, her reason was even simpler. Yang Chen had saved her twice. Furthermore, he had also found a Da Cheng stage master for her. Feeling both grateful and having blind faith in Yang Chen, affected the little girl's heart and Sun Qingxue became extremely fond of Yang Chen and could only think of having Yang Chen as her dao companion.

However, Yang Chen's heart was completely filled with thoughts of his master. He was caught completely unprepared by the appreciation shown by these two fairies. Especially Sun Qingxue, before the matter of Shi Shanshan could be resolved, Sun Qingxue had jumped in. What a headache!

"This is a lucky opportunity which only comes by chance, such an enormous chance has come to you, but you are making all sorts of excuses to drive it away."

Seeing Yang Chen's frown, Palace Master Zhong Jiao couldn't help but snort:

"If the admirers of those two knew about this, in the future, even your going out of MeiQing mountain would be a problem."

"Palace Master, then what should this disciple do?"

Yang Chen didn't have any experience dealing with this kind of matters, even his memories of the ten thousand years from his previous life couldn't help him, even if he had sufficient intent to kill, could he kill Shi fairy and Sun Qingxue? With no way out, he could only seek the help of Palace Master Zhong Jiao.

"Since the Clear Sky Sect has also personally stepped in, then you can only drag and stall it as much as possible."

Knowing Yang Chen's dilemma, Palace Master Zhong Jiao could only offer him this way out:

"Finally, it will still have to be resolved by yourself, others also cannot help you much. Only...."

After speaking to this point, Palace Master Zhong Jiao took a deep sigh:

"If you still refuse them firmly, maybe you will offend both Clear Sky Sect and Green Jade Immortal Islands. Hopefully this will settle the matter regarding dao companions, otherwise, maybe if you found any dao companion in future, both of the sects may be prepared to kill her."

If big sects are denied face, sometimes they can only use this method to redeem it. Yang Chen understood this point more clearly compared to Palace Master Zhong Jiao. Although Yang Chen didn't have the slightest hesitation in killing people, facing such matters, he couldn't accomplish anything by beheading anyone, so he could only dejectedly nod his head.

With no solution in mind, he could only drag this matter on for now and think about it later. As for how long to drag this matter, Yang Chen himself also wasn't sure. Who could have thought that Pure Yang Palace's miraculous disciple Yang Chen will unexpectedly have to face this kind of blessed distress?

Chapter 209: Cultivating Seventh Metal True Qi

Apparently, Sun Qingxue had only come to express her feelings towards Yang Chen. She also wanted to fight with Fairy Shi, who had previously shown her kindness, to become his dao companion. Feeling shy, she decided to wait for Yang Chen. Although she couldn't get any clear answer from Yang Chen, she still felt relieved and returned back to her sect, saying that she was returning to concentrate on cultivation.

After sending off Sun Qingxue, Yang Chen had finally gotten rid of this big headache for the time being. After pondering for some time, he decided to not go out and stayed in the Second Fierce Yang Courtyard to cultivate properly.

Senior apprentice sister Gongsun Ling had come out of closed door training some time ago, so Yang Chen went to pay her a visit. Like Gao Yue, she also teased him for having such great luck with women. But fortunately, she didn't say much about it and asked him to recommend to her some secret books for spell formations which she could obtain and use. After which, she began her research again.

Yang Chen also paid a visit to senior disciples Wang Yuan and Du Qian. He also visited everyone who had a relationship with him and not only provided them with cultivation guidance but also offered them legendary herbs. Needless to say, these few senior disciples were extremely grateful to him.

On the other side, Palace Master Zhong Jiao wasn't very worried regarding Yang Chen's so called 'troubles', and he still faintly hoped that his plan would be successful. Yang Chen also didn't dare to speak more about this matter with the Palace Master. As for his great master Wang Yong, he was still refining the qilin's horn into his destined flying sword and hadn't come out of seclusion. So for the time being, Yang Chen couldn't get any good guidance.

After talking properly with his master once more, Yang Chen entered closed door training in his room and began to cultivate.

The Seventh Metal True Qi which he had obtained from Scarface, came in handy. Previously, he couldn't use it since his cultivation had reached the next layer and needed to be consolidated. But after pill concocting and traveling for so long, Yang Chen had realized that perhaps, the time to upgrade his seventh metal spirit power had come.

Heavenly Roar was also self cultivating during this period. Before entering closed door training this time, Yang Chen fed him two ladles of the Heavenly Roar Dog's blood essence, double the amount from last time. Soon, Heavenly Roar was once again surrounded by a blood cocoon and lost his consciousness. However, this time, the colour of the blood cocoon was much deeper compared to the last time. Apparently, it was because his bloodline had started to transform and become pure.

Looking at Heavenly Roar's transformation, Yang Chen's mood improved greatly. Finally, after thinking about the many enemies whom he still had to face, Yang Chen couldn't help himself and began to tense up. Very quickly, he entered cultivation mode.

He already had obtained the Seventh Metal True Secrets, so after obtaining the Seventh Metal True Qi, there wasn't much difficulty in cultivating it. Yang Chen took out the jade bottle he had obtained from Scarface and began to carefully remove the seals and talismans on it one by one. After they had been removed, traces of Seventh Metal True Qi's essence began to seep out from the mouth of the bottle.

Concentrating the essence from the air, Yang Chen began to absorb these traces through his nose and move it according to the Seventh Metal True Secrets. His entire being immediately sunk into a state of calmness.

As the traces of Seventh Metal True Qi began to permeate his seventh metal spirit power, it began to transform. This most primal Seventh Metal essence quickly assimilated the spirit power in the surroundings and compressed it. Within less than five months, the entire seventh metal spirit power in Yang Chen's body had transformed into Seventh Metal True Qi.

However, after transformation, more than 90% of his seventh metal spirit power had disappeared. But the difference between his previous seventh metal spirit power and the current Seventh Metal True Qi was simply incomparable. To reach an equilibrium, the other spirit powers also began to help to supplement it, in addition to the Seventh Metal True Qi from that jade bottle, thus increasing his seventh metal spirit power quickly.

The Seventh Metal True Qi within the jade bottle was completely consumed. Fortunately, Scarface had collected a large amount of it, which was sufficient to completely transform Yang Chen's spirit power. What followed was the frantic replenishment from the underground spirit vein. And afterwards, the absorption and transformation, which slowly restored Yang Chen's seventh metal cultivation to its previous state.

The upgraded quality spirit power was slowly being replenished. During the time of replenishment, Yang Chen's spirit sea finally transformed again.

The fifth earth layer was suddenly imbued with many golden particles, which were evenly distributed in the layer. These so called particles were precisely seventh metal and this distribution perfectly followed the principle of five phases engendering each other, with earth giving birth to metal.

Once this transformation happened, the spirit power within Yang Chen's body began to transform once again. The Fifth Earth True Qi, which he had already cultivated some time ago, now began to crazily increase the seventh metal spirit power.

The size of the spirit sea began to increase again. His spirit sea, which originally had an area of 100 mu, had now increased to 150 mu, directly breaking through the peak of initial YuanYing stage and entering the mid YuanYing stage.

At this stage, Yang Chen's spiritual awareness threads could cover the entire area with a radius of 10 miles surrounding the Second Fierce Yang Courtyard. In this area, nothing could be hidden from Yang Chen. Even if something was concealed from the main body of old tree demon, under the probe of Yang Chen's spiritual awareness threads nothing could be hidden.

Under the principle of earth giving rise to metal, the seventh metal spirit power continued to rise. With the Fifth Earth True Secrets and Fifth Earth True Qi in addition to the Seventh Metal True Secrets and Seventh Metal True Qi, within a brief period of a month, his seventh metal spirit power had successively broken through the fourth layer and fifth layer of the foundation stage, directly entering the sixth layer. With this increase, it was only second to his fourth fire spirit power, which was at the seventh layer of the foundation stage.

This situation hadn't even appeared even when Yang Chen had cultivated the Fifth Earth True Secrets. Apparently, even if the five phases can engender or subdue each other, this principle would only show the most effect when the spirit powers have equal status.

Great Yin and Yang Five Phases Secrets, of which he had already completed two, while there were still eight types of spirit powers remaining. But just these two types of spirit power had already increased his strength greatly. Now, Yang Chen was already expectant about how much would his strength increase after the Great Yin and Yang Five Phases Secrets had been completed.

This sudden increase in his cultivation made Yang Chen lament that if at this moment, he had a seventh metal attributed flying sword or perhaps a fifth earth attributed flying sword, he could use then the most primal Seventh Metal True Qi and Fifth Earth True Qi to refine them, then how great it would have been?

Unfortunately, among the two types of flying swords chosen as sword spirits, one was the Bright Ray Sword, which was of the third fire attribute and one was the Blood Phantom Vine, which was of the second wood attribute. Although he still the PengLai Divine Wood, it was already destined to be his first

wood attribute flying sword. So that meant that he didn't have any seventh metal or fifth earth attributed flying swords.

Not only that, but he also didn't even have any seventh metal attributed or fifth earth attributed magic artifacts on himself. This itch on Yang Chen's hand was something which was difficult to endure but also couldn't be told to anyone.

Suddenly, Yang Chen had an idea. He thought of something which was seventh metal attributed. The clean bottle Medicine Garden's bottle cap, that dome containing a sword spell formation, was seventh metal attributed, perfect to use to test with.

Inside the hall under the dome, Mo Qian and her disciples were still continuously training without rest. During the time when he was concocting pills for more than a decade, Yang Chen hadn't looked for them even once. Fortunately, there was plenty of spirit power within the Medicine Garden, so there were no chances of any mishap.

But seeing them like this, Yang Chen didn't feel like it was appropriate and carefully shifted them within the medicine garden. He then made each of the JieDan experts consume a profound yang fruit.

As for YuanYing stage Mo Qian, fortunately, there were now many ten thousand years matured herbs in the Medicine Garden. Those profound yang fruits which were only a few thousand years matured were not very significant. Similarly, for a thousand year ginseng, she could only use one ginseng per month.

Yang Chen had tried many methods, but the consciousness of Mo Qian and her disciples remained unchanged as it had already been thoroughly destroyed by Yang Chen's blood river. Although they had memories and could work according to Yang Chen's instructions, they would never take the initiative to do anything.

They had continued to cultivate for so many years without sparing any effort only because Yang Chen had instructed them to do so. After such a long time, their cultivation had also increased, maybe even faster compared to when they had consciousness.

However, Yang Chen didn't feel any kind of pity towards Mo Qian and her disciples. They had destroyed the lives of so many people using the memory search technique, so they could only blame themselves for their current situation.

On the dome floating over the main hall, there wasn't anything other than the forty nine flying swords which were continuously spiraling around.

Holding the bottle cap in his hand, Yang Chen first prepared a large number of profound yang fruits, he then placed the obsidian mat above the underground spirit vein. Only after preparing everything did he allow his consciousness to enter the bottle lid.

He couldn't help but be cautious. When he had first refined the Medicine Garden after using a tremendous amount of strength, that time, there was still these forty nine high grade flying sword. So presently, even though his cultivation had greatly increased and his spiritual awareness had reached the mid YuanYing stage, he was still very cautious.

Since he had already branded his spiritual awareness imprint on the bottle lid, he could easily use his spiritual awareness to enter the dome shaped bottle lid. After examining it once, a magnified image of the dome shaped bottle lid appeared within his spirit sea.

It had to be said that the person who had created this Medicine Garden was an incredible expert. Although the materials used had some deficiency, his refining technique had almost reached perfection, the whole structure was completely flawless.

What Yang Chen wanted to do was to use the Heavenly Stars Treasure Refining Secrets. Last time, the bottle had only been refined to the first layer of the Heavenly Stars Treasure Refining Secrets, who knows whether the domed lid could be refined to even higher levels.

The seventh metal spirit power slowly began to enter the domed lid under the directions of the Heavenly Stars Treasure Refining Secrets and began to refine the main hall. Whether it was because his cultivation had increased greatly or because his spiritual awareness had increased greatly, this time, refining the first layer of Heavenly Stars Treasure Refining Secrets wasn't that difficult and was completed within half a month.

Yang Chen sensed that he still had energy left, so with the intention to strike while the iron was hot, he immediately began to refine the second layer. At the second layer, the difficulty had increased greatly. The grade of the Medicine Garden was already very high and was basically only made for YuanYing stage experts to use. So with Yang Chen's strength at the foundation stage, the difficulty in refining it had somewhat increased.

However, with the support of an unending stream of spirit power, in addition to the great proficiency of Yang Chen's technique, after spending three whole months, Yang Chen was finally able to complete the refining of the second layer of the Heavenly Stars Treasure Raising Secrets.

The spirit power formed with Seventh Metal True Qi had already entered the domed hall. Many dark golden coloured specks were moving in and out of the hall, the spirit power had also become even purer.

Yang Chen still didn't have the ability to refine the forty flying swords' sword spell formation. However, he was already delighted by the transformation of the hall. Its structure became even more stable and the spirit power became even more pure. As for the increase in the defensive power, it could even be seen with just the naked eyes.

Since the Heavenly Stars Treasure Raising Secrets had already been refined to the second layer, Yang Chen decided to add oil to fire by using the Earth Fiend Sacrificial Spell Secrets and refine the domed hall to its first layer.

The result this time was even more obvious. The first layer of Earth Fiend Spell Formation had already arranged those dark golden specks properly. Now if someone were to attack, the defense that was formed completely with Seventh Metal True Qi and was much tougher.

After completing it, Yang Chen habitually refined it once using the Universal Treasure Raising Secrets. Afterwards, when he saw the domed lid, the transformations were clear.

The colour of the lid, which wasn't very eye catching before, had suddenly turned heterogeneous after the refining. In other words, it had become much darker. And sometimes, dark golden colour lights would flash from the lid, making it even more mysterious.

Looking at the domed hall, which had not only been imprinted with his spiritual awareness, but had also been passed through his refining, Yang Chen suddenly became expectant. If someone could rush in to give it a try, then that would be great. Unfortunately, someone attacking the Second Fierce Yang Courtyard was simply a joke.

Since the domed hall had been successfully refined to the second layer of Heavenly Stars and the first layer of Earth Fiend, Yang Chen took out the Medicine Garden and began to refine it to the second layer of Heavenly Stars and the first layer of Earth Fiend as well, only this time, Yang Chen had used fifth earth spirit power.

The fifth earth soil within the Medicine Garden was even more profound. This was the most primal kind of soil and was simply the best kind of foundational base for those legendary herbs. Just this time's refining had allowed all the ingredients within the Medicine Garden to increase in maturation by several decades in one year. As for those newly planted legendary herbs, their roots became even more firm, thus removing the risk of them dying due to carelessness during the process of transplantation.

All of this seemed to happen in an instant, but seven months had already passed. This time's closed door training of cultivating Seventh Metal True Qi and refining the Medicine Garden and dome had consumed a total of more than one year.

This time, Heavenly Roar had slept for an even longer period of time, but after waking up, there were slight transformations in his appearance. His body had become much thinner and he had grown a bit longer. However, he still didn't resemble that of a dragon. The bloodline of the Yazi probably haven't been completely aroused yet.

Indeed, as Yang Chen had expected, Heavenly Roar was madly licking the Bright Ray Sword which had already begun to transform. The most obvious transformation was that the sword blade had become many degrees shaper compared to before. This wasn't the acuteness gained due to his seventh metal attribute upgrading, but rather, was purely due to the amplification by the Yazi's bloodline.

Yang Chen would naturally not favor one and discriminate against others, so he also placed the second wood flying sword near Heavenly Roar. Clearly, the second wood sword formed from the Blood Phantom Vine was of a higher grade compared to Bright Ray Sword, so once Heavenly Roar licked it, he didn't care about the Bright Ray Sword anymore. Apparently, in the future, if he wished to strengthen his flying swords, he would have to give them to him in the order of increasing grade every time.

After such a long closed door training, Yang Chen had also become somewhat gloomy, so he decided to call his master and take a stroll in the nearby city market, to relieve his boredom as well as to see if he could gain any profits. Naturally, the most important thing was to take a look at the condition of Shangguan Feng's small store.

But Gao Yue didn't accompanied him to go to the Thousand Autumn Pavilion, so Yang Chen walked the whole journey by himself, not interested in using the flying sword.

However, once he came out of Pure Yang Palace and was near the Thousand Autumn Pavilion, Yang Chen sensed something peculiar in the atmosphere. Apparently, someone had been keeping watch on everyone within the city market. Moreover, it wasn't just a single person, rather, a group of many people, at least 20-30 people.

These people appeared to be rogue cultivators, but their cultivation wasn't very weak, with the weakest of them at the mid foundation stage. However, the strongest also wasn't very strong and was only at the peak foundation stage and hadn't reached JieDan stage yet. They were scattered everywhere, some had set up vendor stalls, some were shopping, but their eyes were all over the place.

Chapter 210: Enemies Come Knocking

Cultivators tend to habitually use spiritual awareness to probe around themselves, so they were not very suspicious towards the types of gazes which seem to examine them accidentally. Especially the few vendors and shop owners who might be probing their surroundings while looking for potential customers. This kind of probing wouldn't be regarded as a major thing.

But what Yang Chen was weird was that, perhaps because his spiritual awareness was very powerful, he wondered if those people were intentionally or otherwise acting strange, which was also the reason they were caught by Yang Chen.

From the moment, Yang Chen stepped foot in the market lane where Thousand Autumn Pavilion was present, there were many gazes on him. There was no need to speak out about Yang Chen's reputation within the Pure Yang Palace. As long as one was a disciple of the Pure Yang Palace, they would immediately recognize Yang Chen. With many disciples of the Pure Yang Palace moving around here, countless people had approached him to greet him.

After finishing being greeted by his fellow disciples, Yang Chen started to slowly stroll around the market. However, even though, he had met with many fellow disciples just now, Yang Chen still didn't relax his attention on those people.

From the time Yang Chen entered Thousand Autumn Pavilion, a cheerful expression appeared in the eyes of these people. But no one did any inappropriate conduct and continued with their own work. Only sometimes, they would use meaningful glances to communicate with each other.

However, none of them used spiritual awareness. These people were extremely cautious. Moreover, despite concentrating their gazes on Yang Chen, none of them had any evil intentions, much less any killing intent. This point gave him slight relief. Perhaps they had only heard Yang Chen's name and wanted to ask for some elixir? Likewise, perhaps they just wanted to meet him or maybe some other such irrelevant reason?

Previously, since the Second Fierce Yang Courtyard had opened that small shop, the disciples of the sect refrained from using things from Thousand Autumn Pavilion. But afterwards, when Shangguan Feng finally opened a shop here, the Thousand Autumn Pavilion was once again full of disciples of the Pure Yang Palace.

On his whole journey, Yang Chen hadn't found anything which attracted him. The Thousand Autumn Pavilion was basically a shop opened by Pure Yang Palace and mainly relied on selling things used by qi layer cultivators and the foundation stage disciples appearing here was quite rare, so finding nothing good was absolutely normal. But after Shangguan Feng had opened his shop here, it had attracted the interest of many foundation stage cultivators.

Those people whom Yang Chen found queer, would occasionally raise their heads and take a quick look at Yang Chen and then would hurriedly shift away their gazes, busying themselves in their work. Yang Chen also didn't pay them much attention and after strolling around for some time, he directly entered Shangguan Feng's store.

The range of this shop wasn't very large and was only extended to an area of 2 mu. Inside, it was divided into several halls with each receiving people of different grades. Shangguan Feng had specifically found experienced disciples of the sect to be assistants here. From dressing to knowledge, all these assistants were completely professional.

All the assistants knew Yang Chen and immediately, someone asked him to go to the rear hall to see the main shopkeeper Shangguan Feng. Shangguan Feng was in the middle of exchanging goods for spirit stones with a client, when he saw Yang Chen come in, he signaled for him to wait. Soon, after sending away the customer, he came back to talk with Yang Chen.

"Is it convenient to talk here?"

Yang Chen casually asked. Shangguan Feng understood his meaning and immediately placed his hand on some object, immediately more than ten layers of restrictions were set up.

“It’s good.”

Shangguan Feng nodded, indicating that Yang Chen could speak safely.

“In the market, I saw some strange people.”

Yang Chen didn’t hide his observations from Shangguan Feng. Initially, he had just come to relieve his boredom. Seeing those suspicious people, he naturally had to ask. This was Yang Chen’s property and those people were all foundation stage cultivators so he had to get protective.

After Yang Chen had pointed out the characteristics of those people one by one, Shangguan Feng immediately understood and began to tell him about the history of those people. Yang Chen was surprised to hear that those people weren’t new here, rather they were elders who had already stayed at Thousand Autumn Pavilion for several years, after Shangguan Feng had opened his shop, they had grown even more courteous.

“Perhaps I was just overthinking.”

Yang Chen shook his head, he was confused about those elders living here for several years. Moreover, seeing the amount of businesses here, there shouldn’t be any big problem with such things. Apparently, he was just being overly cautious.

These several years, the business was completely handled by Shangguan Feng, and Yang Chen only knew that the profits were astonishing, but he hadn’t cared about it much. Immersed within the business, Shangguan Feng’s cultivation had increased step by step and had become more formidable compared to last time, and his temperament completely matched that of a businessman.

Within the market, there were many rumors always spreading around, Yang Chen also heard about some news from Shangguan Feng. He was surprised to hear that the affair between him and Shi Shanshan had already been spread between many people. Many accomplished cultivators seemed to be

greatly dissatisfied upon hearing that Shi Shanshan had become Yang Chen's dao companion, so whether overtly or covertly, they just wanted to cause trouble for Yang Chen.

From the time this news was released from Green Jade Immortal Islands, Yang Chen had been mentally prepared that he would certainly become the target of multitudes of arrows. He also couldn't do anything about it. Shi Shanshan was indeed too outstanding, so people couldn't help but feel jealous. Even though now Yang Chen was a pill concocting master with boundless future, it was still the same. Among the young cultivators, no one would willingly accept that they were inferior to others.

Even though he knew about this, after hearing from Shangguan Feng about the number of people cursing him everywhere, Yang Chen could only force a bitter smile. Fortunately, Sun Qingxue still hadn't revealed her affair, otherwise in the future, apart from Pure Yang Palace, anywhere he went, people would be plotting against him.

Everything regarding business was perfectly normal, there was also nothing which captured Yang Chen's interest here. So after roaming around Thousand Autumn Pavilion for some time, he decided to return.

Yang Chen had decided the plan he would follow after returning. First, he would collect all kinds materials for flying swords and then think about collecting all kinds of most primal true qi, perfectly fitting with true secrets of all types of spirit power and complete his Great Yin and Yang five phases secrets.

Cultivation must also be increased, but he wasn't so anxious as to use those legendary herbs he had recently obtained and just wanted to let nature run its course. In his heart, Yang Chen was strongly against relying on these external supports to increase his cultivation. This kind of increase was inferior to the sturdiness which came from his own effort.

While returning, Yang Chen intended to walk on foot again. Although the distance was a few hundred miles and would require a full ten days of time, it would also allow him to relax for sometime. Likewise, he wouldn't have to prepare his mind for cultivation every day.

Whether it was the influence of Shi Shanshan or something else, recently, Yang Chen was always in the mood to drink tea, but he always felt it was not enough to satisfy his craving and was not equal to good wine which would let him become free. Unfortunately, he didn't have any good wine on himself right now, seemingly in the future, he must add some brewed wine to his itinerary.

On the third night on the return journey, when Yang Chen took shelter from the wind and used his Profound Spirit Furnace to brew some tea, he felt that there was some abnormality in his surroundings. A weak killing intent suffused in his surroundings and slowly focused on him.

“I wonder, which fellow daoist has come.”

Since Yang Chen didn't sense strong killing intent, so he raised his teacup and said in that direction loudly.

“I just wanted to see what kind of character the future pill concocting master of Pure Yang Palace that also obtained the grace of Fairy Shi had!”

Following the voice, a figure slowly came out of the forest from that side.

Yang Chen had heard from Shangguan Feng that many young cultivators were resentful towards him just a few days ago and now already one had appeared. The person was bright and handsome, manner like jade. At a first glance, he seemed like an elegant son of some noble, continuously fanning himself with a folding fan, but his cold gaze was fixed on Yang Chen. That trace of killing intent was clearly seen in his eyes. “Myself is not so great a character for fellow daoist to pay close attention to.”

Yang Chen faintly laughed, he had no interest in this character who was turning green with jealousy, but he still hadn't forgotten his manners and distantly picked his cup and asked:

“Would you like to have some tea?”

“Hmph, stop worming your way into becoming friends!”

The other party closed his folding fan and coldly stated:

“Take out your flying sword, let's compare pointers and see who wins and who loses, let's see who is more worthy of becoming Fairy Shi's dao companion!”

“Myself admits defeat!”

Yang Chen admitted his lost without any hesitation, he was a grand Great Principal Golden Immortal in his previous life, so fighting with this foundation stage youngster who was just jealous of him would lose him face. Moreover, he had always admitted defeat in this kind of nonsensical challenges. If you just want to compare notes then he would just admit defeat, the only kind of battles he would fight were life and death duels, this had always been Yang Chen’s philosophy.

This genius who had been prepared to fight was completely shocked by Yang Chen’s reply. Just now, he had collected his fan and taken out his flying sword but the enemy hadn’t even made a single movement and directly admitted defeat, how could a high and mighty genius like him accept that? However, since the other party had already admitted defeat, how could he continue to pester Yang Chen with his face?

“How can you admit defeat?”

After being distracted for a moment, the genius barked towards Yang Chen:

“As the person whom Fairy Shi has fallen for, how can you cower before a fight? How did you get in Fairy Shi’s good graces?”

“If you want to him to move, you have to issue a life or death duel!”

A lofty voice suddenly echoed.

“Who is this?” The young genius was stunned, where did this person appear from, surprisingly, he couldn’t even sense anything. He could clearly imagine this person’s cultivation.

An octagonal golden seal the size of a table suddenly and violently swept toward the ground with a deafening sound. Falling from the sky, it had directly rushed towards that genius’s skull.

That genius, having been prepared to compare pointers with Yang Chen with his already unsheathed flying sword, without any hesitation, directly raised it to counter the golden seal flying at him from the sky.

What surprised Yang Chen most was that when the flying sword connected with that golden seal, the sword wasn't of any use and was directly turned away. The power of golden seal wasn't affected in any way by that sword.

Bang, the genius, together with his flying sword, was smashed into the ground. He didn't even have the time to scream.

From beginning to the end, Yang Chen sat at one side and calmly sipped tea without any kind of movement, as if the later appearance of this expert was completely within his expectations.

The golden seal, having fallen on the ground, became smaller and flew into the sky. However, Yang Chen still calmly drank tea without even raising his head.

"Nice guts!" From the sky, a silhouette slowly came down on his flying sword and dropped ten feet away from Yang Chen. He coldly said:

"No wonder, you dared to mess with the Devil Flame Valley's auction."

Yang Chen saw the other party's appearance clearly. A cold expressionless middle aged man containing a trace of serene killing intent within his gaze, but his restraint was very good, not even a bit of it leaked out.

When the other party mentioned Devil Flame Valley, Yang Chen immediately knew that this matter was related to the young master he had killed. Although not many people in the Great Hundred Thousand Mountain knew of Yang Chen, they also probably didn't know much of the matter with Gao Yue. After investigation for several decades, someone had finally come to find Yang Chen.

Even though this was sudden, it was still under Yang Chen's expectations. When he was at the Great Hundred Thousand Mountain, he had already realized that the auction house had a powerful backer, but he hadn't carefully investigated who it was. Under his fury, when his master was injured, how could he release the young master and manager of auction house? Even if he knew who it was, he would still have taken that person's head.

Now, since the enemy had come to his door, he certainly wouldn't have come to negotiate. The person who had come before Yang Chen was unexpectedly a YuanYing stage expert. It seemed like the enemy had spent great amount of effort to take care of Yang Chen.

Thinking about it now, those people he had found peculiar in the market would be this enemy's manpower. This enemy also had great patience and knew that it wouldn't be good to move around in the territory of Pure Yang Palace arrogantly, so he had only sent some foundation stage people here to keep a look out waiting for an opportunity to find Yang Chen alone.

"Seems like you people have spent great effort!"

Yang Chen finally collected his tea cup, but he remained seated without any intention of standing.

"Seven years ago, we had already investigated your role, however we didn't have the opportunity to do anything."

The man with cold appearance sneered:

"All these years, your reputation has increased more and more, our clan master wants to see you once. If you can satisfy our clan master, then the matter of killing those people can be written off in one stroke."

The enemy had already known about Yang Chen, but not daring to be rash in Pure Yang Palace's territory was absolutely normal. But now, this cold appearing man's words had surprised Yang Chen.

The hatred of killing one's son can surprisingly be forgotten? Yang Chen asked himself. If he had been in the enemy's position, it would have basically been impossible. But the enemy clearly valued Yang Chen's talent in the field of pill concocting. The person behind these words certainly deserved the evaluation of being a ruthless and ambitious person.

"Sorry, not interested!"

While remaining seated, Yang Chen calmly shook his head.

“Doesn’t matter!”

The cold person replied with same calmness:

“My clan master has said, if you are not willing to go then it would be the same thing to just take your head to him.”

“I am afraid my head is busy, so it won’t get the opportunity.”

Attentively watching the enemy, Yang Chen replied without being anxious.

“This is beyond your control!”

The other person coldly laughed:

“If you are hoping that someone from the Pure Yang Palace will save you then don’t. In the perimeter of three hundred miles, there are no living person. I will give you another opportunity. My clan master is fond of talented people. If you come, it will certainly be to your own benefit.”

“When did YuanYing stage experts became such naggy people?”

Yang Chen impatiently berated him.

“Courting death!”

The cold man didn’t say anything more after spitting out those words. With just one thought, that golden seal, which had already disappeared, appeared again in the sky and smashed down towards Yang Chen’s place with great power.

Yang Chen didn't make any move, but when the golden seal was a few feet away from Yang Chen, it suddenly knocked against a shield of golden light and emitted a loud sound.