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Chapter 2241: Paths Diverge, No Common Ground

Seeing that Burning Heaven Venerable refused her once again, a shadow of gloom flashed across the face of Ice River Immortal Emperor, which resembled that of a young girl. However, the shadow quickly vanished, and besides a few Immortals present, the others did not notice any discontent in her.

"Burning Heaven Venerable, I truly have high regard for you. If you are willing to join Ice River Palace, I will personally guide you, helping you to soon become an Immortal King Realm expert. In this way, your alchemy skills will also improve accordingly... What do you think?"

With earnest eyes, Ice River Immortal Emperor smiled and continued to persuade Fang Bai.

In the eyes of Ice River Immortal Emperor, Burning Heaven Venerable's talent was extraordinary. If cultivated with full force, not only the Immortal King Realm, but reaching the Immortal Emperor Realm in the future was also possible. At that time, he could become one of the most outstanding alchemists in the Immortal Realm, which would significantly enhance the overall strength of Ice River Palace.

This was precisely the reason Ice River Immortal Emperor was determined to recruit Burning Heaven Venerable.

What concerned Ice River Immortal Emperor was that a prodigious talent like Burning Heaven Venerable would undoubtedly attract the attention of other Immortal Emperors. If other Emperors were to win him over into their sects first, it would pose a threat to the future of Ice River Palace.

"I am grateful for your kindness, Immortal Emperor, but I need to think it over..."

Fang Bai thought for a moment and still shook his head.

Immortals around whispered among themselves, causing a commotion.

Some admired Burning Heaven Venerable's courage, while others thought that Ice River Immortal Emperor extended such a gracious invitation, yet Burning Heaven Venerable refused again and again, completely unappreciative.

Ice River Immortal Emperor did not get angry; she smiled and said, "Very well, take your time to consider! Remember, the gates of Ice River Palace are always open for you."

Fang Bai said, "If one day I decide to join a sect, Ice River Palace will be my first choice."

Ice River Immortal Emperor smiled brightly, nodded, and said, "Good! That sentence puts my heart at ease!"

Then Fang Bai clasped his hands in farewell and returned to his seat, followed by Demon Slaying Immortal King.

"I know you dislike sect constraints, but joining Ice River Palace has many benefits! For instance, you can use the rich cultivation resources of Ice River Palace for your cultivation and receive personal guidance from Ice River Immortal Emperor. You could quickly advance to the Immortal King Realm, and becoming an Immortal Emperor Realm expert in the future is not out of reach..."

After returning to his seat, Demon Slaying Immortal King transmitted to Fang Bai.

"Path unshared, no success together."

Fang Bai replied indifferently.

Demon Slaying Immortal King was momentarily stunned, not quite understanding Fang Bai's words.

He couldn't possibly know that between Fang Bai and Ice River Immortal Emperor lay a deep-seated enmity, a grudge stemming from destruction. Fang Bai, who had repossessed a new body and returned to the Immortal Realm, was destined to retaliate blood for blood, tooth for tooth.

"I don't understand, joining Ice River Palace and receiving guidance from Ice River Immortal Emperor is a rare opportunity for many, why do you refuse?"

Fang Bai was leisurely eating an Immortal Fruit when suddenly a cool, female Immortal voice reached his ears.

It was transmitted by Iceflame Fairy, who gazed ahead with an indifferent expression and betrayed no emotion.

Fang Bai unhurriedly finished the Immortal Fruit, then poured a cup of Immortal Brew, sipping slowly as he replied, "Do you want the truth or a lie?"

Iceflame Fairy slightly furrowed her brows and asked, "What if it's a lie? What if it's the truth?"

Fang Bai said, "The lie is: I like the Carefree Immortal Realm, free and unrestrained, unwilling to be bound by the rules of a sect; the truth is: I dislike Ice River Immortal Emperor, even... feel some aversion towards her!"

Replacing other Immortals, none would dare utter aversion towards Ice River Immortal Emperor before a stranger, fearing that such sentiments, if leaked, would lead to ruin.

But Fang Bai, having known Iceflame Fairy, had keenly caught in her gaze a trace of hatred towards Ice River Immortal Emperor, certain that her appearance here was due to unavoidable circumstances.

Indeed, upon hearing Fang Bai's words, Iceflame Fairy simply turned her head to glance at him in surprise, then returned to normal.

"Why?"

Iceflame Fairy asked perplexed, "Ice River Immortal Emperor is respected across the nine Heavenly Domains of the Immortal Realm, admired and loved by many, why do you detest her?"

"Respected? Admired and loved?"

Fang Bai scoffed, "That's merely a façade! Immortals fear the power of Ice River Immortal Emperor, but who dares disrespect her? Since War Emperor 'fell' and Emperor's Palace was destroyed, headed by Ice River Immortal Emperor, Ice River Palace has claimed numerous cultivation holy lands and swallowed countless cultivation resources. Immortals probably dare to be angry but do not dare to speak, so how many truly admire and love her?"

Iceflame Fairy's eyes flickered as she gently nodded, clearly in agreement with Fang Bai's words, continuing to transmit, "Be sure not to speak these words to other Immortals, otherwise it would be quite dangerous!"

Fang Bai laughed, "To be honest, the first time I saw the Fairy, I felt an inexplicable connection, as if we had known each other long ago, which is why I dared to speak these words. Hmm, I ask the Fairy to keep my earlier words confidential."

Iceflame Fairy did not speak further but shared the same sentiment with Fang Bai.

When their eyes met earlier, Iceflame Fairy felt a sense of déjà vu, which prompted her to initiate a conversation with Fang Bai.

Otherwise, if it were any other Immortal, she wouldn't have cared, not even Ice River Immortal Emperor, with whom she preferred not to speak.

Iceflame Fairy asked, "Seeing your Immortal age isn't high, how do you know about War Emperor and Emperor's Palace?"

Fang Bai said, "Heard from someone."

Iceflame Fairy's heart stirred, urgently asking, "Who told you?"

A thousand years ago, after the eight Immortal Emperors obliterated Emperor's Palace, Immortals were forbidden to discuss the matter, attempting thus to erase the influence of the Palace. Now, after a millennium, though some Immortals still remember, the topic is seldom broached.

In Iceflame Fairy's mind, any Immortal speaking these words to Fang Bai, even if not a disciple of Emperor's Palace, should be a sympathizer.

Fang Bai said, "Sorry, I cannot tell you who."

Iceflame Fairy asked, "Why?"

Fang Bai said, "Because I don't know who you are! The Immortal who told me these words is somewhat related to Emperor's Palace; if I reveal their identity, they could be hunted by Ice River Palace."

Iceflame Fairy glanced at the central high platform where Ice River Immortal Emperor sat, forcibly concealing her excitement, transmitting to Fang Bai, "After the banquet ends, will you wait for me at Fuxi Ridge, a thousand miles away? I have something to discuss with you... I'm asking you, please!"

Her final "please" carried a hint of pleading.

Fang Bai replied, "No problem. Once the banquet concludes, I'll be waiting for the Fairy at Fuxi Ridge."

Chapter 2242: What Is Going On Here?

Fuxi Ridge is located a thousand miles away from Ice River Palace, beyond the Divine Sense detection range of the Ice River Immortal Emperor. Iceflame Fairy chose to meet Fang Bai there, clearly to prevent the Ice River Immortal Emperor from overhearing their conversation.

After reaching an understanding with Fang Bai, Iceflame Fairy ended the transmission, resuming her usual cold demeanor.

The birthday banquet continued in a lively manner. The disciple beside the Ice River Immortal Emperor constantly received gifts from various immortals. Soon, a Space Immortal Ring was filled to capacity, necessitating the switch to a new one.

Many immortals looked with envy and desire at the Space Immortal Ring in the disciple's hand, thinking how it contained thousands of gifts, each a cultivation treasure; a single birthday banquet of the Ice River Immortal Emperor amounted to an enormous sum of cultivation resources.

Fortunately, the Ice River Immortal Emperor's birthday banquet was held only once every ten years. If it were an annual event, the immortals would not be able to afford the gifts.

When most of the gifts had been given, the banquet neared its end.

After drinking a few cups of Immortal Brew with several Immortal Emperors who came to celebrate, the Ice River Immortal Emperor put down the cup, and his gaze swept across the gathered immortals, the smile on his face gradually disappearing, replaced by an icy demeanor.

Suddenly, the climate atop Tianqing Peak changed dramatically, and all the immortals felt an overwhelming coldness enveloping them, sending chills down their spines.

Instantly, the previously bustling peak of Tianqing Peak fell silent, with tens of thousands of eyes focused on the Ice River Immortal Emperor.

None of the immortals understood why the Ice River Immortal Emperor, who appeared quite happy just moments ago, suddenly had such a drastic shift in mood.

"Hmph!"

The Ice River Immortal Emperor had not yet spoken, but let out a cold snort. To the ears of the immortals, this snort sounded like thunder, even causing the blood of Immortal Emperor Realm experts to surge, feeling utmost discomfort.

Among them, a few Ninth Grade Immortal Venerable Realm lesser immortals became dizzy and displayed painful expressions. If not for forcibly suppressing it, they would have vomited blood.

Just as Fang Bai was about to circulate his Immortal Law to resist, he sensed an invisible Defense Qi Shield enveloping him, realizing that Iceflame Fairy was intentionally protecting him. He turned to look at her and gave a slight smile.

Sitting on Fang Bai's other side, the Demon Slaying Immortal King, though an Immortal King Realm expert of the second grade, couldn't withstand the impact of the Ice River Immortal Emperor's snort, a

trickle of blood seeping from the corner of his mouth. Fortunately, it was a minor injury, and a short rest would suffice for recovery.

"How did he get angry so quickly after being fine just moments ago? What on earth is the Ice River Immortal Emperor up to?"

The Demon Slaying Immortal King wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth and transmitted to Fang Bai, sounding somewhat reproachful.

Fang Bai shook his head, responding, "Who knows? Maybe because she's an old female immortal who's lived for thousands of years, her temper has worsened!"

The Demon Slaying Immortal King looked at Fang Bai, dumbfounded, and transmitted a bitter smile, "You have quite the guts to say such a thing about the Ice River Immortal Emperor... but, you might have a point. Ever since participating in the war to destroy the Emperor's Palace a millennium ago, the Ice River Immortal Emperor's temper has grown worse... let's drop this topic, or we might say something wrong and invite disaster!"

"A few days ago, a disciple from the Ice Emperor City Lord Mansion flew to Ice River Palace with news that an immortal attacked the mansion, slaughtering its top officials, including the Ice Peak Immortal King, and stealing the cultivation resources accumulated over the years... have any of you heard about this incident?"

The Ice River Immortal Emperor surveyed the tens of thousands of immortals and asked simply.

Her words caused a stir among the immortals, with nearly everyone expressing shock and disbelief.

The massacre at the Ice Emperor City Lord Mansion occurred recently and had not spread far, so few were aware of the incident.

What shocked and surprised the immortals was who had the audacity to annihilate the Ice Emperor City Lord Mansion.

The Ice Emperor City Lord Mansion was a subordinate force of Ice River Palace, and the Ice Peak Immortal King was a disciple of the Ice River Immortal Emperor. Destroying the Ice Emperor City Lord Mansion was a blatant provocation of Ice River Palace and the Ice River Immortal Emperor, a grudge that could only end with death.

The immortals couldn't understand which immortal from the nine Heavenly Domains of the Immortal Realm, apart from the seven other top Immortal Emperors, had the courage to provoke the Ice River Immortal Emperor?

"To annihilate the Ice Emperor City Lord Mansion shows significant strength. Ice River Immortal Emperor, have you discovered who was behind it?"

An Immortal Emperor inquired.

The Ice River Immortal Emperor shook her head, her beautiful face tinged with malice, and said, "The information I have is scarce. I only know the person is a young immortal, without a title, named Fang Bai, possessing a Dual Attribute Innate Spiritual Root, skilled in Alchemy Technique, and nothing else is known."

The Immortal Emperor furrowed his brow, "Fang Bai? I have traveled the nine Heavenly Domains of the Immortal Realm and never heard of such an immortal.

"I bring this matter up today to ask if any of you are aware of Fang Bai's background?"

The Ice River Immortal Emperor once again cast her gaze upon the surrounding immortals.

Although she was one of the top Immortal Emperors in the Immortal Realm and always paid attention to the rising young immortals, she had no information on Fang Bai, which prompted her to ask the assembled immortals.

Seeing the immortals all shake their heads in ignorance, the Ice River Immortal Emperor felt a bit disappointed.

"Iceflame Fairy, do you think this incident was the work of a disciple of the Emperor's Palace? What do you think?"

The gaze of the Ice River Immortal Emperor suddenly fell upon Iceflame Fairy sitting next to Fang Bai, her tone carrying a chill.

Her words redirected the focus of tens of thousands of immortal eyes towards Iceflame Fairy.

The immortals who knew a bit about Iceflame Fairy's identity and background displayed strange expressions, perplexed as to why the Ice River Immortal Emperor, who spent a millennium hunting down the remnants of the Emperor's Palace, spared the life of this particular disciple.

Some even maliciously speculated that Iceflame Fairy might be the illegitimate child of the Ice River Immortal Emperor and a powerful figure from the Nine Heavens Emperor's Palace, hence her reluctance to kill her.

In response to the Ice River Immortal Emperor's inquiry, Iceflame Fairy looked down at the table before her and replied indifferently, "If you think so, then it is so! Why ask me?"

The immortals couldn't help but sweat for her, hearing her dare to speak in such a tone to the Ice River Immortal Emperor.

The Ice River Immortal Emperor was known for having a bad temper, and provoking her might lead to Iceflame Fairy, despite being a Fifth Grade Immortal King Realm expert, meeting her end under her overwhelming pressure.

Surprisingly, the Ice River Immortal Emperor did not get angry, withdrawing her gaze from Iceflame Fairy, and stated flatly, "This incident must be the work of the remnants of the Emperor's Palace! I have instructed the disciples of Ice River Palace and all subordinate forces in the Immortal Realm to fully investigate the young immortal named Fang Bai. I also ask all of you to pay close attention to this immortal. If anyone can capture Fang Bai or provide reliable information, regardless of who it is, I will offer guidance on the Immortal Dao."

To the assembled immortals, her promise was excellent news, exciting many who wished to leave Ice River Palace immediately to investigate Fang Bai's whereabouts.

Chapter 2243: Meeting at Fuxi Mountain

The birthday feast was still ongoing, yet Fang Bai became the main topic of discussion among the immortals.

"Burning Heaven Venerable, have you heard of this Fang Bai?"

The Demon Slaying Immortal King nudged Fang Bai with his elbow and asked softly.

Fang Bai replied, "I haven't heard of him."

"What a pity!"

The Demon Slaying Immortal King sighed and then excitedly added, "Once we leave the Ice River Palace, how about we investigate this immortal's whereabouts together? If we find him, I can assist you in capturing him. Then you might get guidance from the Ice River Immortal Emperor, and advancing to the Immortal King Realm would be just around the corner."

Fang Bai knew what this guy was scheming and retorted, "If I become an Immortal King, I could refine Immortal King-grade Immortal Pills, and you would benefit greatly from that, right?"

The Demon Slaying Immortal King did not deny it and chuckled, "I help you, you help me, that's called a win-win! So, what do you say? Want to join me?"

Fang Bai asked, "Do you have the ability to single-handedly massacre the top echelons of the Ice Emperor City Lord Mansion?"

The Demon Slaying Immortal King was stunned and then frowned, shook his head and said, "The cultivation of the Ice Peak Immortal King might be one minor realm lower than mine, but his combat power is not much weaker. If several of them join forces, I'd have to flee without looking back!"

Fang Bai said, "Yet Fang Bai on his own wiped out the top echelons of the Ice Emperor City Lord Mansion! So even if we find Fang Bai, we're no match for him! If you want to die, I certainly don't!"

The Demon Slaying Immortal King scratched his head, a bit dejected, and said, "Hearing you say that, I guess we should drop it! It would be a rare chance to get guidance from the Ice River Immortal Emperor, but we would have to be lucky enough to appreciate it!"

He shook his head, sighing regretfully, while Fang Bai couldn't be bothered with him anymore.

"The battle at Ice Emperor City was thrilling, yet it alarmed the Ice River Immortal Emperor. In my future travels in the Immortal Realm, I must be even more cautious!"

Fang Bai looked at the Ice River Immortal Emperor seated on the high platform in the center of the square, secretly raising his guard.

The Ice River Immortal Emperor seemed to have forgotten the previous unhappiness, chatting and laughing with the three Immortal Emperors beside her.

But Fang Bai knew that the happier she pretended to be, the stronger her murderous intent. Once the birthday feast was over, she would immediately dispatch disciples from the Ice River Palace to leverage all connections and forces in all major Heavenly Domains of the Immortal Realm to trace his whereabouts. She would not give up until she achieved her aim.

But Fang Bai was not afraid at all.

The Nine great Heavenly Domains of the Immortal Realm are vast, with immortal numbers in the billions. Even if the eight top-tier Immortal Emperors dispatched all their disciples to unleash every possible force, they couldn't remotely cover the entire Immortal Realm.

Moreover, Fang Bai had various countermeasures. He could change his appearance at will and easily conceal his aura, so even the Ice River Immortal Emperor couldn't discern his identity. How could the disciples of the Ice River Palace do so?

Therefore, as long as Fang Bai didn't expose his identity, the disciples of the Ice River Palace would have no chance of finding him.

The lively birthday feast concluded, and tens of thousands of immortals bid farewell and dispersed.

The Demon Slaying Immortal King wanted to leave with Fang Bai, but the Ice River Immortal Emperor asked him to stay behind for some guidance as a token of gratitude for his gift of the Seven-Colored Ice Lotus, which made him overjoyed.

Fang Bai rose, giving Iceflame Fairy an "I'm waiting for you" look before leaving gracefully.

He descended Tianqing Peak, summoned the Immortal Roc he had tamed, flew onto it, and headed south. After a day, he arrived at the distant Fuxi Mountain.

He landed, spread his divine sense in all directions, then entered a cave deep in Fuxi Mountain, where he sat cross-legged, patiently waiting for Iceflame Fairy's arrival.

Although Fang Bai didn't know why Iceflame Fairy appeared at the Ice River Immortal Emperor's birthday feast, he could see that Iceflame Fairy held great hatred for the Ice River Immortal Emperor. Yet the Ice River Immortal Emperor seemed to be wary of something, showing considerable tolerance towards Iceflame Fairy.

No matter what the relationship was between Iceflame Fairy and the Ice River Immortal Emperor, one was an Elder of the Emperor's Palace, and one was the Palace Master of the Ice River Palace, thus naturally opposing each other.

Fang Bai was certain that when Iceflame Fairy went out, she would definitely be monitored by the disciples of the Ice River Palace. It would not be easy for her to shake off the monitoring to find him at Fuxi Mountain, so all he could do was patiently wait for her there.

As expected, it was not until five days later that Fang Bai perceived Iceflame Fairy's aura and immediately sent a voice transmission to guide her into the cave where he was located.

During these days, to avoid surveillance from the Ice River Palace disciples, Fang Bai had set up several layers of concealment and isolation formations inside and outside the cave. With this setup, not only the Ice River Palace disciples, but even the Ice River Immortal Emperor would find it difficult to detect their presence or hear their conversation.

"These formations... did you set them up?"

Iceflame Fairy's master was the former Emperor's Palace Elder, the Fiery Emperor, who was also a strong formation expert. Influenced by her master, Iceflame Fairy also became quite proficient in the Array Path. As soon as she entered the cave where Fang Bai was, she saw that there were not just one but several formations set up here.

What shocked Iceflame Fairy even more was the exquisite nature of these formations, which left her unable to see through or break them. If Fang Bai hadn't guided her here using the Voice Transmission Technique, she would not have discovered the existence of this cave or sensed Fang Bai's presence at all.

"I did."

Fang Bai nodded with a smile.

"May I ask who your mentor is?"

Iceflame Fairy stared at Fang Bai, trying to discern something from him.

As a fifth-grade Immortal King Realm expert, Iceflame Fairy had seen countless geniuses, but a talent like Fang Bai, so young and outstanding, skilled in both arrays and the Alchemy Dao, was a first. She thought Fang Bai's mentor must be an extraordinary expert in the Immortal Realm.

"Mentor?"

Fang Bai laughed, furrowing his brow, and said, "If I were to say I have no mentor and all my Immortal Technique Secrets are self-taught and self-created, would you believe me?"

Iceflame Fairy nodded, "I believe you."

In the Immortal Realm, among the countless immortals, there are always a few with exceptional talents who can create unprecedented Immortal Technique Secrets, astounding the Immortal Realm and leading the way.

Iceflame Fairy couldn't help but think of her ancestral master, Fang Bai, the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace Master titled War Emperor. His Immortal Technique Secrets were almost entirely self-taught and self-created, which eventually led him to the pinnacle of the Immortal Dao, achieving the supreme Immortal Emperor Position.

In Iceflame Fairy's mind, her ancestral master is unparalleled, with no immortal able to compare to him.

"The reason I arranged to meet you here is to find out who told you about the matter concerning the Emperor's Palace... This is very important to me, please tell me."

Iceflame Fairy said urgently, eyes filled with anticipation.

In her Qi Sea, the Ice River Immortal Emperor had planted a special Sealing Immortal Technique. She could travel only as far as Fuxi Mountain. Any further, and the Sealing Immortal Technique would activate, causing her unbearable pain, worse than death.

Though she lost her freedom and could not stray far from the Ice River Palace, she always paid attention to everything regarding the Emperor's Palace. During the previous exchange at the birthday feast with Fang Bai, upon learning of his connection with the disciples of the Emperor's Palace, she went to great lengths to shake off the surveillance of the Ice River Palace disciples and rushed to Fuxi Mountain to meet Fang Bai.

Chapter 2244: A Millennium of Memories

"I am acquainted with many of the Emperor's Palace Immortals and can tell you much about the Emperor's Palace. However, before that, I must first clarify some things about you..."

Fang Bai knew that the Iceflame Fairy was the Disciple of the Fiery Emperor, but he did not understand why she was staying in the Ice River Palace. Unless this question was clarified, Fang Bai naturally would not reveal his own identity.

Fang Bai speculated that the Iceflame Fairy might have some unavoidable reasons or was manipulated by the Ice River Immortal Emperor with Immortal Technique Secrets, but with his current Cultivation Level, he couldn't discover this.

"Ask away! I will reveal everything without reserve. Should I utter a single false word, may the Thunderstrike Roar destroy my body and soul!"

The Iceflame Fairy knew that matters concerning the Emperor's Palace were taboo topics in the Immortal Realm. Any Immortal associated with the Emperor's Palace might face endless pursuit from the forces of the eight Immortal Emperors. It was normal for Fang Bai to be cautious, so she swore a venomous oath to show her sincerity.

Fang Bai nodded and smiled, "A Disciple of the Fiery Emperor, I do believe in that!"

Hearing this, the Iceflame Fairy was greatly shocked and blurted out, "How did you know that the Fiery Emperor is my master?"

In her view, Fang Bai was so young, not even existing in the Immortal Realm a thousand years ago, and the Fiery Emperor had fallen long ago. Yet Fang Bai not only knew of the Fiery Emperor but also described the master-disciple relationship between her and the Fiery Emperor. This naturally left the Iceflame Fairy incredulous.

Fang Bai said seriously, "Now it's my turn to ask you, so just answer my questions. If you have any doubts, you can ask me afterward."

The Iceflame Fairy took a deep breath, suppressed her questions, and nodded, "Alright, ask away!"

Fang Bai gazed steadily at the Iceflame Fairy and asked sternly, "A thousand years ago, the Emperor's Palace was destroyed by the hands of the eight Immortal Emperors, and a hundred thousand disciples suffered grievously. As a surviving disciple of the Emperor's Palace, you should have a deep enmity with

the eight Immortal Emperors. So why are you staying in the Ice River Palace? And why hasn't the Ice River Immortal Emperor killed you?"

Hearing him mention the destruction of the Emperor's Palace a thousand years ago, the Iceflame Fairy became even more convinced that he had deep ties with some of the surviving disciples of the Emperor's Palace and said bitterly, "This matter... is a long story..."

Fang Bai said, "Then make a long story short."

The Iceflame Fairy looked at the cave entrance, lost in thought as if recalling past events, and after a while, she said, "Do you know, my master, the Fiery Emperor, and the Ice River Immortal Emperor's daughter, Frost Fairy, were a pair of Immortal lovers?"

Fang Bai hesitated, surprised, "This... I did not know."

In Fang Bai's memory, when the Emperor's Palace still existed a thousand years ago, the Fiery Emperor was always single. He did not know when he had formed an Immortal bond with the Ice River Immortal Emperor's daughter.

However, Fang Bai also knew that the union of the Fiery Emperor and the Frost Fairy must have occurred before the eight Immortal Emperors hunted him and wiped out the Emperor's Palace. Otherwise, with the Fiery Emperor's fiery and straightforward nature, he would not have had any ties with the Ice River Immortal Emperor's daughter.

The Iceflame Fairy continued, "Shortly after the Fiery Emperor and the Frost Fairy became Immortal lovers, they had a daughter. Later, the Frost Fairy committed a grave mistake and was confined by her mother, the Ice River Immortal Emperor, in the Ice River Palace, while her daughter lived with her father, claiming a master-disciple relationship to the outside world..."

Upon hearing this, Fang Bai gave the Iceflame Female Immortal a knowing look and said with a wry smile, "I didn't expect you and the Fiery Emperor..."

The Iceflame Fairy smiled faintly, "Indeed! The Fiery Emperor is not only my master but also my father."

Fang Bai sighed, "So you are the grandchild of the Ice River Immortal Emperor, no wonder she couldn't bear to harm you."

He paused and continued, "But I don't understand, when your parents became Immortal lovers, the relations between the Emperor's Palace and the Ice River Palace should have been decent. Why would they hide such a worthy celebration?"

The Iceflame Fairy shook her head, "I am not quite sure either. I think... perhaps the Ice River Immortal Emperor opposed my parents being together, and my parents secretly came together and didn't want the Ice River Immortal Emperor to find out, so they kept it a secret from the external Immortals..."

Fang Bai pondered and felt it was possible. Had the Fiery Emperor informed the Emperor's Palace Disciples of this, the news would inevitably have reached the Ice River Immortal Emperor. In anger, she might have forced her daughter apart from the Fiery Emperor. Hence, the Fiery Emperor simply kept it hidden even from the Emperor's Palace.

Perhaps the Ice River Immortal Emperor eventually discovered this and imprisoned her daughter within the Ice River Palace to prevent meetings with the Fiery Emperor.

Later, the war where the eight Immortal Emperors besieged the War Emperor and destroyed the Emperor's Palace unfolded. The Ice River Immortal Emperor became locked in deadly enmity with the Emperor's Palace, so she was even more reluctant to release her daughter.

The Emperor's Palace was annihilated, the Fiery Emperor fell under the pursuit of the eight Immortal Emperors, and once the Ice River Immortal Emperor realized the Iceflame Fairy was her granddaughter, she naturally brought her back to the Ice River Palace.

"Perhaps you think that because I stay in the Ice River Palace, I have forgotten the hatred of the Emperor's Palace and submitted to the Ice River Immortal Emperor?"

Fang Bai shook his head, "No, from your gaze, I can sense your hatred toward the Ice River Palace and the Ice River Immortal Emperor. So I believe you have never forgotten the enmity of the Emperor's Palace and have never yielded to the pressure brought upon you by the Ice River Immortal Emperor!"

At this point, he felt a stirring in his heart and asked, "Do you stay in the Ice River Palace for your mother, or is there another reason?"

The Iceflame Fairy replied, "Both reasons. After my mother was confined, I met her a few times and conveyed news of my father's demise. When she learned of it, she was devastated and grieved terribly. I feared that if I left her, she might truly not survive..."

Fang Bai silently nodded, thinking that having one's beloved Immortal partner killed by one's own mother would be an unbearable blow to any Immortal.

The Iceflame Fairy staying in the Ice River Palace to accompany her mother was, in a way, a solace for her.

The Iceflame Fairy added, "The Ice River Immortal Emperor perhaps feared I would leave without saying goodbye and never return to the Ice River Palace again. That's why she implanted a special Sealing Immortal Technique into my Qi Sea. As a result, I can only venture as far as the Fuxi Mountain range, or the Sealing Immortal Technique in my Qi Sea would be triggered, causing unbearable pain, worse than death..."

She referred only to the "Ice River Immortal Emperor," without mentioning the word "grandmother," highlighting her profound hatred towards the Ice River Immortal Emperor.

Having grown up with her parents and never having met the Ice River Immortal Emperor, she later learned that the powerful Immortal Emperor was her "grandmother" after her father was slain and her mother was confined by the Ice River Immortal Emperor.

However, towards this "grandmother," she felt nothing but deep-seated hatred.

Hearing that the Ice River Immortal Emperor had embedded a Sealing Immortal Technique into the Iceflame Fairy's Qi Sea, Fang Bai clenched his fists and said angrily, "What despicable means from the Ice River Immortal Emperor to use such tactics on her own granddaughter!"

Chapter 2245: A Sense of Déjà Vu

The tiger does not eat its cubs.

In Fang Bai's view, Iceflame Fairy is the granddaughter of the Ice River Immortal Emperor. Normally, she should care deeply for her granddaughter. However, what surprised Fang Bai was that to prevent her granddaughter from leaving the Ice Emperor Palace, she actually implanted a Sealing Immortal Technique into her Qi Sea.

Though the Sealing Immortal Technique did not harm Iceflame Fairy's body, it actually made Iceflame Fairy grow resentful towards the Ice River Immortal Emperor.

"Indeed, if I didn't mention it, no immortal would even think that the dignified Ice River Immortal Emperor could be my 'grandmother', much less imagine that my 'grandmother' would treat her granddaughter in this manner... hehe..."

Iceflame Fairy sneered, her face full of mockery.

Fang Bai said, "It's a pity that my cultivation level is still weak; otherwise, I could have helped you remove the Sealing Immortal Technique from your Qi Sea..."

Regarding Fang Bai's words, Iceflame Fairy merely smiled, thinking to herself that the Sealing Immortal Technique was personally implanted by the Ice River Immortal Emperor, and Fang Bai, a mere Ninth Grade Immortal Venerable Realm immortal, could hardly undo it?

"Have you finished asking your questions?"

Iceflame Fairy's gaze landed on Fang Bai, saying, "If you have no more questions, then it's my turn to ask you."

Fang Bai said, "Yes, I have no more questions. Ask anything you wish to know!"

Iceflame Fairy organized her thoughts, thought for a moment, then asked, "Who exactly are you?"

Fang Bai said, "My name is Fang Bai."

"Fang Bai?"

Iceflame Fairy felt as though she had heard this name somewhere before, suddenly taken aback, she finally remembered and blurted out, "You... could you be Fang Bai, who slaughtered the high-ranking officers of Ice Emperor City?"

Fang Bai laughed, "Precisely!"

Iceflame Fairy looked at Fang Bai in disbelief, murmuring, "How is this possible..."

In her eyes, Fang Bai, a Ninth Grade Immortal Venerable Realm immortal, how could he dare single-handedly storm the City Lord Mansion of Ice Emperor City, slaughter its dozen or so high-ranking officers, and then depart calmly.

She thought, to achieve this, at least a Third Grade Immortal King Realm expert was needed.

Additionally, the immortal who claimed to be "Fang Bai" in front of her was clearly Burning Heaven Venerable, who earlier had participated in the Ice River Immortal Emperor's birthday feast with an invitation from the Ice River Palace—could it be that he...

Iceflame Fairy suddenly thought of a possibility, yet found it somewhat unbelievable, thinking that it's easy for an immortal to change their appearance, but concealing their own aura completely is difficult, how could it escape the Ice River Immortal Emperor's Fiery Eyes?

"The Burning Heaven Venerable you saw is naturally fake! To infiltrate Ice River Palace, I intercepted the real Burning Heaven Venerable along the way, and switched identities... the real Fang Bai looks like this..."

As Fang Bai spoke, his facial muscles and bones slightly moved, instantly restoring his appearance to his former War Emperor visage.

Since it's already confirmed that Iceflame Fairy has no issues, Fang Bai had no need to hide anything.

"You..."

Iceflame Fairy felt as though this Fang Bai seemed familiar, somewhat recognizable, but couldn't recall where she had seen him before.

When Iceflame Fairy was brought back to Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace by Fiery Emperor years ago, she had seen Fang Bai once, but at that time, she was very young and never saw him again, plus over this millennia, Fang Bai's appearance had naturally faded in her memory.

"No need to be surprised! I have abilities beyond your imagination to challenge across realms, and with the assistance of a Supreme Immortal Artifact, eradicating Ice Emperor City posed no problem."

Fang Bai spoke while releasing his own aura, Blood-Drinking Mad Blade appeared in his hand, then he forcefully swung it.

Instantly, a myriad of blood rays enveloped the cave, the sinister qi carried by the blood rays drawing Iceflame Fairy, who possessed a Fifth Grade Immortal King Realm cultivation level, into the illusion of Corpse Mountain Blood Sea Killing.

However, Iceflame Fairy ultimately was powerful, and in the next moment, withdrew from the illusion.

Nonetheless, Iceflame Fairy was startled, thinking that if Fang Bai's strength was comparable to hers, then had he seized the opportunity when she was trapped in the illusion to suddenly strike, even if she could escape death, she would suffer severe injury.

"What a formidable Immortal Artifact!"

Iceflame Fairy looked at the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade in Fang Bai's hands, exclaiming with lingering fear, while also marveling at Fang Bai's extraordinarily powerful combat capabilities, never before seen.

Normally, immortals capable of challenging across realms could only contend with opponents one minor realm stronger than themselves, but Fang Bai's combat strength seemed far beyond that, truly wonder what kind of miraculous encounters and experiences he has had.

"The second question, which I most wish to know: the disciple of the Emperor's Palace who spoke to you about the matter of the Emperor's Palace, what is his venerable title?"

This was the true purpose of Iceflame Fairy and Fang Bai meeting here.

Since the collapse of the Emperor's Palace, Iceflame Fairy had been trapped in Ice River Palace, unable to obtain any information about the disciples of the Emperor's Palace. She had thought that under the joint hunt by the Eight Immortal Emperors, all Emperor's Palace disciples would have perished, grieving deeply; therefore, upon learning from Fang Bai that there are still Emperor's Palace disciples alive, she was immensely excited.

Fang Bai said, "Nvlang Venerable, do you recognize him?"

Iceflame Fairy's eyes widened, exclaiming joyfully, "So it's Senior Brother Nvlang, I naturally recognize him! And... where is he now? Is he well?"

After being brought back to the Emperor's Palace by Fiery Emperor, she had only seen War Emperor once, but she was quite familiar with other Emperor's Palace disciples, knowing that Nvlang Venerable was one of War Emperor's many disciples. She usually exchanged salutations as siblings with Nvlang Venerable.

Iceflame Fairy possessed extremely high talent, having always followed her father, and with Fiery Emperor's wholehearted teachings, her cultivation level progressed rapidly. By the time of the Emperor's Palace collapse a millennium ago, she had already surpassed the many senior and junior siblings, including Nvlang Venerable.

After being trapped in Ice River Palace, although the Qi Sea of Iceflame Fairy was sealed with an Immortal Technique by the Ice River Immortal Emperor, it did not affect cultivation.

To rescue her mother and break free from Ice River Palace, Iceflame Fairy, trapped in Ice River Palace, consistently utilized Ice River Palace's cultivation resources to diligently cultivate, seeking to rapidly strengthen her own cultivation level. Hence, her cultivation level had been steadily advancing.

Now she had reached the Fifth Grade Immortal King Realm cultivation level, and among the emerging young immortals in nearly a millennium, she was considered outstanding.

This was also one reason the Ice River Immortal Emperor wanted to win her over and have her join Ice River Palace.

Fang Bai said, "Nvlang Venerable is very well, he is currently in a very safe place, where the Eight Immortal Emperors cannot find him! Furthermore, I can tell you that with Nvlang Venerable, there are many more Emperor's Palace disciples. They are diligently cultivating, seeking to gather strength to avenge the Eight Immortal Emperors and for the revival of the Emperor's Palace!"

"Great! Wonderful!"

Iceflame Fairy's normally cold and indifferent demeanor changed. She walked back and forth in the Immortal Cave, with her cheeks flushed due to excitement, her delight evident.

"I really wish I could leave Ice River Palace immediately to be with them!"

Iceflame Fairy showed a face full of longing; however, she then thought of her current situation, her expression instantly turned gloomy, sighing incessantly.

Chapter 2246: Passing on Techniques Within the Cave

Since the fall of the Emperor's Palace a thousand years ago, because her mother was imprisoned and a Sealing Immortal Technique was placed within her Qi Sea, Iceflame Fairy was forced to remain in Ice River Palace.

Though Ice River Palace was a place all immortals in the Immortal Realm yearned to cultivate in, in the eyes of Iceflame Fairy, it was darker than a prison. She constantly thought about freeing herself from the control of Ice River Immortal Emperor and leaving with her mother.

As for avenging her father's death and the destruction of the Emperor's Palace, Iceflame Fairy didn't lack the desire, but she was self-aware. She knew that in the face of the Eight Immortal Emperors and their forces, her individual strength was insignificant and incapable of causing any waves.

Whenever she thought about the hopelessness of revenge, Iceflame Fairy would feel disconsolate.

When Fang Bai mentioned that Nvlang Venerable and many Emperor's Palace disciples had gathered together and were preparing for revenge, the flame of hope in her heart ignited.

"Stay at ease in Ice River Palace. There will surely be a chance to leave in the future. Your goal from now on is to cultivate diligently and grow strong as quickly as possible. I hope that when the Emperor's Palace disciples seek revenge against the Eight Immortal Emperors in the future, you will be among them."

Seeing Iceflame Fairy's dejected expression, Fang Bai consoled her.

Fang Bai currently couldn't remove the Sealing Immortal Technique placed within her Qi Sea, so for a long time, Iceflame Fairy could only stay in Ice River Palace. However, Fang Bai believed that as his cultivation level increased, he would ultimately help Iceflame Fairy break free from Ice River Immortal Emperor's control and regain her freedom.

Fang Bai noticed that Iceflame Fairy was still feeling down, so he gestured for her to sit in front of him, smiling as he said, "You've inherited from Fiery Emperor and are now a Fifth Rank Immortal King Realm expert; that's remarkable. I'll lend you a hand and help elevate your strength further."

"You... you're going to help me?"

Iceflame Fairy looked at Fang Bai, clearly skeptical.

Even though Fang Bai was powerful, there was still a significant gap between them, making it hard for her to imagine how Fang Bai could enhance her strength.

Fang Bai smiled silently, and with a thought, a drop of Life Water from Fairy Linglong's self-sealing place in the Endless Abyss appeared before him, then slowly floated in front of Iceflame Fairy.

"This is..."

Iceflame Fairy looked at the pea-sized drop of black liquid before her, sensing the terrifying power it contained, and was visibly astonished.

Although she did not know what that black liquid was, she was certain it was a supreme treasure.

"This is the Water of Life. If you trust me, take it, and it will help you improve by a small realm. Rest assured, this cave is isolated by multiple formations, so the aura that is released when you advance won't be sensed by Ice River Immortal Emperor."

Fang Bai said to Iceflame Fairy.

"Water of Life..."

Iceflame Fairy murmured before unhesitatingly opening her mouth to swallow the Water of Life before her.

A celestial who knows so much about the Emperor's Palace and is acquainted with many of its disciples must have a profound connection with it, so she believed Fang Bai wouldn't harm her.

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Several hours later, a powerful and domineering aura burst from within Iceflame Fairy, expanding rapidly in all directions.

At this moment, Fang Bai had already retreated to outside the cave.

Though the aura wave from Iceflame Fairy's advancement wouldn't harm him, it would certainly leave him quite disheveled.

After all, advancing from Fifth Rank to Sixth Rank in the Immortal King Realm was a significant leap in cultivation, and the resulting aura wave was astonishingly destructive.

Fortunately, the isolation formation set by Fang Bai absorbed and nullified the energy of the aura wave; otherwise, the entire mountain on which the cave was situated might have collapsed.

Fang Bai's figure flickered as he re-entered the cave.

At this time, Iceflame Fairy remained seated with her eyes closed, meditating briefly after her advancement.

A moment later, Iceflame Fairy slowly opened her eyes, her gaze gleaming for an instant before fading.

"Congratulations! You are now a Sixth Rank Immortal King Realm expert!"

Fang Bai smiled at Iceflame Fairy.

Iceflame Fairy exhaled softly, gratefully saying to Fang Bai, "Thank you for the Water of Life."

Pausing for a moment, she added, "This Water of Life is truly miraculous! I originally thought I'd need at least sixty years of hard cultivation to hope to advance to the Sixth Rank, but a single drop of Water of Life saved me all that time."

Fang Bai said, "Though the Water of Life is excellent, for immortals it only produces a significant effect upon first consumption. The effect diminishes on the second use. Otherwise, I wouldn't be stingy and would let you use more."

Iceflame Fairy shook her head, saying, "Such a treasure of the Immortal Realm, getting to use just one drop is an immense blessing as it is; how could I dare to seek more?"

Fang Bai nodded, saying, "The Immortal Technique Secrets you're cultivating, inherited from Fiery Emperor, contain elements you're not necessarily comprehending thoroughly. Let me explain the Nine Revolutions True Fire Art to you; perhaps you'll gain some insights into previously unanswered mysteries."

"You... you understand the Nine Revolutions True Fire Art too?"

Iceflame Fairy stared at Fang Bai, finding this young immortal increasingly mysterious.

The Nine Revolutions True Fire Art was created by War Emperor, the Palace Master of the Emperor's Palace. Although many disciples out of the hundred thousand in the Emperor's Palace had cultivated this Immortal Law, it was Iceflame Fairy's father, Fiery Emperor, who comprehended the essence of this art the most thoroughly.

The Nine Revolutions True Fire Art that Iceflame Fairy studied was inherited from Fiery Emperor, essentially capturing her father's true legacy. Yet, this young immortal named Fang Bai, knowing who her father was, still intended to expound upon this Immortal Law; could it be that his understanding surpassed even her father's?

"I'll begin explaining the Nine Revolutions True Fire Art now. Listen carefully. How much insight you gain depends on yourself."

Fang Bai, aware of the myriad questions in Iceflame Fairy's heart, did not elaborate further. He composed himself and closed his eyes slightly, slowly explaining the Nine Revolutions True Fire Art word by word.

Iceflame Fairy had been cultivating the Nine Revolutions True Fire Art for millennia, believing her understanding of this Supreme Immortal Art was deep enough, potentially hoping to reach the same realm as her father one day.

Therefore, when Fang Bai first began explaining, she was somewhat resistant in her heart, but with just a few words from Fang Bai, like a great bell clear and loud, she was completely captivated.

As Fang Bai's explanation went on, Iceflame Fairy's gaze grew increasingly luminous, and the arrogance in her heart dissipated like smoke.

Iceflame Fairy once thought her father, Fiery Emperor, had grasped the essence of the Nine Revolutions True Fire Art, but now she realized that compared to Fang Bai, what her father grasped was insignificant and not worth mentioning.

Iceflame Fairy couldn't help but question Fang Bai's identity once again, but knowing this was an extremely rare opportunity, she cast aside all distractions, listening intently, enraptured.

Chapter 2247: Mingyue

After listening to Fang Bai's explanation, Iceflame Fairy entered a deep cultivation state. The first purpose was to consolidate her recently advanced realm, and the second was to comprehend some insights she had awakened to from Fang Bai's explanation.

For immortals, some realizations come and go in an instant, and if missed, who knows how many years may pass before they come again. Iceflame Fairy urgently needed to enhance her cultivation level and did not wish to miss any enlightenment or opportunity.

No one knew how much time had passed, but when Iceflame Fairy finished her cultivation state, she discovered Fang Bai was no longer inside the cave, and several layers of isolation formations had also been lifted.

On the cave wall opposite her, a line of writing appeared: As disciples of the Emperor's Palace, we will surely meet again in the future.

"I guessed right, he truly is a disciple of the Emperor's Palace..."

Looking at the handwriting Fang Bai left behind, Iceflame Fairy felt a sense of loss.

She murmured Fang Bai's name, thinking that this Fang Bai appeared very young for an immortal. He likely encountered a surviving disciple of the Emperor's Palace after its fall and thus joined.

However, Iceflame Fairy couldn't fathom where Fang Bai had learned the Nine Revolutions True Fire Art. His comprehension of this Supreme Immortal Art was even more profound than her father, the Fiery Emperor.

Without any way to make sense of it, Iceflame Fairy decided not to think about it further. After all, there would be opportunities to meet Fang Bai in the future and inquire then.

"I've been out for quite some time. Returning too late would be troublesome if the Ice River Immortal Emperor noticed..."

Thinking this, Iceflame Fairy immediately left the cave and returned to the Ice River Palace.

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"Whoosh!"

A flash of white light cut through the air as a razor-thin Willow Leaf Saber pierced the sky, driving through the body of a Snowflake Leopard a hundred feet away, pinning it against a thick tree trunk.

The Snowflake Leopard, with a body length of three yards and the attack power of a Heavenly Immortal Realm Peak, was exceptionally fierce. Though pierced by the Willow Leaf Saber, it didn't die immediately. It roared fiercely, madly struggling, its blood-red eyes filled with despair and hate as it gazed at the approaching group of immortals.

The group of immortals, both male and female, all wielding the cultivation level of Heavenly Immortals, were clothed in animal skins. Armed with swords and other immortal artifacts, they flew to the dying Snowflake Leopard, faces all alight with joy.

"Mingyue, you're impressive. You heavily injured this Heavenly Immortal Realm Peak immortal beast with just one strike!"

"If we slay a few more Snowflake Leopards like this one, we can exchange them in the Immortal City for an Immortal Venerable-grade Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill!"

"Yes, once the village chief takes the Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill, his damaged Qi Sea should have a chance to recover!"

"Mingyue, all our villagers must thank you!"

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A dozen or so immortal men and women, eyes all turned towards a bright and lovely female immortal named Mingyue among them, chattered away with gratitude written across their faces.

The charming female immortal named Mingyue shook her head, "You don't need to thank me! The village chief's Qi Sea damage is mostly my fault, so this is something I should do! Alright, let's gather this Snowflake Leopard and continue hunting more!"

At this point, Mingyue waved her hand in the air, and the Willow Leaf Saber that had punctured the Snowflake Leopard flew back into her hand.

Her companions quickly moved forward to finish off the Snowflake Leopard, storing it inside a Space Immortal Ring.

"Snowflake Leopards are pack animals; their den must be nearby! Let's move on and find it!"

Mingyue seemed to be the leader of this team of immortals. She led them to spread out, releasing their divine sense to search ahead.

"Mingyue, the immortal artifact in your hand is already damaged; it doesn't match your cultivation level. Why are you so reluctant to replace it?"

A female immortal asked curiously.

"I don't want to replace it because this immortal artifact was given to me by my man... my immortal partner!"

Mingyue looked down at the Willow Leaf Saber in her hand, a handsome face with a slight smile appearing in her mind, causing her to momentarily daze.

Seeing her absent-minded state, the female immortal chuckled, "Who is your immortal partner? You often seem lost in thought; are you thinking of him?"

Mingyue didn't deny it, nodding, "Yes, I think about him every day, wishing I could see him immediately! Well, he... like me, he ascended from the lower realm, but his talent is much better than mine. He must be even stronger than me by now!"

The female immortal widened her eyes, "The village chief says you possess an Innate Spiritual Root. Is your immortal partner a Dual Attribute Innate Spiritual Root?"

Mingyue smiled proudly, "He is adept at alchemy..."

The female immortal said, "Ah yes, Pill Masters proficient in alchemy must have Dual Attribute Innate Spiritual Roots! Wow, your immortal partner is amazing! An Immortal with a single Innate Spiritual Root is already considered a prodigious talent in the Immortal Realm, and your immortal partner is bound to have an immeasurable immortal path!"

Ordinary Pill Masters typically have only one Innate Spiritual Root, relying on furnaces capable of producing immortal fire to refine Immortal Pills, though the grade of the pills won't be too high.

However, an Immortal with Dual Attribute Innate Spiritual Roots and inherent immortal fire is a true Pill Master, considered "proficient" in the art of alchemy, capable of refining any grade of Immortal Pills once their cultivation is sufficient.

Upon hearing her companions praise her man, Mingyue's eyes curved into a crescent moon with joy, "He is also skilled in artifact refining..."

The female immortal exclaimed, mouth agape in shock, her voice trembling, "Could it be... does he possess a tri-attribute Innate Spiritual Root? Let me think, what is such a physique called... Ah yes, it's called a Great Luo Immortal Body! The village chief says that such Immortals are extraordinarily talented, emerging only once in hundreds of millions of years and destined to become Immortal Emperors eventually!"

Another female immortal asked incredulously, "Mingyue, is your immortal partner really proficient in alchemy and skilled in artifact refining?"

Mingyue nodded seriously, "Of course! If I find him someday, I'll introduce him to all of you! Then, if you need any Immortal Pills or Immortal Artifacts, you can seek his help to refine them!"

Mingyue's companions, hearing her speak of her immortal partner for the first time, were both curious and envious.

A female immortal asked, "Mingyue, what is your immortal partner's honorific title? With a talent greater than yours, and you already at the Heavenly Immortal Realm Peak, he must be an Immortal Venerable Realm Expert, right?"

Mingyue said, "His name is Fang Bai, though I don't know if he has an honorific title now. As for his strength... I think he should at least be at the Immortal Venerable Realm."

A male immortal laughed, "Proficient in alchemy, skilled in artifact refining, and an Immortal Venerable Realm Expert... Mingyue, if you ever find your immortal partner, why not bring him back to our village? That way, our village's strength will grow substantially, and no other immortals will dare to bully us!"

Another male immortal sighed, "An Immortal adept at both alchemy and artifact refining, and an Immortal Venerable Realm Expert, such an Immortal we couldn't keep in our village! Maybe Mingyue would leave with him!"

Upon hearing this, most of the immortals silently hoped Mingyue would not reunite with her immortal partner, fearing she might be taken away.

Chapter 2248: Village Massacre

This group of immortals, including Mingyue, comes from Polang Village outside this forested area.

Polang Village is a small settlement with only a few hundred immortals. It is nestled between mountains and lakes, offering a rare tranquil environment amid the bustling Immortal Realm.

A vast lake spanning a thousand-mile radius lies in front of Polang Village. Its villagers enjoy catching fish from the lake, preparing various delicious dishes from their catch.

Polang Village lacks cultivation resources, so the villagers must venture into the forest, abundant with immortal beasts, to hunt them. They then exchange these beasts in nearby Immortal Cities to acquire the resources necessary for their cultivation.

Fortunately, the fish from the large lake in front of the village are not only delicious but also rich in Immortal Qi, providing significant benefits to cultivation. This serves as an effective supplement for the villagers who lack cultivation resources.

Mingyue, among this group of immortals, is indeed Baili Mingyue.

After ascending to the Immortal Realm, Baili Mingyue declined many invitations from various Immortal Sects and prepared to explore the Immortal Realm independently to search for Fang Bai and other lost companions from the lower world.

Later, she encountered an attack by an immortal beast in a desolate land, suffering severe injuries and nearly losing her life.

At the critical moment, the village chief of Polang Village, Taoist Shi, who passed through the desolate land, intervened, saving Baili Mingyue and bringing her back to Polang Village to heal her wounds.

Due to her severe injuries, ordinary Healing Immortal Pills were ineffective. Thus, Taoist Shi and several villagers brought a few previously hunted immortal beasts to a nearby Immortal City to exchange for high-level Healing Pills to aid Baili Mingyue.

In the Immortal City, Taoist Shi had a conflict with a disciple of an Immortal Sect with whom he had an old grudge, resulting in severe injuries, including damage to his Qi Sea. After being brought back to Polang Village by accompanying villagers, he remained in a coma.

After taking the Healing Immortal Pill, Baili Mingyue's injuries quickly healed. Grateful for Taoist Shi and the villagers of Polang Village for saving her life, she stayed in the village, becoming one of them.

Baili Mingyue was exceptionally talented, but various factors significantly restricted her cultivation progress while in the lower world.

Upon entering the Immortal Realm, it was like a dragon returning to the sea. Bathing in Immortal Qi every day, along with the assistance of cultivation resources, led to rapid progress in her cultivation level. Additionally, a fortunate encounter during training elevated her cultivation level to the peak of the Heavenly Immortal Realm, making her one of the most powerful immortals in Polang Village.

To heal the village chief Taoist Shi's injuries, Baili Mingyue and a group of villagers ventured into the forest to hunt Snowflake Leopards.

Once they collect five corpses of Snowflake Leopards at the peak of the Heavenly Immortal Realm, they can exchange them in the Immortal City for a Nine Revolutions Rebirth Pill of the Immortal Venerable grade, giving hope to restore the damaged Qi Sea of village chief Taoist Shi.

Hunting five Snowflake Leopards at the peak of the Heavenly Immortal Realm is no small feat. Fortunately, Baili Mingyue possesses the ability to challenge beyond her level, and together with the immortals of Polang Village, they successfully killed one shortly after entering the forest.

A dozen immortals from Polang Village discussed Baili Mingyue's immortal partner with great interest while also releasing Divine Sense to search for other Snowflake Leopards.

Suddenly, Baili Mingyue felt something and looked up at the sky, only to see a streak of light flying toward them, landing in front of them.

The light was a female immortal at the fifth grade of the Heavenly Immortal Realm. Her clothes were disheveled, and she bore injuries, with a look of panic on her face.

"Hongyu, what's happened to you?"

Baili Mingyue recognized the female immortal as a member of Polang Village responsible for caring for the injured villagers, including Taoist Shi. Seeing her here in such a battle-worn state, her heart skipped a beat, and she hastily asked.

The other dozen immortals from Polang Village also gathered around, each feeling a sense of foreboding.

"Polang Village... Polang Village... is gone..."

The female immortal Hongyu burst into tears upon seeing Baili Mingyue and the other immortals.

Baili Mingyue felt a buzzing in her head. Grasping Hongyu's shoulders, she urgently asked, "Explain clearly, what happened to Polang Village?"

Hongyu seemed to have suffered a significant fright, her voice trembling as she cried, "Not long ago, some immortals suddenly... suddenly flew into our village and without saying anything, started capturing people. Many of the villagers who resisted were killed... Some villagers protected me to escape to find you..."

As she spoke, remembering some terrible scenes, her body trembled uncontrollably, unable to continue, with her sobbing growing louder.

Baili Mingyue and the surrounding Polang Village immortals exchanged glances, each with a grave expression.

"What about the village chief? How is the village chief?"

Baili Mingyue's almond-shaped eyes widened as she asked fiercely.

Among the few hundred immortals of Polang Village, Baili Mingyue cared most about the village chief, Taoist Shi, who had saved her life. If something happened to him, she would be heartbroken.

"I don't know... I don't know..."

Hongyu shook her head vigorously, her cries unceasing.

Baili Mingyue knew she couldn't get any useful information from her. Concerned about the safety of Polang Village's immortals and the village chief Taoist Shi, she took a deep breath, clenched her fists, and said to the surrounding immortals, "Let's go back!"

With that, she lightly tapped the ground and took flight towards Polang Village.

"Let's go!"

The other dozen villagers of Polang Village also ascended on Auspicious Clouds, following Baili Mingyue closely as they flew away swiftly.

Several hours later, Baili Mingyue and the immortals appeared above Polang Village.

By then, Polang Village had been completely razed. Only lingering immortal auras and a dense smell of blood in the air indicated that a fierce battle had occurred here not long ago, with many immortals losing their lives.

The dozen Polang Village immortals, including Baili Mingyue, stood on the clouds, staring blankly at the now non-existent village below, their faces etched with endless sorrow.

"Who could be so ruthless..."

Baili Mingyue murmured to herself, with two flames of anger burning in her beautiful eyes.

To her, Polang Village was a small, peaceful village, home to a few hundred kind and friendly immortals who never sought trouble. Who could commit such a heinous act, wiping out the entire village?

The other immortals from Polang Village were silently weeping. The massive changes in their village left them directionless, uncertain of what to do next.

Hongyu, now less terrified than before, recalled something. With reddened eyes, she said, "Those immortals who destroyed our village said a few things before taking action. I remember... they seemed

to mention they were from the City Lord Mansion of Myriad Tiger Immortal City, and they talked about capturing remnants of the Emperor's Palace..."

The other Polang Village immortals showed confusion, not knowing what the "remnants of the Emperor's Palace" referred to. However, Baili Mingyue felt a stirring in her heart.

Before ascending to the Immortal Realm, Fang Bai had spoken to them about the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace, with his first goal upon returning to the Immortal Realm being to seek revenge on the Eight Immortal Emperors and revive the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace.

However, what connection could this small Polang Village have with the Nine Heavens Immortal Emperor Palace?

Could it be that among the few hundred immortals in Polang Village, there were hidden disciples of the Emperor's Palace?

Chapter 2249: Hu Wei Immortal King

"Mingyue, the village is gone, what should we do!"

After the sadness passed, Hongyu wiped away her tears and softly inquired of Baili Mingyue.

The other dozen Immortals in the village also looked toward Baili Mingyue.

Now, the fate of Village Chief Taoist Shi and several elders is unknown, and Baili Mingyue is the strongest among them. With no guidance, they consider Baili Mingyue their pillar of strength and want to hear her opinion.

"Myriad Tiger Immortal City, City Lord Mansion..."

Baili Mingyue murmured to herself and her gaze suddenly became firm, saying, "Let's go to Myriad Tiger Immortal City!"

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Myriad Tiger Immortal City is a city comprising millions of Immortals, controlled by Dragon Taming Emperor, one of the eight top-tier Immortal Emperors of the Immortal Realm.

In the Immortal Realm, there are numerous Immortal Cities, and each Immortal Emperor controls several of them, with the eight top-tier Immortal Emperors controlling the most.

For example, Dragon Taming Emperor controls at least a thousand Immortal Cities and continuously acquires cultivation resources through the Cultivation Resource Exchange Markets in each city.

Because the city's residents have tamed numerous Immortal Tigers, used either to aid in battle or as mounts, this city is thus named "Myriad Tiger Immortal City."

The owner of Myriad Tiger Immortal City's City Lord Mansion, known as Hu Wei Immortal King, is one of Dragon Taming Emperor's disciples and possesses a second-grade Immortal King Cultivation Realm.

Hu Wei Immortal King is not a true Immortal but the transformed form of an Immortal Beast. Many years ago, after being subdued by Dragon Taming Emperor, it joined his orders. Seeing its remarkable aptitude and loyalty, Dragon Taming Emperor taught it Immortal Technique Secrets, and after it advanced to the Immortal King Realm, tasked it with guarding Myriad Tiger Immortal City.

Under Hu Wei Immortal King, powerhouses are as numerous as clouds, with a thousand disciples of Immortal Venerable Cultivation Realms, relying on this formidable force, Myriad Tiger Immortal City is tightly in his grasp.

At this moment, in the City Lord Mansion's great hall of Myriad Tiger Immortal City, including Hu Wei Immortal King, dozens of high-ranking officials were gathered there, discussing some matters.

On the ground in the center of the hall lay an unconscious Immortal, dressed in a Taoist robe, with white hair and beard.

"Taoist Shi, a former disciple of Emperor's Palace, seemed to possess a first-grade Immortal Venerable Cultivation Realm on the surface but is actually at the seventh grade... Haha, such an ordinary disciple of

Emperor's Palace can escape our thousand-year pursuit; his luck is not bad! However... his good fortune ends here!"

From the Immortal chair sitting high above in the great hall, Hu Wei Immortal King looked at the unconscious Taoist Shi, speaking to himself.

"My master, Dragon Taming Emperor, said that anyone who captures a remnant of Emperor's Palace achieves great merit. Once I deliver Taoist Shi to my master, I'm sure to receive many benefits."

Upon saying this, Hu Wei Immortal King's eyes reflected excitement and greed.

"Of course, you will be rewarded for your contribution!"

Hu Wei Immortal King shifted his gaze, glancing at an Immortal in a green robe standing with hands hanging at the left side of the hall, smiling as he spoke.

If Baili Mingyue and the Immortals of Polang Village were present, they would definitely recognize the green-robed Immortal, who was also a member of Polang Village, known as Yuding Immortal, possessing a first-grade Immortal Venerable Cultivation Realm.

Yuding Immortal and Village Chief Taoist Shi were long-time friends, well-respected in the village for their high moral stature by the village's Immortals.

It was this Immortal, regarded by Taoist Shi as his right-hand person, who, upon unintentionally discovering Taoist Shi was a disciple of the Emperor's Palace that vanished a millennium ago, became greedy and quietly revealed this information to the City Lord Mansion of Myriad Tiger Immortal City, leading to the subsequent massacre of Polang Village.

Luckily, Baili Mingyue and the dozen village Immortals were out hunting Immortal Beasts and did not return. Otherwise, they too would have shared the village's fate.

The Immortals of Myriad Tiger Immortal City's City Lord Mansion only aimed to capture the remnants of Emperor's Palace, Taoist Shi. Other village Immortals were irrelevant to them; otherwise, had they

continued to wait there, lying in ambush for Baili Mingyue and the others to return, they would have been caught too.

Yuding Immortal felt relieved seeing Hu Wei Immortal King did not forget him and promised him rewards, expressing joyfully, "Thank you, Hu Wei Immortal King, for your support! From now on, this little Immortal will follow the lead of the Immortal King, and gladly perform laborious tasks for the Immortal King!"

Hu Wei Immortal King waved his hand, saying "You did well this time! My master Dragon Taming Emperor greatly values remnants of Emperor's Palace. In the future, if you have similar information, remember to inform me promptly!"

Yuding Immortal nodded repeatedly, suddenly having an idea, he continued: "Right, this little Immortal has another matter to report to the Immortal King..."

Seeing Hu Wei Immortal King nod in agreement for him to continue, Yuding Immortal grew happy, cleared his throat, and said, "A few years ago, Polang Village took in a Female Immortal. Her beauty unparalleled, rare in the Immortal Realm, and she possesses an Innate Water Spiritual Root..."

"Innate Spiritual Root?"

Hu Wei Immortal King's eyes lit up, promptly asking, "Is that Female Immortal a Primordial Yin Physique?"

Yuding Immortal sighed, "This little Immortal carefully observed; she probably isn't."

Hu Wei Immortal King couldn't help but feel a bit disappointed, then said, "Although not a Primordial Yin Physique, regrettably, Innate Spiritual Root is also a rare furnace. Cultivating together with her considerably aids cultivation level... Tell me, where is that Female Immortal now?"

Yuding Immortal quickly replied, "The Female Immortal went hunting Immortal Beasts with the dozen village Immortals, and has not yet returned. Please, Immortal King, designate your mansion's Upper Immortals to accompany me back to Polang Village and wait. Once that Female Immortal returns, we will capture her and present her to Hu Wei Immortal King!"

"Good. Then I will stay here awaiting your good news."

Hu Wei Immortal King casually designated two Stewards from the City Lord Mansion to accompany Yuding Immortal back to Polang Village.

"Give him a Healing Immortal Pill and toss him into the Immortal Prison for watch. When he wakes, ask if he knows about other Emperor's Palace disciples. Tell him if he truthfully tells us, we will spare his life!"

Upon Yuding Immortal's departure, Hu Wei Immortal King pointed at the unconscious Taoist Shi, instructing another Steward on the scene.

The Steward took the order and left with Taoist Shi in hand.

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Yuding Immortal, with two Stewards from Myriad Tiger Immortal City's City Lord Mansion, flew back to Polang Village, discovering Baili Mingyue's lingering chaotic aura at the scene.

"The Female Immortal has returned, but left again. We just need to follow her aura to find her."

Yuding Immortal said, and together with the Stewards, they followed Baili Mingyue's aura in pursuit.

Soon, Yuding Immortal found that Baili Mingyue was heading toward Myriad Tiger Immortal City, greatly delighted, thinking that the Female Immortal, being compassionate, must be going to rescue Taoist Shi. With her mere cultivation level, once she reaches Myriad Tiger Immortal City, she will trap herself and can't escape.

"Hahaha, finding her wasn't easy, but success comes effortlessly! Let's return to Myriad Tiger Immortal City!"

Yuding Immortal laughed aloud, clapping his hands and rapidly returning with the two Stewards.

Chapter 2250: Immortal Seal

The Golden Crow set in the west, and the Myriad Tiger Immortal City was still bustling after nightfall.

Led by Baili Mingyue, more than a dozen immortals from Polang Village, after paying a portion of their immortal stones to the Emperor's Palace disciples guarding the city, finally entered the Myriad Tiger Immortal City and lodged at an ordinary inn.

Not long after, the immortals from Polang Village left the inn and scattered throughout the city to gather information about Taoist Shi.

"The village chief was indeed captured and taken to the City Lord's Mansion of Myriad Tiger Immortal City."

"We, the Polang Village, have always had no grievances with Myriad Tiger Immortal City. Why would they destroy Polang Village and capture the village chief?"

"There are rumors that the village chief, Taoist Shi, is a disciple of the Emperor's Palace..."

"How could the village chief possibly be related to the Emperor's Palace? Hmph, if they want to frame someone, they can always find a reason!"

"Hundreds of immortals from our Polang Village have fallen at the hands of the Myriad Tiger Immortal City Lord's disciples. Won't they give us an explanation?"

"Those were the lives of hundreds of immortals!"

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By dawn, more than a dozen immortals from Polang Village returned from outside, gathered together, and shared the information they had gathered, each one filled with anger and indignation.

However, after the initial excitement and anger, when they calmed down and thought carefully, they inevitably felt dejected and hopeless.

Even if Polang Village was slaughtered and the village chief, Taoist Shi, was captured, they were powerless to avenge the immortals who had fallen or rescue the village chief from the City Lord's Mansion of Myriad Tiger Immortal City.

With just a dozen immortals, if they forcefully attempted a rescue, it would be nothing more than throwing their lives away, and it would be of no help at all.

"What should we do?"

The dozen immortals from Polang Village paced back and forth restlessly, their faces full of anxiety.

"Our strength is too weak, and we shouldn't act recklessly. Let's observe for now!"

An experienced and prudent immortal from Polang Village spoke with a solemn expression.

"But the village chief has been captured. If we don't think of a way to rescue him, I'm afraid he'll be in grave danger!"

A young and passionate immortal argued.

"I want to rescue the village chief more than you do! But compared to the strength of the City Lord's Mansion, we're like an egg hitting a rock—too great a disparity. How can we rescue him?"

The experienced and prudent immortal sighed.

"Let's fight them! If we take down one, it's enough, and if we take down two, it's a bonus!"

The young and passionate immortal waved his fist.

The experienced and prudent immortal shook his head and said no more.

Baili Mingyue stood there in a daze without voicing an opinion, only thinking to herself, "If only Fang Bai were here, he would surely have a solution. Fang Bai, oh Fang Bai, where are you now?"

The dozen immortals from Polang Village discussed for a long time without reaching a conclusion, so they turned their eyes towards the strongest among them, Baili Mingyue, hoping she would come up with an idea.

Baili Mingyue came back to her senses, frowned, thought for a while, and then said, "The village chief saved my life once. Now that he's been captured here, I can't just sit back and do nothing! So, I must rescue the village chief! Even if it means death, I have no fear!"

With a look of firm determination, she scanned the faces of the dozen immortals from Polang Village and said solemnly, "Regardless of success or failure, life or death, I will undertake this task to repay the village chief's life-saving grace! As for you, you should live quietly as ordinary immortals and forget about this matter..."

Seeing that the dozen immortals from Polang Village wanted to speak, she waved her hand to interrupt them. In an unwavering tone, she sternly said, "Listen to me!"

Her stern shout silenced the dozen immortals from Polang Village. She then let out a sigh and smiled faintly, transmitting to them, "Actually, whether the village chief is a disciple of the Emperor's Palace, we don't know. But I can tell you, I, Baili Mingyue, am truly a person of the Emperor's Palace!"

When she and Fang Bai were in the lower realm, they had become immortals, and as Fang Bai had once been the Emperor's Palace Master, Baili Mingyue considered herself rightfully a member of the Emperor's Palace.

Under the shocked gazes of the dozen immortals from Polang Village, Baili Mingyue continued, "The Immortals of the City Lord's Mansion in Myriad Tiger Immortal City want to catch a disciple of the Emperor's Palace, right? Then I will go to the City Lord's Mansion and reveal my identity. Perhaps I can trade it for the village chief's life! So, it's most fitting for me to go!"

As she said this, she strode out, and until her figure disappeared, a voice echoed in the ears of the dozen immortals from Polang Village, "Stay here for now and wait for news! If the village chief returns, take him away at once; if there is no news, it means both he and I have perished in the City Lord's Mansion. Then, you must leave Myriad Tiger Immortal City immediately!"

Her voice grew faint and then silent, clearly having traveled far.

The dozen immortals from Polang Village looked at each other, some with darkened expressions, some shaking their heads and sighing, some crying silently... They all had a foreboding feeling that Baili Mingyue might never return.

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After leaving the inn in the Immortal City, Baili Mingyue did not head directly to the City Lord's Mansion. Instead, she left many traces of herself throughout the Immortal City, hoping that if Fang Bai ever came here, he would know about everything related to her and avenge her.

Moreover, based on Fang Bai's teachings, she left several mysterious contact Immortal Seals, used only by the Emperor's Palace disciples back then, at the Cultivation Resource Exchange Market where the flow of immortals was highest in Myriad Tiger Immortal City.

These contact Seals could only be understood by the Emperor's Palace disciples. Baili Mingyue hoped that if there were any Emperor's Palace disciples in Myriad Tiger Immortal City, they would find her after seeing the Immortal Seals she left.

According to Fang Bai, even though the ten thousand disciples of the Emperor's Palace would inevitably face catastrophe after his fall in his previous life, some would surely have successfully escaped, and those who escaped would not be weak.

Baili Mingyue hoped that through this method, she could draw out some Emperor's Palace disciples to aid her in rescuing the village chief, Taoist Shi, from the City Lord's Mansion.

Knowing that the entire Myriad Tiger Immortal City was under the surveillance of the City Lord's Mansion immortals, Baili Mingyue, after completing this task, went to a secluded mountainous forest outside the Immortal City to await good news.

Two or three hours after Baili Mingyue left Myriad Tiger Immortal City, a male and female middle-aged immortal hurriedly exited from within a Cultivation Resource Exchange Market in the Immortal City.

This pair of male and female immortals, while exchanging cultivation resources with other immortals at the Exchange Market, saw a mysterious Immortal Seal the size of a palm in an inconspicuous corner and were immediately filled with overwhelming joy and excitement.

With a gentle brush over the Seal, they found out Baili Mingyue's whereabouts and immediately flew out of the Immortal City toward Baili Mingyue's hiding place in the mountains.

Upon reaching the location, they landed on a mountain top and, with both hands, cast an Immortal Seal identical to the one Baili Mingyue had left, accompanied by a low whistle.

Seeing the Immortal Seal they cast and hearing their whistle, Baili Mingyue flew out of a cave, appearing with a joyous expression before the pair of male and female immortals.