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Chapter 2631: Four Emperors Gather at Chixia

After Fang Bai and the other immortals left Bluewater Immortal City, they arrived at a secret realm located tens of thousands of miles from Red Dawn Mountain to rest.

This secret realm is an underwater palace, extending hundreds of miles in circumference, located at the bottom of a vast lake, and was discovered by Fang Bai in his previous life during his travels through the Immortal Realm. It belonged to a fallen Immortal Emperor.

Since it is located at the bottom of a lake a thousand feet deep and is reinforced with a Concealment Formation, this underwater palace is much more hidden than other secret realms.

Within the Immortal Palace, there is not only a large accumulation of Immortal Stones but also several Gathering Immortals Arrays. As long as the Formation is activated, it can continuously draw in Immortal Qi from the external world through the lake water.

Therefore, this Immortal Palace is not only extremely hidden but also suitable for cultivation. "You all stay here for the time being; I'll go retrieve the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade."

Fang Bai instructed the disciples of the Emperor's Palace, including Tianzhi Immortal Emperor, and then left the underwater Immortal Palace, breaking through the water, and flew towards Red Dawn Mountain.

At this moment, around Red Dawn Mountain, over a million immortals had gathered, making it bustling.

Powerful celestial auras permeated the mountains and forests, causing the immortal birds and beasts within to be so terrified that they had long since fled without a trace.

All the immortals' attention was focused on the Blood Blade on the main peak of Red Dawn Mountain, Red Dawn Peak. Their eyes were burning with desire and greed.

But the intense Evil Qi emanating from the Blood Blade made quite a few immortals hesitate, afraid of being affected by it and having their minds thrown into chaos.

Closest to Red Dawn Peak were four Emperor Realm experts.

Among these four Emperor Realm experts were three men and one woman, naturally including the Carefree Immortal Emperor.

The four Emperor Realm experts were of equal strength and each occupied one of the four directions of Red Dawn Mountain.

Needless to say, they were all here for the Blood Blade, but they knew in their hearts that subduing an Emperor's Instrument would not be easy, so they were not in a rush to make a move.

"Fellow immortals, the Emperor's Instrument has appeared. It belongs to those who are fated with it! I think we can discuss the matter of its ownership; there's no need for conflict and harming the peace."

The Carefree Immortal Emperor was the first to speak, breaking the silence.

The Empress in a red dress, standing to his left, nodded and smiled, "I agree with the Carefree friend!"

The other two Immortal Emperors, who stood opposite them, included one clad in a black robe with a stern expression, while the other in bright yellow armor, appeared full of malice, continuously sneering.

"Discuss? That's easy to say! There are four Immortal Emperors, yet only one Emperor's Instrument. How do you suggest we discuss it? Are we to split the Emperor's Instrument into four?"

The Immortal Emperor with a malicious expression rolled his eyes with a strange tone.

The Empress in red seemed to find this yellow-armored Immortal Emperor quite annoying. She furrowed her brows and snorted coldly, "Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor, can't you speak properly?"

Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor retorted, "This is how I've always spoken. Haven't you realized after all these years of dealing with each other?"

"Alright... alright... no need to argue!"

Knowing that these two Immortal Emperors have always been at odds, Carefree Immortal Emperor shook his head, feeling rather helpless, and advised a few words before saying, "As long as we are calm, I believe there's always a way out of any situation..."

"Since Carefree friend says so, I assume you have a suggestion? Then I am all ears!"

The Empress in red, having a good relationship with the Carefree Immortal Emperor, gave Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor a disdainful look then ignored him, turning her gaze to Carefree Immortal Emperor.

Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor sneered coldly and also looked at Carefree Immortal Emperor, waiting for him to speak.

The Black-Robed Immortal Emperor remained expressionless, yet his gaze also fell upon Carefree Immortal Emperor.

Carefree Immortal Emperor cleared his throat and said, "We all know that an immortal whose attributes align with an Emperor's Instrument can fully exert its power; otherwise, it's a waste..."

Pointing to the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade on Red Dawn Peak, he continued, "And that Blood Blade should be of the Fire Attribute. Among the four of us, the Redflame Empress and I are both of the Fire Attribute, so... let us first try to subdue it! If the Emperor's Instrument does not recognize us, then let Golden Eyes and Kuron have a go..."

Before he could finish, Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor burst into laughter, and the corners of the Black-Robed Immortal Emperor Kuron's mouth curled into a mocking smile.

"What, do you two friends find it unreasonable?"

Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor said, "Naturally, it's not reasonable! If that Emperor's Instrument recognizes one of you as its master, wouldn't Kuron and I come here for nothing? Don't talk to me about

incompatible attributes and such waste! We all know that having an Emperor's Instrument, even if not used to its full potential, enhances one's combat power!"

Sneering, he continued, "So... your method won't work! I don't agree!"

Although Kuron Immortal Emperor remained silent, he nodded slightly, clearly agreeing with Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor's point.

Carefree Immortal Emperor remained unperturbed, smiling as he said, "How about this... if I obtain the Emperor's Instrument, I will compensate the three of you with enough cultivation resources to satisfy you all. Likewise, if any one of the three of you acquires the Emperor's Instrument, the same condition applies..."

Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor said, "This method isn't bad. However... I'm not convinced by you and the Redflame Empress being the first to attempt to subdue the Emperor's Instrument! Why shouldn't Kuron and I go first?"

Carefree Immortal Emperor's eyes flashed with a hint of calculation, yet his face maintained a smile. After contemplating, he said, "How about this, we let fate decide who goes first among the four of us."

The other three Immortal Emperors were stunned, not understanding his intention.

Carefree Immortal Emperor retrieved four Immortal Stones, carving the images of Azure Dragon, White Tiger, Vermilion Bird, and Black Tortoise on them, then took out four identical Space Immortal Rings and placed the stones inside.

Under the watchful eyes of the other three Immortal Emperors, Carefree Immortal Emperor smiled and said, "Now, I'll hand these four Space Immortal Rings over to other immortals present here, and none of us shall use Divine Sense to inspect them... Once they mix up the order and return the rings, whoever gets the ring with the Azure Dragon Immortal Stone will be the first to attempt to subdue the Blood Blade. How does this sound to everyone?"

Redflame Empress said, "This is the fairest method, I agree!"

Kuron Immortal Emperor pondered and said, "Alright."

With the three Immortal Emperors' approval, Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor had nothing else to add and nodded, "Let's do it! The fate of the Emperor's Instrument will depend entirely on destiny!"

Carefree Immortal Emperor pointed casually at a distant immortal and said loudly, "Friend over there, please come and lend us a hand."

"I am unsure why the four esteemed immortals have summoned me?"

The immortal, pointed at by Carefree Immortal Emperor, flew over with apprehension, his face slightly pale, cautiously asking.

Although this immortal was a high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert and not considered weak within the Immortal Realm, he approached with trepidation before the four Immortal Emperors, barely daring to breathe.

Chapter 2632: The Emperor's Instrument Slipped Away

The Carefree Immortal Emperor handed four Space Immortal Rings to the immortal and gave a few more instructions like this and that.

When the immortal was first summoned by the Carefree Immortal Emperor, he was anxious, not knowing what would happen, but upon hearing that it was only to help, he breathed a sigh of relief.

He took the four Space Immortal Rings, flew away from afar, and then returned shortly after, handing the four rings to the Carefree Immortal Emperor, Redflame Empress, Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor, and Kuron Immortal Emperor respectively.

Because they couldn't inspect them with Divine Sense, none of the four Immortal Emperors knew which Immortal Beast design was carved on the Immortal Stone inside the Space Immortal Rings they held.

After the four Immortal Emperors got the Space Immortal Rings, they almost simultaneously took out the Immortal Stones inside.

Once they saw the Immortal Beast design on the stones in their hands, their facial expressions varied, some were happy, some regretful, some disappointed, and some were silent.

"Heh... heh heh..."

The Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor glanced at the Immortal Stone in his hand, then grinned and smugly said to the other three Immortal Emperors, "I got the Azure Dragon Immortal Stone, looks like my luck is good!"

"Congratulations, Golden Eyes Immortal friend!"

The Kuron Immortal Emperor, who had always had a good relationship with the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor, clasped his fists and said.

The Carefree Immortal Emperor's expression remained unchanged, still keeping a smile, while Redflame Empress' face turned somewhat gloomy upon seeing Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor's smug look.

It was rumored in the Immortal Realm that although the Carefree Immortal Emperor and Redflame Empress were not Immortal partners, their relationship had always been ambiguous, and in all matters, they advanced and retreated together.

Amid the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor's proud laughter, the Carefree Immortal Emperor and Redflame Empress exchanged a quick glance, then their lips curled slightly, revealing a smile with ambiguous meaning.

"Golden Eyes Immortal friend, you please go first!"

The Carefree Immortal Emperor made a gesture of invitation, then exchanged a look with Redflame Empress, retreating a thousand feet together.

The Kuron Immortal Emperor hesitated for a moment, then retreated slightly as well.

The Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor's gaze fell on the Blood Blade at Red Dawn Peak in the distance, his expression became solemn, and he urged the auspicious clouds under his feet, slowly approaching forward.

Emperor's Instruments have spirits, if an immortal suddenly approaches, it will surely be attacked by it.

And the might of an Emperor's Instrument is extraordinarily powerful, even an expert of the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor's realm does not dare to be careless.

That Blood Blade Emperor's Instrument is unlike ordinary Emperor's Instruments, it is unknown how many immortals' blood it has devoured to release such strong Evil Qi.

It stands tilted on the mountaintop, the blade emitting countless scarlet beams, like a proud Immortal Emperor clad in a blood garment, daring anyone who approaches to be cut down under it.

"Come to me!"

The Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor stopped his advance when he was still a hundred zhang from the Blood Blade, his eyes shot bright beams, and with a loud shout, he summoned an Immortal Qi Palm to grasp fiercely at the Blood Blade.

Wherever the Immortal Qi Palm passed, the void trembled violently, waves surged, producing a deafening roaring sonic boom, the momentum was terrifying.

The Carefree Immortal Emperor and Redflame Empress both widened their eyes, clutching their fists tightly, secretly gathering strength.

If the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor doesn't get the Blood Blade, so be it, but if he does, they will strike together with a fierce attack to seize the Blood Blade.

The Kuron Immortal Emperor squinted slightly, also quietly gathering power, if the Carefree Immortal Emperor and Redflame Empress made a move against the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor, he would not stand by.

To the Kuron Immortal Emperor, if the Blood Blade is taken by the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor, he would also be displeased, but it's better than the Carefree Immortal Emperor and Redflame Empress getting it.

Additionally, the Kuron Immortal Emperor and Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor had secretly reached a mutual defense alliance, promising that whoever among them got the Blood Blade, would provide substantial help to the other in the future.

Under the gaze of all immortals, the Immortal Qi Palm condensed by the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor quickly extended into the vast scarlet light emitted by the Blood Blade, seemingly about to seize the Blood Blade.

However, unexpectedly, just as the Immortal Qi Palm of the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor was about to touch the Blood Blade, it suddenly transformed into a dazzling crimson beam, shooting toward the distant horizon, disappearing from the immortals' sight in an instant.

"That Emperor's Instrument... ran off on its own..."

"Emperor's Instruments have spirits, it means it does not wish to recognize the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor as its master!"

"In other words, the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor is not fated to have this Emperor's Instrument!"

"Then next, it will be the Kuron Immortal Emperor's turn to try and seize it!"

"The attribute of the Kuron Immortal Emperor's body does not match that of the Blood Blade, I don't think he has a chance either..."

"I think the Carefree Immortal Emperor or the Redflame Empress might have the hope to get the Blood Blade!"

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The Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor was momentarily stunned, failing to grasp the Blood Blade, and then he heard the discussion of the immortals around him.

"Damn it!"

Hearing those voices, the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor felt both embarrassed and furious, his Immortal Qi Palm grabbed an immortal and slightly squeezed, the immortal was immediately crushed to pieces.

Seeing the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor lose his temper, the immortals were all startled and dared not to speak again.

"Seems like that Emperor's Instrument is not easy to subdue! Let me try!"

The Kuron Immortal Emperor said, stepping towards the direction where the Blood Blade disappeared.

In one step, he covered several hundred li, his figure vanishing from the original spot instantly.

"Let's go have a look too!"

The Carefree Immortal Emperor and Redflame Empress, as if having a tacit understanding, turned into two streaks of light, chasing after the Blood Blade left behind by the Evil Qi, at a speed not slower than that of the Kuron Immortal Emperor.

"Without me, even if Kuron got the Blood Blade, I'm afraid he wouldn't hold onto it!"

The Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor murmured to himself, stomping his foot in frustration, and chased after the three Immortal Emperors.

In the blink of an eye, the four Immortal Emperors left Red Dawn Mountain with the Blood Blade, leaving no trace.

Among the million immortals gathered at Red Dawn Mountain, after a moment of commotion, some sighed and left, while others followed the aura left by the four Immortal Emperors, wanting to see into whose hands the Blood Blade Emperor's Instrument would eventually fall.

Some Immortal Emperor Realm experts held a glimmer of hope in their hearts, thinking that if by some chance the Blood Blade "dismissed" the four Immortal Emperors, wouldn't they have a chance?

When the Blood Blade flew away from Red Dawn Peak, far tens of thousands of li away, Fang Bai was setting up an Emperor Rank Concealment Formation in a dense forest of mountains and rivers; he also concealed his aura, hiding within the formation.

Shortly after, the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade shot through the sky and immediately entered his Concealment Formation, being taken into his Sea of Consciousness.

At the same instant, Fang Bai executed the Earth Escape Technique, his body dived deep underground into an underground river, swiftly fleeing like a fish towards the distance.

Only a few breaths after Fang Bai disappeared, the Kuron Immortal Emperor first, followed by the Carefree Immortal Emperor, Redflame Empress, and the Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor appeared one after another in the void where the Blood Blade had vanished.

"That Blood Blade suddenly just disappeared?"

Suspended in the void, the Kuron Immortal Emperor's Divine Sense covered a radius of ten thousand miles, his eyes fixed on the spot where the Blood Blade disappeared, with a look of confusion on his face.

Chapter 2633: Shaking Off Pursuers

The Blood-Drinking Mad Blade vanished into thin air, with no trace of its presence, leaving even the four great Immortal Emperors, including Kuron Immortal Emperor, puzzled.

However, being the supreme Emperor Realm experts of the Immortal Realm, they quickly deduced that there must be another Emperor Realm expert skilled in formations nearby who concealed the blade.

Thinking of formations, Kuron Immortal Emperor, Redflame Immortal Emperor, and Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor all turned their gaze toward Carefree Immortal Emperor.

Carefree Immortal Emperor frowned slightly, his gaze fixed on the spot where the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade disappeared, eyes flickering with contemplation.

"Carefree Immortal friend, have you discerned anything?"

Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor, with his impatient temperament, couldn't help but ask when he saw Carefree Immortal Emperor remain silent for a long time.

Carefree Immortal Emperor ignored him and descended downward.

His landing point was precisely where Fang Bai had set up the Concealment Formation.

"Indeed, a Concealment Formation..."

A thousand years ago, Carefree Immortal Emperor was second only to the Emperor's Palace Master in array mastery. Although Fang Bai set up an Emperor Rank Concealment Formation, his current cultivation level fell short compared to his past life, revealing flaws in the formation which Carefree Immortal Emperor quickly uncovered.

"This Concealment Formation is set with exceptional skill, beyond the capability of ordinary Emperor Realm experts... Who could this Immortal be?"

Carefree Immortal Emperor murmured to himself, quickly thinking of which Immortal Emperor in the present Immortal Realm might be adept in the Array Path.

"Could it be Thunderflame Immortal Emperor? I recall he had a good relationship with the Emperor's Palace Master of old and learned some of the Array Path from him."

Redflame Empress remarked.

"It can't be Thunderflame Immortal Emperor..."

Carefree Immortal Emperor shook his head, saying, "I once had dealings with Thunderflame Immortal Emperor. Though he learned some of the Array Path from the Emperor's Palace Master, he was not proficient, and could never set up such an Emperor Realm Immortal Array."

As he spoke, he continuously cast formation symbols, attempting to unravel the Concealment Formation set by Fang Bai, only to find that its intricacy far exceeded his expectations, not as simple as it appeared.

His frown deepened, and suddenly his face changed slightly, exclaiming, "This formation... This formation..."

"What is it?"

Redflame Empress, never having seen Carefree Immortal Emperor so distraught, asked in surprise.

Carefree Immortal Emperor murmured, "This Concealment Formation must have been created by the Emperor's Palace Master of old. Among various Concealment Formations in the Immortal Realm, it ranks supreme..."

Redflame Empress's face also changed, her voice quivering, "How could it be him... He... He has been gone for a thousand years!"

Carefree Immortal Emperor glanced at her, took a deep breath, his expression quickly returning to normal, and then smiled self-deprecatingly, saying, "I was overthinking it... Indeed, this Concealment Formation before us was created by the Emperor's Palace Master, but far less rigorous than what the Palace Master himself would set; otherwise, I wouldn't have noticed it..."

Redflame Empress asked, "Do you mean..."

Carefree Immortal Emperor replied, "I surmise that the Immortal who set this formation should be a disciple of the Emperor's Palace, most likely at the peak of the Immortal Emperor Realm..."

The three Emperor Realm experts, Redflame Empress, Kuron Immortal Emperor, and Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor, couldn't help but glance at each other at this revelation.

If it were the once mighty Emperor's Palace of a thousand years ago, these Immortal Emperors wouldn't dare provoke it easily, but now that the Emperor's Palace no longer exists and its hundred thousand disciples have been mostly wiped out by the pursuit of the top eight forces, they as Immortal Emperors have long since disregarded it.

What surprised them, though, was a disciple of the Emperor's Palace daring to risk offending all four of the great Immortal Emperors to interfere in their affairs and seize the Emperor's artifact.

"How outrageous! Those remnants of the Emperor's Palace seem to have a death wish!"

Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor, arrogant by nature, had done many wicked deeds in the past. Later, he had an encounter with the traveling Emperor's Palace Master of old who, although sparing his life, sternly admonished him.

At that time, the Emperor's Palace Master's power surpassed even the top eight Immortal Emperors, leaving Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor unable to contend. Anger was swallowed without a word, and his behavior became much more restrained, though he developed a hatred for the Emperor's Palace in his heart.

However, after the Emperor's Palace Master's fall, his true nature resurfaced, and when encountering Emperor's Palace disciples pursued by the top eight forces, he wouldn't personally kill them but would inform the top eight of their whereabouts, causing many Emperor's Palace disciples' demise.

Now, with an Emperor's Palace disciple intervening midway to seize the Emperor's artifact coveted by the four great Immortal Emperors, his rage erupted, shouting threats and calling for blood.

"Of the thirty-six great generals of the ancient Emperor's Palace, there were eighteen peak Immortal Emperor Realm experts. After the Emperor's Palace's fall, half of the eighteen such experts perished. I wonder which one seized the artifact..."

Kuron Immortal Emperor commented.

Golden Eyes Immortal Emperor retorted, "Does it matter which one? He's seeking death, I'll grant it to him!"

"No rush... No rush... Let me break this formation first..."

Carefree Immortal Emperor said, his palms weaving swiftly as he continuously cast symbols to unravel the seemingly intangible Concealment Formation.

Even though, in the eyes of Carefree Immortal Palace, the Concealment Formation wasn't set personally by the Emperor's Palace Master, it still took him nearly two hours to dismantle it.

Once the formation dissipated, a dense forest appeared before them, yet scanning with their Divine Sense revealed no trace of any Immortal presence within the woods.

"Used Earth Escaping Technique to flee..."

Carefree Immortal Emperor gazed at a spot within the woods that differed slightly from the surrounding terrain, smiling bitterly.

A peak Immortal Emperor Realm expert cannot tear through space, unable to traverse the Endless Space instantly to distances of a hundred thousand miles, so even in two hours, with full effort, they couldn't have gone very far.

However, a peak Immortal Emperor Realm expert proficient in formations is very troublesome.

Carefree Immortal Emperor's greatest concern was that the peak Immortal Emperor Realm expert might continuously set up similar Concealment Formations to confuse them during the escape, delaying their pursuit and seizing the opportunity to slip away easily.

By then, the four Immortal Emperors coveting the Blood Blade Imperial Artifact might very well end up with nothing, a wild goose chase.

"The Immortal shouldn't have gotten too far, let's split up to chase! Whoever catches up, the artifact is theirs! If that Immortal escapes... ha, none of us get it!"

Carefree Immortal Emperor decisively announced, then glanced around before flying toward the eastern skies.

The other three Immortal Emperors exchanged looks, then pursued in the south, west, and north directions respectively.

Just as Carefree Immortal Emperor anticipated, Fang Bai, during his escape, set up several Concealment Formations while leaving unique Emperor's Palace disciple traces in various areas to confuse the four Immortal Emperors.

Although the four Immortal Emperors' Divine Senses could cover tens of thousands of miles, Fang Bai was fleeing deep underground, concealing his aura, and proceeding cautiously, managing to evade their Divine Sense probes.

That day, he finally evaded the four Immortal Emperors' pursuit, returned to the Immortal Palace beneath a lake with the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, and reunited with Tianzhi Immortal Emperor and other Emperor's Palace disciples.

Chapter 2634: Breakthrough at the Bottom of the Lake!

The years slip by unnoticed beneath the lake.

Fang Bai and numerous Emperor's Palace disciples have resided in the lakebed Immortal Palace for several years.

Even Fang Bai himself, engrossed in cultivation, hadn't realized how swiftly time had passed.

During these years, Fang Bai distributed a portion of the cultivation resources from the Five Elements Space Ring to nearly two hundred Emperor's Palace disciples, allowing them to cultivate on their own.

These Emperor's Palace disciples had been personally taught by Fang Bai a thousand years ago, but had then been imprisoned by the Carefree Immortal Emperor for several hundred years, with their Qi Sea sealed and their cultivation resources completely taken away. Thus, those hundreds of years were essentially wasted.

However, as disciples of the Emperor's Palace, they had a robust foundation that disciples of other sects couldn't hope to match. Once Fang Bai released the seal on their Qi Sea, their cultivation realm began to rapidly advance, aided by abundant cultivation resources.

In several years, more than half of the nearly two hundred Emperor's Palace disciples advanced in rank, pushing the overall strength to a new level.

Fang Bai himself also made considerable progress over these years, having approached the threshold of the Immortal Emperor Realm at high rank.

In the early stages of his seclusion, Fang Bai cultivated some Immortal Technique Secrets he had created in a past life.

During the later stages, Fang Bai felt the advancement speed was somewhat slow, so he devoted more time to the Heaven Devouring Art of the Demon Clan Emperor.

Ever since obtaining the Heaven Devouring Art from the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, Fang Bai began to comprehend and cultivate it, benefiting greatly. He realized it was worthy of being the art created by a Great Emperor, as the Emperor Rank immortal techniques he had created in his past life seemed somewhat immature in comparison.

Although the Heaven Devouring Art was created by the Demon Clan Emperor, Fang Bai's physique was extraordinary and could not be compared to ordinary immortals, especially because of the Chaos Immortal Qi in his Qi Sea, which had an incredible function. It could 'purify and filter' the Demonic Qi

generated from cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art, transforming it into Chaos Immortal Qi that was stored in the seven Primordial Spirits within his Qi Sea.

Thus, while other immortals cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art might disrupt their temperament and fall into the Demon Dao, this was not a concern for Fang Bai.

Originally, Fang Bai's Qi Sea was like a miniature Gathering Immortals Array that could absorb and assimilate Immortal Qi from all directions, and since starting to cultivate the Heaven Devouring Art, this powerful capability had increased dramatically, with his power advancing rapidly as a result.

The cultivation resources within Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring were initially abundant, but after distributing some to nearly two hundred Emperor's Palace disciples, he retained a portion for himself. Due to cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art, the consumption over these years was unprecedentedly massive, and it was nearly depleted.

On this day, after absorbing the last pile of Immortal Stones' Immortal Qi from the Five Elements Space Ring, Fang Bai suddenly felt a resonant, thunderous sound in his Qi Sea, followed by restless Immortal Qi turbulence.

This abnormal reaction was a sign of imminent breakthrough advancement, filling Fang Bai with joy.

"I'm about to advance. Tianzhi Immortal Emperor, take all the Emperor's Palace disciples and leave the Immortal Palace, waiting for me a hundred miles away from the great lake!"

Fang Bai transmitted a message to Tianzhi Immortal Emperor.

In another Immortal Hall where Tianzhi Immortal Emperor was cultivating, upon hearing Fang Bai's words, he was overjoyed and immediately summoned all the Emperor's Palace disciples in the lakebed Immortal Palace with a cry, leading them to leave the Immortal Palace, break through the water, and head to a few mountain peaks a hundred miles away from the great lake.

"If the Palace Master advances this time, he'll reach the high rank of the Immortal Emperor Realm... with the Palace Master's formidable combat power, he'll be able to contend with a Quasi-Emperor!"

An Emperor's Palace disciple said excitedly, his eyes shining.

"Let's hope everything goes smoothly!"

Tianzhi Immortal Emperor twirled his beard and said.

After about a hundred breaths, the area of water at the center of the great lake began to boil as if it had been set aflame.

A moment later, the entire great lake started to become restless, just like an enraged and rampaging lion, producing roaring sounds.

The vast area around the great lake was thus stirred up by waves of energy from the lakebed Immortal Palace, a sight that secretly shocked the disciples of the Emperor's Palace.

"It's close... it's close..."

Tianzhi Immortal Emperor watched the surging great lake, his expression filled with excitement, murmuring to himself.

After another hundred breaths, an area of a thousand zhang radius at the center of the great lake suddenly exploded, unleashing waves a hundred zhang high.

Fang Bai's figure appeared amidst the exploding waves.

The Emperor's Palace disciples, including Tianzhi Immortal Emperor, sensed the powerful aura emanating from Fang Bai, realizing he had successfully advanced, and couldn't help but cheer enthusiastically.

Fang Bai lightly tapped his toes on a giant wave, and his figure seemed to pierce through the void, appearing before Tianzhi Immortal Emperor and the other Emperor's Palace disciples.

"Congratulations to the Palace Master for successfully advancing!"

Led by Tianzhi Immortal Emperor, all Emperor's Palace disciples, faces brimming with joy, collectively congratulated Fang Bai.

Having successfully advanced, Fang Bai was naturally in a buoyant mood, laughing heartily and saying, "Rejoice together! Rejoice together!"

During Fang Bai's advancement, the commotion was so great that when his Divine Sense diffused, he discovered that several already alarmed individuals were flying toward this location.

"Let's go!"

Fang Bai realized it was inadvisable to linger here, and with a large wave of his hand, swiftly departed with the Emperor's Palace disciples.

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During the years Fang Bai and a group of Emperor's Palace disciples were secluded for cultivation at the lakebed, many events unfolded within the Immortal Realm.

And many of these matters were related to the Emperor's Palace.

The story, especially the ins and outs of the Carefree Palace campaign, was disseminated by some immortals from Bluewater Immortal City, shocking many immortals in the Immortal Realm.

No one had anticipated that the Carefree Palace, established single-handedly by the Carefree Immortal Emperor, would be attacked by disciples of the Emperor's Palace and wiped out in a day.

No one had foreseen that the Carefree Immortal Emperor—who had garnered a reputation for 'benevolence' by sheltering Emperor's Palace disciples—would imprison them, solely to extract the Emperor's Palace Immortal Technique Secrets from them.

No one had envisioned that the Emperor's Palace, thought to be annihilated a thousand years ago, would now elect a 'new' Palace Master.

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These revelations spread from Bluewater Immortal City to all directions, reaching the ears of countless immortals, most of whom dismissed them, believing that without the leadership of the brilliant War Emperor, the Emperor's Palace could never reclaim its former glory.

They even assumed that it wouldn't be long before the turmoil caused by a group of Emperor's Palace disciples would be quashed by the eight top-tier forces.

Meanwhile, disciples of the Emperor's Palace, secretly distributed across various parts of the Immortal Realm, upon hearing the news, began to inquire about the new Palace Master.

As for the Carefree Immortal Emperor, after the fall of the Carefree Palace, he left Bluewater Immortal City and has been nowhere to be seen since.

Later, an unknown immortal released a rumor that after obtaining the Heaven Devouring Art from the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, and subsequently, Flying Swan Immortal Emperor, the Carefree Immortal Emperor had acquired it and had secluded himself to cultivate.

This news again caused a clamor in the Immortal Realm.

Some immortals believed the Heaven Devouring Art was a harbinger of misfortune. Those who obtained it—the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, Flying Swan Immortal Emperor, and Carefree Immortal Emperor—all had their sects annihilated and were themselves hunted jointly by several top-tier Immortal Emperors in the Immortal Realm.

Chapter 2635: I Have the Demon Arts of Devouring Heaven Too

The Immortal Realm's reactions to the possibility of the Carefree Immortal Emperor obtaining the Heaven Devouring Art were mixed.

However, the vast majority of Immortals felt worried and anxious about it.

After all, the Heaven Devouring Art was a Demon Art created by a Demon Clan Emperor. If the Carefree Immortal Emperor were to cultivate it, he might lose his sanity, fall into the Demon Dao, embark on a path of cruelty and slaughter, becoming unacceptable to the Immortal Realm and causing turmoil.

The previous Golden Crow Immortal Emperor and Flying Swan Immortal Emperor served as cautionary tales.

Of course, after the news of the Carefree Immortal Emperor obtaining the Heaven Devouring Art spread, the most worried were the six top-tier Immortal Emperors: Dragon Taming Emperor, Myriad Sword Immortal Emperor, Red Lotus Immortal Emperor, Qingtian Immortal Emperor, Ice River Empress, and Thunder Immortal Emperor.

They had always been at odds with the Carefree Immortal Emperor, and had even threatened and intimidated him because he had protected the Emperor's Palace's disciples for millennia.

If the Carefree Immortal Emperor obtained and cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art, significantly increasing his strength, it would become a nightmare for these top-tier Immortal Emperors.

Therefore, the six top-tier Immortal Emperors had no choice but to convene again to discuss the pursuit of the Carefree Immortal Emperor.

First, it was the Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, then the Flying Swan Immortal Emperor, and now, another Carefree Immortal Emperor had appeared. The three Immortal Emperors might have all cultivated the Heaven Devouring Art. The six top-tier Immortal Emperors, wanting to remain untroubled, had no choice but to hunt them down. Otherwise, if their Demon Arts succeeded, they might destroy the six top-tier Immortal Emperors in return.

However, dealing with one Immortal Emperor was already hard enough, let alone three?

Apart from this matter, the Emperor's Palace's disciples across the Immortal Realm seemed restless recently, even electing a so-called "new Palace Master"...

Despite having numerous subordinates and controlling millions of Immortals, these chaotic issues still left the six top-tier Immortal Emperors feeling overwhelmed.

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In a certain Secret Realm in the Shentian Domain, the eighth Heavenly Domain of the Immortal Realm, Fang Bai sat cross-legged with hundreds of Emperor's Palace disciples.

This Secret Realm was one of Fang Bai's stopping points from his previous travels in the Immortal Realm. Not only was it a Cultivation Holy Land, but it also stored a large amount of Cultivation Resources.

Due to its remote location and hidden Formation, no Immortal had discovered it for millennia.

Previously, Fang Bai had traveled with Tianzhi Immortal Emperor and other Emperor's Palace disciples. On the way, they discovered some symbols and marks left by the Emperor's Palace disciples, finding more disciples and doubling their numbers to around four or five hundred when they reached the Secret Realm.

Looking at the ever-growing Emperor's Palace team, Fang Bai felt genuine satisfaction.

"Palace Master, did the Carefree Immortal Emperor really obtain the Heaven Devouring Art?"

After Fang Bai explained some Immortal Technique Secrets, Tianzhi Immortal Emperor asked.

Though the Heaven Devouring Art was a Demon Clan Immortal Law, it was still created by a Great Emperor Level expert. Obtaining and cultivating it would greatly boost one's strength, and even Tianzhi Immortal Emperor felt tempted upon hearing of such a law appearing in the Immortal Realm.

"Very likely!"

Fang Bai recalled the scene of his previous encounter with the Carefree Immortal Emperor and said, "Compared to a thousand years ago, there's a bit more hostility around the Carefree Immortal Emperor.

This hostility actually arises from the Demonic Qi generated after cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art. Although the Carefree Immortal Emperor hid it well, I still discovered it. Fortunately, I noticed something was wrong and remained cautious, without revealing my true identity... Otherwise, it's possible I couldn't have escaped from the Carefree Immortal Emperor..."

If Fang Bai had been careless and revealed his identity to the Carefree Immortal Emperor, the consequences would have been unimaginable; thinking back on it still filled him with lingering fears.

"If the Carefree Immortal Emperor succeeds in cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art, wouldn't that be extremely dangerous?"

Tianzhi Immortal Emperor frowned slightly and said.

The Carefree Immortal Emperor was already an Emperor Realm expert with formidable strength. If he made achievements in cultivating the Demon Art created by a Demon Clan Emperor, then no doubt his strength would surpass the current top-tier Immortal Emperors?

By then, even if the Palace Master's strength returned to its peak realm, it would probably still be hard to restrain him.

Now that the Emperor's Palace had formed a deep enmity with the Carefree Immortal Emperor, if he interfered when the Emperor's Palace was rebuilt and sought revenge against the eight top-tier Immortal Emperors, it would be troublesome.

Fang Bai laughed and said, "No worries! If he has the Heaven Devouring Art, I also have it!"

"What?"

Upon hearing this, Tianzhi Immortal Emperor was shocked, staring widely at Fang Bai in disbelief, "Palace Master, you... you... that's a Demon Art created by a Demon Clan Emperor, if you cultivate it, what if... what if..."

Fang Bai interjected, "What if I lose my sanity and fall into the Demon Dao, is that it?"

Tianzhi Immortal Emperor nodded.

Fang Bai said, "Rest assured, I'm fine."

After a pause, he continued, "I've actually been cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art for many years. In terms of understanding this Demon Art, the Carefree Immortal Emperor probably can't surpass me. No matter how powerful the Carefree Immortal Emperor becomes in the future, I'm confident in suppressing him!"

Upon hearing this, Tianzhi Immortal Emperor finally breathed a sigh of relief, thinking that the Palace Master was an unparalleled prodigy of the Immortal Realm over ages, and with even greater talents in this lifetime, hopefully, what he said was true and the Heaven Devouring Art wouldn't confuse him.

Thinking carefully again, Tianzhi Immortal Emperor became somewhat excited, considering that with the Palace Master's talents, cultivating the Demon Art created by a Great Emperor might even allow him to become a Great Emperor Level expert in the future?

Great Emperor Level experts' Cultivation Levels far surpassed Immortal Emperors, but since that great Immortal-Demon war thousands of years ago, Great Emperors had vanished, and their whereabouts had always been a mystery to Immortals in the Immortal Realm.

Perhaps only by breaking through the Immortal Emperor Realm and advancing to the Great Emperor Realm could one solve this mystery.

In the current Immortal Realm, Great Emperors had become legendary beings.

Immortals in the Immortal Realm regarded achieving the Immortal Emperor as the highest goal.

Yet the Immortal Emperors pursued the Great Emperor realm.

"Tianzhi, after I leave, I'll leave this place to you. You must properly supervise the disciples' cultivation, and when I gather the lower realm Immortals, I'll gather the Emperor's Palace disciples from all over the Immortal Realm, and the Emperor's Palace will be rebuilt then!"

Fang Bai said to Tianzhi Immortal Emperor.

A few days ago, after bringing Tianzhi Immortal Emperor to this Secret Realm, he had already intended to leave.

Now in the lower realm, there were still quite a few Immortals yet to be found, including Lu Liyu, Zhuge Lian, and Xiao Ying, the three Female Immortals who had become immortal couples in the lower realm.

They were Fang Bai's concern; unless found, Fang Bai couldn't rest easy.

"Palace Master, rest assured!"

Tianzhi Immortal Emperor nodded, then solemnly said, "The Immortal Realm is dangerous, Palace Master, after leaving, please take care!"

Fang Bai patted his shoulder and said, "I will!"

The next day, Fang Bai left some Messaging Jade Tokens for Tianzhi Immortal Emperor, asking him to wait for his summon, and then, watched by the Emperor's Palace disciples, he left the Secret Realm and soared into the clouds.

In the following years, Fang Bai, in various guises, traveled through the Shentian Domain of the eighth Heavenly Domain in the Immortal Realm, wandering through countless Immortal Mountains and Secret Realms and exploring various Cultivation Holy Lands, finding hundreds of Immortals from the lower realm, including Long Jingtian, bringing him great joy.

Unfortunately, Lu Liyu, Zhuge Lian, and Xiao Ying, the three women, were still without a trace.

Chapter 2636: Don't You Have a Sense of Your Own Situation?

Time flies in the Immortal Realm, and in the blink of an eye, another ten years have passed.

For immortals who possess lifespans of thousands of years, ten years is insignificant; they often undergo retreats that last more than a decade.

However, for Fang Bai, who has been searching for immortals in the lower realms, ten years is quite a long time.

Recently, the Immortal Realm has been thrown into chaos by the "Heaven Devouring Art" of the Demon Clan Emperor, causing great unrest.

Rumor has it that the three Immortal Emperors: Golden Crow Immortal Emperor, Flying Swan Immortal Emperor, and Carefree Immortal Emperor have all obtained the Heaven Devouring Art and are currently hiding in a Secret Realm to comprehend and cultivate it.

Once they succeed in cultivating the Heaven Devouring Art, they will emerge, heralding a bloody storm in the Immortal Realm.

In preparation for the potential upheaval in the future, powerful figures from various sects of the Immortal Realm, including the eight top Immortal Emperors, have rarely been seen, choosing instead to retreat and cultivate diligently.

In an unnamed mountain in the Eastern Desolate of Shentian Domain, two figures—a tall and a short one, a sturdy and a plump one—were swiftly moving.

The tall and sturdy man, over a foot in height, with tiger-like eyes and a broad mouth, exudes a fierce aura unique to Immortal Beasts, and his body is covered with a faint layer of gold fur.

This man is an Immortal Beast transformed into an immortal form, whose cultivation level has reached the Immortal Emperor Realm.

The other short and plump immortal, donned in a Taoist robe, with a bulbous nose and small eyes, appears like a moving giant winter melon while darting around, looking somewhat comedic.

Although the short and plump immortal appears smiling and harmless, his cultivation is equivalent to that of the tall man, having just entered the Immortal Emperor Realm.

"Old Taoist Wu, are you sure there are cultivation resources around here?"

After a period of sprinting, the tall and sturdy man asked doubtfully.

"Old Sun, when has the Taoist Master ever deceived you? Along this way, haven't you gained so much benefit, you cannot even count it yourself?"

The short and plump immortal rolled his eyes, twitched his nose, unleashed his Divine Sense to probe around, then pointed forward confidently, saying, "I've already sensed the aura of treasures! Let's continue forward!"

"We've covered thousands of miles, and you've been saying this all along the way..."

The tall and sturdy man grumbled.

The short and plump immortal scratched his head and said, "These cultivation resources seem to move underground... Let's accelerate and chase!"

Thus, the two immortals sped up, transforming into streams of light, skimming over the ground as they darted along.

These two immortals were none other than Wu De, the Old Taoist Wu, and the Golden-Haired Immortal Ape named "Great Sage Sun," whom Fang Bai had subdued and named.

Originally, they were with Tang Wenrou, Ye Wumei, and other immortals practicing under the Tempest Immortal Emperor at the Purple Wind Gorge. Later, with exceptional talent and ample cultivation resources, along with guidance from the Tempest Immortal Emperor, they successfully advanced to the Immortal Emperor Realm.

Neither Wu De nor Great Sage Sun were content or obedient immortals. Upon advancing to the Immortal Emperor Realm and believing they had enough strength to protect themselves, they refused to stay in the small world of the Purple Wind Gorge. Using the excuse of going out to experience the world, despite the advice from the Tempest Immortal Emperor and Tang Wenrou and other immortals, they left the Purple Wind Gorge.

Great Sage Sun was fierce and volatile, enjoying straightforward actions, thus offending many immortals along his journeys.

Luckily, with Wu De, who was smooth and cunning and adept at dealing with all situations, together with their not-so-weak cultivation levels and their proficiency in the Combined Assault Formation of the Emperor's Palace, whenever trouble arose, it was always thrillingly but without danger resolved.

However, they both kept Fang Bai's warnings in mind, ensuring that during their cultivations in the Immortal Realm, they would not expose their status as disciples of the Emperor's Palace unless they encountered life-and-death crises or were absolutely certain of defeating their opponents.

Wu De was naturally sensitive to detecting cultivation resources, discovering many rare resources during this journey and reaping substantial rewards.

A few days earlier, Wu De detected the aura of treasures, sure that it was a rare cultivation resource in the Immortal Realm, which greatly excited him. Together with Great Sage Sun, they tracked it all the way into these mountains.

"It's right here!"

After pursuing hundreds of miles, Wu De suddenly stopped and pointed ahead to a seemingly unremarkable low mountain.

Great Sage Sun stared wide-eyed at the mountain, failing to discern anything, and mumbled, "You mean... the treasure entered that mountain?"

Wu De was about to reply when Great Sage Sun flew over the mountain, summoned his Darkgold Iron Cudgel, expanded it a hundredfold in an instant, and with a "Hey" sound, swung the cudgel downward.

"Booming!"

That low mountain couldn't withstand the powerful blow, and suddenly collapsed with a crash.

"Oh, come on..."

Wu De watched as the mountain got leveled by Great Sage Sun's swing and was momentarily dumbfounded before stomping and yelling, "Old Sun, are you crazy? Why act before I finish speaking..."

Great Sage Sun landed amid the collapsed mountain, rummaging through the debris, finding no trace of treasures, and grumblingly flew back to Wu De's side, complaining, "Where's the treasure you mentioned?"

Wu De rolled his eyes and retorted irritably, "Any treasure would have been smashed to bits by your cudgel!"

After a pause, he probed the underground with his Divine Sense for a while, rubbed his chin, and said, "By venturing deep into the bottom of this mountain, about a thousand feet down, there seems to be a hidden passage leading far away... presumably, the treasure escaped through that passage."

Great Sage Sun said, "What are we waiting for? Let's chase together!"

Wu De shook his head, "No way, although you can perform the Earth Escape Technique, you're too slow. Taking you along will not catch up with the treasure!"

As he spoke, he took out a Messaging Jade Token and tossed it to Great Sage Sun, saying, "Hold onto this token, and once I catch up with the treasure, we can contact you again!"

Great Sage Sun knew that Wu De possessed an Innate Earth Spirit Root, and once he activated the Earth Escape Technique, his speed would match flying through the air; Great Sage Sun indeed couldn't keep up. So he accepted the token and nodded, "Alright!"

Wu De stamped his foot, and his form melted into the ground, vanishing instantly from Great Sage Sun's perception.

Great Sage Sun, without any pressing matter, wandered aimlessly in the air, stopping now and then at Immortal Cities or Towns, awaiting Wu De's word.

Days later, beside a blue lake spanning a thousand square miles, Great Sage Sun found numerous immortals gathered below. Being fond of joining the excitement, he descended and landed among the immortals.

"Fellow immortal, what has happened here?"

Seeing the immortals' gazes fixed on the blue lake, as though treasures were within it, Great Sage Sun couldn't resist asking the immortal beside him.

The immortal glanced at Great Sage Sun, noting his cultivation level matched his own but his aura was superior, hence didn't dare be negligent and answered, "In recent days, there have been unusual movements in Blue Ice Lake, seemingly indicating some treasure within... have you sensed how the Immortal Qi around here is much more concentrated than other places?"

Great Sage Sun carefully sensed the surroundings and indeed found the Immortal Qi thick, and the cause of this was the lake ahead which appeared blue.

Immortal Qi emanated incessantly from the blue waters, permeating everywhere, and the immortals gathered around the lake simultaneously circulated Immortal Laws to absorb the Immortal Qi while keeping a close watch on the lake surface.

Chapter 2637: Two Female Immortals by Blue Ice Lake

"Is it the Immortal Friend's first time at Blue Ice Lake?"

That Immortal saw Great Sage Sun staring at the lake's surface, looking excited and curious, and smiled as he asked.

Great Sage Sun nodded.

The Immortal "Hmm" sounded, starting to flaunt his "wealth of knowledge," and pointed to the large lake to explain to Great Sage Sun, "In this large lake exist Blue Ice Fish, and the Immortal Qi released by the Blue Ice Fish is exactly blue, therefore the lake water also became blue, hence its name 'Blue Ice Lake'..."

He chuckled, and continued, "Blue Ice Fish flesh is tender, not only delicious to eat but beneficial to Immortal cultivation. If the Immortal Friend is interested, perhaps wait for Blue Ice Fish to appear and catch a few to taste."

Great Sage Sun's eyes shone brightly as he licked his lips and said, "Can it be eaten?"

Seeing the Immortal nod, he asked, "Then, when will Blue Ice Fish... appear?"

The Immortal pointed to the sky and said, "When the Golden Crow is at its fiercest, Blue Ice Fish will swim up from the thousand fathoms below to frolic. However... this only lasts around a hundred breaths, so you'll need to seize the opportunity to act! But..."

He looked at the Immortals surrounding Blue Ice Lake and whispered, "Several Immortals around Blue Ice Lake are here for the Blue Ice Fish; if you want to grab Blue Ice Fish, you might face conflicts with them..."

Great Sage Sun glanced around, seeing Immortals surrounding Blue Ice Lake; several were Immortal Emperor Realm Experts, with the most powerful having high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm cultivation levels, two minor realms stronger than him.

However, Great Sage Sun, fearing neither Heaven nor Earth except his master Fang Bai, was not afraid of those Immortal Emperor Realm Experts, and waved his hand saying, "Why fear them? Whoever competes with me, I will strike with my iron staff, smashing their brains to smithereens!"

The Immortal thought he was boasting and chuckled, continuing, "Yet, today within Blue Ice Lake, there's an anomaly, not knowing if treasures have appeared; those high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts likely focus on the unknown treasure and are too lazy to snatch Blue Ice Fish, so your chance is better... Immortal Friend, what are you looking at?"

That Immortal noticed Great Sage Sun's attention seemed diverted, curious in his heart, and followed his gaze over.

To the left, several hundred feet away, stood a large and small female Immortal facing the lake, graceful and peerless in Immortal demeanor, and Great Sage Sun's gaze fell upon them.

"The fellow won't have his eye on those two Female Immortals, would he?"

Looking at the tall, fierce-looking Great Sage Sun and then at the two Female Immortals' graceful personas and picturesque appearances, the Immortal couldn't match them together and found it amusing.

The next moment, under the stunned gaze of the Immortal, Great Sage Sun strode over to the two Female Immortals.

"Just going over for a chat like that?"

Seeing Great Sage Sun drawing ever closer to the two Female Immortals, the Immortal shook his head with a smile, thinking he would embarrass himself by approaching.

The two Female Immortals sensed an Immortal approaching, turned their heads to see Great Sage Sun getting closer, initially frowning slightly, but within merely a few breaths, their beautiful eyes suddenly brightened, seemingly recognizing a familiar face while looking at Great Sage Sun.

"How... how could it be like this... Could those two Female Immortals have unique tastes and prefer such rugged men?"

The Immortal who had spoken with Great Sage Sun earlier found it unbelievable, seeing the two Female Immortals not only not rejecting Great Sage Sun but conversing easily with him using the Thread Condensation Sound Transmission Technique, as if the two sides had instantly gotten closer.

Other Immortals paying attention to the two Female Immortals were also wondering if the Female Immortals were blind, ignoring many handsome male Immortals around and why were they enjoying talking with a seemingly just acquainted rugged man.

Unfortunately, the two Female Immortals and the man were conversing using the Thread Condensation Sound Transmission Technique, otherwise, those male Immortals would have genuinely wished to listen to what they were saying.

Several dozen breaths later, as if a disturbance came from the bottom of Blue Ice Lake, the many surrounding Immortals perked up instantly, and focused their gaze on the lake's surface.

Great Sage Sun and the two Female Immortals also stopped their sound-communication conversation, stood side by side, and looked into the lake.

"Splash!"

In the center of Blue Ice Lake, suddenly emerged hundreds and thousands of Blue Ice Fish, some even leaping high above the water surface.

Such a spectacle was unseen by surrounding Immortals.

The Blue Ice Fish in Blue Ice Lake, is said that consuming one equates to taking a lower-tier Immortal Emperor Level Immortal Pill, thus attracting many Immortal King Realm and Immortal Emperor Realm experts.

However, at this moment, the surrounding Immortals at Blue Ice Lake didn't move to catch fish; their Divine Senses were probing deep into the lake water beyond the lake surface.

"It's an Immortal Pill!"

An Immortal suddenly pointed at the lake surface, shouting loudly.

His shout hadn't finished when a concentration of nearly unbreakable Immortal Qi wrapped around an Immortal Pill, rising quickly from the lake bottom, breaking through the water with a roar, rushing into the thousand-fathoms sky.

Before the Immortals reacted, a fat Taoist broke through the lake surface, chasing that Immortal Pill, shouting loudly, "Taoist Master won't believe I can't catch you!"

"That Immortal Pill... It's an Emperor Elixir! It's an Emperor Elixir!"

An excited high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm Expert captured the fleeing-swirling Immortal Pill in the void, expressing sheer joy, shouting uncontrollably.

What is called an Emperor Elixir is naturally an Immortal Emperor grade Immortal Pill.

Though Emperor Elixirs are "standard" during Immortal Emperor cultivation, for Immortal Emperor Realm experts present, an Emperor Elixir is nothing short of a supreme treasure, acquiring it would greatly enhance one's strength.

Moreover, the Emperor Elixir could itself evade Immortal capture, showing its spiritedness, not an ordinary Emperor Elixir, likely refined by a Pill Master with top-tier Immortal Emperor prowess.

However, presently in the Immortal Realm, none of the eight top-tier Immortal Emperors are Pill Masters.

According to this inference, only the dazzling War Emperor who fell millennia ago had the ability to refine such an Immortal Pill.

This means the Emperor Elixir is likely a legacy Emperor Elixir from the days of the War Emperor left in the Immortal Realm.

An Emperor Elixir combined with the War Emperor suffices to drive all Immortal Emperor Realm Immortals mad.

They rushed up, chasing that Emperor Elixir at full speed.

"Old Taoist Wu!"

"Fat Taoist!"

As the fat Taoist emerged chasing the Emperor Elixir from the lake, recognizing him by figure, Great Sage Sun and the two Female Immortals almost simultaneously spoke up, and they followed the other Immortals flying forth.

However, their goal wasn't to contest for the Immortal Pill with the fat Taoist, but rather to assist the fat Taoist in acquiring it.

Indeed, that fat Taoist is none other than Wu De, having split from Great Sage Sun earlier and tracked the treasure here.

Those two Female Immortals, one named Zhuge Lian, the other Xiao Ying, both are Fang Bai's Immortal Lovers from the lower realm.

Fang Bai knew Zhuge Lian earlier, while Xiao Ying, a disciple under Fairy Xuanbing and sister of Qin Yaorao, became acquainted with Fang Bai later; she admired Fang Bai because of Qin Yaorao, initially married thanks to Qin Yaorao's introduction.

Chapter 2638: Taoist Master, Seeing Female Immortals Annoys Me!

Above Blue Ice Lake, a wondrous sight appears: an Emperor Elixir flying ahead, pursued by thousands of immortals.

The Emperor Elixir seems to be deliberately teasing the immortals.

When the immortals fall too far behind, it slows down its speed.

And when the immortals are about to catch up, it suddenly accelerates, leaving them far behind.

Wu De has been chasing this Emperor Elixir for several days, consuming a large amount of immortal power. Although he had long noticed the elixir was repeatedly teasing him, the thought of capturing it and gaining immense benefits kept him sweetly pursuing it.

However, he didn't expect that after rushing out of Blue Ice Lake with the Emperor Elixir, many immortals would join the chase, some of them even stronger than him, leaving him behind.

"You all go ahead, I've had enough!"

Wu De watched one immortal after another fly past him and stomped his foot in frustration, truly stopping his chase.

Though he is at the initial stage of the Immortal Emperor Realm, his actual combat power is comparable to the middle stage of the Immortal Emperor Realm. Still, he couldn't catch up to the Emperor Elixir. Those immortals surpassing him, albeit stronger, also had slim hopes of acquiring the elixir, in his view.

"Old Taoist Wu!"

"Fat Taoist!"

Great Sage Sun, Zhuge Lian, and Xiao Ying joyfully caught up, calling out from afar.

Seeing them, Wu De raised his brows with delight and greeted them, saying, "Oh, it's you! Haha, Xiao Lian, Xiao Ying, you both have become even more beautiful over the years!"

Wu De was acquainted with Fang Bai back in the mortal world, so he is quite familiar with the immortals around Fang Bai.

This time, during their training in the Immortal Realm, he and Great Sage Sun aimed not only to witness the sights of the Immortal Realm and search for cultivation resources but also hoped to find some immortals from the lower realm.

Seeing Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying in front of him, Wu De thought that if he could safely reunite them with Fang Bai, he would surely earn Fang Bai's gratitude.

Fang Bai is always generous, and at that time, benefits would not be scarce for him.

Looking further ahead, Fang Bai was reborn by the Immortal Emperor's means and is well-versed in the art of alchemy. If Wu De doesn't get this Emperor Elixir now, he can ask Fang Bai to refine one for him when Fang Bai advances to the Emperor Realm.

Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying were also very happy to see Wu De.

Zhuge Lian noticed that Wu De was whiter and fatter than before, almost becoming a "meatball," and couldn't help but jest, "Fat Taoist, if you keep getting fatter, no female immortal will want you."

Back in the lower realm, male and female immortals surrounding Fang Bai almost all had immortal partners or close companions, except Wu De, who remained a "loner."

This was partly because Wu De was focused on cultivation and temporarily disinterested in finding an immortal partner, and partly because female immortals mostly preferred handsome male immortals.

Though Wu De's appearance was somewhat acceptable, his round figure made some female immortals keep their distance and avoid complimenting him.

Zhuge Lian had advised Wu De before to pay attention to his body shape, but Wu De's pleasures in life, aside from stealing cultivation resources, were eating and drinking. Asking him to "diet and lose weight" was like asking for his life, a request he found hard to accept.

Therefore, Wu De decisively refused any advice, continuing his way, from an oval shape in the past to almost a spherical shape now.

"No female immortal wants me? Pfft, I don't care! What's so good about female immortals? They just annoy me!"

Wu De curled his lips, showing disdain when mentioning "female immortals."

Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying exchanged a glance and then burst into a girlish giggle.

Xiao Ying cheerfully said, "Fat Taoist, we are also female immortals, do we annoy you?"

Wu De put on a wide smile, saying, "Not at all! Not at all! You two are different from other female immortals! Fang Bai is my friend, and you are Fang Bai's immortal partners, so you are my friends too! Haha, I am truly happy to see you!"

Once Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying heard Wu De mention Fang Bai, they immediately put aside any other matters.

"Fat Taoist, you and Great Sage Sun must have met Fang Bai in the Immortal Realm, right? Do you know where he is now? We have been searching for Fang Bai ever since ascending from the lower realm, yet... yet we haven't found a trace of him!"

Zhuge Lian widened her eyes at Wu De and Great Sage Sun, hoping to hear good news from them.

The Immortal Realm is vast, each of the nine Heavenly Domains is boundless. As they train, they inquire about Fang Bai, hoping to reunite with him in the Immortal Realm.

But although their cultivation level is now at the Ninth Grade Immortal King Realm, they dare not reveal their identity as Emperor's Palace disciples, lest they attract a life-threatening disaster.

Before ascending to the Immortal Realm, they naïvely thought of it as a peaceful utopia, but upon arrival, they realized that just like the lower realm, it is a place of the strong preying on the weak, deceit, and even some strong immortals willing to annihilate thousands of immortals and destroy a sect to seize Immortal Technique Secrets and cultivation resources.

Since arriving in the Immortal Realm, Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying have been relying on each other, treading carefully, not daring to roam freely, instead finding secluded places for cultivation until reaching the Immortal King Realm before starting their adventure in the Immortal Realm.

Upon arriving near Blue Ice Lake, they found many immortals gathered, claiming a treasure was about to appear, so they joined the excitement, unexpectedly meeting Great Sage Sun and Wu De, to their great delight.

Great Sage Sun, the Immortal Ape captured by Fang Bai in the Immortal Realm, wasn't known to Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying, yet Great Sage Sun sensed a unique Emperor's Palace disciple aura on them, leading him to initiate a conversation.

Once they exchanged words, they learned each other's identities.

From Great Sage Sun, Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying knew Fang Bai was with them years ago, later leaving the Tempest Immortal Emperor's Purple Wind Gorge to search for other lower realm immortals in the Immortal Realm.

But now, they didn't know where Fang Bai had gone. Great Sage Sun also expressed his unawareness, so they held onto a sliver of hope, asking Wu De, though Wu De likely didn't know either, as he was always with Great Sage Sun.

Indeed, Wu De shook his head, saying, "I don't know! Since Fang Bai left Purple Wind Gorge, we haven't been in contact."

Seeing Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying's disappointed faces, he chuckled and added, "But..."

"But what?"

Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying perked up, asking in unison.

Wu De said, "After leaving Purple Wind Gorge, Fang Bai left some Messaging Jade Tokens. I happen to have one!"

"Then quickly crush the jade token!"

Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying were overjoyed, knowing that once the Messaging Jade Token is crushed, Fang Bai will know they are near Blue Ice Lake. No matter where he is in the Immortal Realm, he would immediately come find them.

Chapter 2639: The Emperor Elixir Arrives

Wu De did not comply with Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying's wishes to shatter the jade token and summon Fang Bai.

According to Wu De, Fang Bai might be millions or even billions of miles away now. If the jade token were shattered, Fang Bai would think something urgent was happening with Wu De and rush over anxiously.

Doing so would not only exhaust Fang Bai's substantial immortal power but might also affect his efforts to find other immortals from the lower realm.

"Fang Bai mentioned when he left Purple Wind Gorge that we should not shatter the jade token to summon him unless it is a critical life-or-death matter that we can't resolve on our own, otherwise it would be a waste of his time. And right now... there doesn't seem to be anything urgent, so..."

Seeing Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying listening intently, Wu De knew he had convinced them and continued with a smile: "Perhaps we shouldn't call him here?"

Though Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying were somewhat disappointed, they understood Wu De's reasoning was sound. If they insisted Wu De shatter the jade token to summon Fang Bai, Fang Bai would not express any grievance or blame upon seeing them, but in the eyes of other immortals, it would appear capricious and senseless.

"Then... let's keep the jade token..."

After years of longing to see Fang Bai, Zhuge Lian now faced the possibility of meeting him but still couldn't, which naturally left her feeling indescribably aggrieved, and she spoke with a choked voice.

Xiao Ying's eyes were slightly red as she held Zhuge Lian's hand in silent solidarity.

Wu De's eyes shifted as he said, "Fang Bai now hopes for the strength of all Emperor's Palace disciples to improve quickly, to aid him in the future when rebuilding the Emperor's Palace and seeking revenge on the eight top-tier forces. So, why don't the four of us train together in the Immortal Realm? If we're lucky, and all become Immortal Emperors or Empresses someday, Fang Bai would surely be delighted."

Hearing this, Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying's mood improved, silently resolving to cultivate well and contribute to Fang Bai's efforts to rebuild the Emperor's Palace and avenge against the eight apex Immortal Emperors.

Indeed, this is likely what Fang Bai most wishes to see.

The four immortals, including Wu De, had already given up pursuing the Emperor Elixir, yet unexpectedly, after flying thousands of miles with tens of thousands of immortals chasing, the Emperor Elixir suddenly turned back, heading towards them.

"The Emperor Elixir... It's coming back!"

Great Sage Sun pointed excitedly at the Emperor Elixir, speeding swiftly through the air.

"Xiao Lian, Xiao Ying, Old Sun, let's form the Four Corners Infinite Array and see if we can trap the Emperor Elixir!"

Wu De decisively transmitted his voice to Zhuge Lian, Xiao Ying, and Great Sage Sun.

The Four Corners Infinite Array, one of the Emperor Rank Formations Fang Bai taught, was exceedingly powerful. Any four ascended immortals could come together to form it.

Once this formation is established, it magnifies the combined power of the four participating immortals multiple times, serving as a formidable weapon against formidable adversaries.

This means that two Ninth Grade Immortal King Realm and two Immortal Emperor Realm experts at the initial stage could easily handle an intermediate stage Immortal Emperor Realm expert with this formation.

The four immortals, Wu De and company, swiftly altered their positions and occupied the four corners, forming a formation seemingly loose yet tightly knit.

As soon as the Four Corners Infinite Array was established, the Emperor Elixir rushed into its midst with a swift "swish."

Seeing the Emperor Elixir enter the formation, the four were delighted and immediately initiated the Immortal Array.

Though they weren't confident about trapping the Emperor Elixir, strangely enough, once the Emperor Elixir entered the formation, it settled as tamely as a domesticated Immortal Beast, hovering motionless in the center.

The four immortals were both amazed and delighted, mixed with some bafflement.

Cautiously, Wu De extended his hand to gently grasp the Emperor Elixir.

Zhuge Lian, Xiao Ying, and Great Sage Sun widened their eyes, hearts beating anxiously, watching as Wu De took hold of the Emperor Elixir.

"Oh..."

"Ha..."

"Ah..."

With the Emperor Elixir in hand, they couldn't help but cheer aloud in unison.

Yet, the next moment, they saw countless immortals surrounding them, eyes filled with desirous greed fixed upon Wu De, who held the Emperor Elixir.

Among them, several high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts eyed fiercely, itching to forcibly seize the Emperor Elixir from him.

Zhuge Lian and the others instantly grew tense, brandishing Immortal Artifacts as if facing a grand battle.

Yet, should thousands of immortals rush forward, they wouldn't stand a chance, likely torn to shreds instantly.

"Hand over the Emperor Elixir, and I'll spare your lives!"

A high-ranking Immortal Emperor Realm expert stepped forward, threatening Wu De with a menacing gesture.

As he moved, the other Immortal Emperor Realm experts also threatened Wu De.

Wu De forced himself to maintain composure and with a troubled look, said, "There's only one Emperor Elixir; if you all want it, whom should I give it to?"

The high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts exchanged glances without speaking.

"How about... you all have a match against each other, and whoever proves strongest can have the Emperor Elixir, how about that?"

Wu De suggested.

Those high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm experts, having lived over a thousand years, were far too shrewd to be provoked by such a petty trick. They quickly reached a consensus.

One high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert proposed, "Drop the Emperor Elixir, and we'll pursue it by our own abilities! Whomever catches it will be the rightful owner! That way, it's fairest!"

Wu De shook his head, "I painstakingly captured it; how can I let it go? An unrivaled treasure of the Immortal Realm is obtained by those who are destined. My acquiring this Emperor Elixir proves it is my destiny... Therefore, fellow immortals, please abandon your pursuit!"

"Keep babbling, and I'll kill you with one palm!"

One high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert's eyes gleamed coldly, Killing Qi rising as he slowly approached with his palm raised.

Despite Wu De's immense reluctance, he knew he wasn't one defiant enough to choose death over surrender. Seeing the opponent ready to strike, he thought preserving life was paramount and prepared to release his hold on the Emperor Elixir.

At that very moment, a long roar was heard, accompanied by a flame-like streak of blood-red light tracing across the sky as if piercing through the void, appearing instantly before Wu De and the immortals.

"Blood... Blood-Drinking Mad Blade? Haha, Fang Bai is here!"

Upon hearing the roar and witnessing the blood glow streaking across the heavenly order, Wu De's face burst into joyous exclamation.

"Swish!"

The blood-red light flashed before the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert attempting to strike Wu De, piercing through his Qi Sea in an instant.

In the next moment, with a faint "boom," the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert's body transformed into a cloud of blood mist.

At this point, the surrounding thousands of immortals finally saw that the blood-red glow, which instantly rendered the high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm expert lifeless, was a Blood Blade radiating intense Evil Qi.

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The Blood Blade suddenly appeared, instantly slaying a high-ranking Immortal Emperor Realm expert, shocking thousands of immortals around.

The next moment, some weaker immortals were affected by the Blood Blade Fiend Aura, experiencing illusions before their eyes and crazily attacking indiscriminately, throwing the scene into chaos.

Meanwhile, some powerful immortals rapidly retreated, trying to escape the fiendish aura's domination.

"Whoosh!"

A white light followed the blood glow, suspending itself in the void above the immortals.

The white light was a white-robed immortal, standing proudly in the void, coldly gazing down at the immortals with a powerful aura surrounding him, making him feel like a war god.

"Which immortal is this?"

"The cultivation level is clearly high-rank Immortal Emperor Realm, yet the aura is so powerful..."

"Must be a high-ranking Immortal Emperor Realm expert with an Innate Spiritual Root, able to challenge up levels!"

"That Blood Blade must be his Immortal Artifact, right?"

"Why did he slay that Immortal Emperor expert?"

"Could he also be eyeing that Emperor Elixir?"

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Those immortals who retreated far and remained unaffected by the Blood Blade fiendish aura looked up at the white-robed immortal, speaking in low voices with a hint of awe in their eyes.

The immortals vying for the Emperor Elixir were strongest among several high-ranking Immortal Emperor experts, yet the combat power of that white-robed immortal evidently exceeded that of several high-ranking Immortal Emperor experts, and if he intervened in the struggle for the Emperor Elixir, other immortals would likely have little hope of obtaining it.

"Fang Bai!"

A crisp shout rang from Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying's mouths as they looked at Fang Bai, cheering and crying tears of joy.

"Hehehe... fortunately, the Palace Master arrived in time, otherwise the Emperor Elixir would have had to be ceded by the Taoist Master..."

Seeing Fang Bai's appearance, Wu De knew the Emperor Elixir could be preserved, his eyes turned, quickly putting the Emperor Elixir into a pill bottle and throwing it into his Space Immortal Ring.

"Give me the Emperor Elixir!"

Seeing Wu De take the Emperor Elixir, a high-ranking Immortal Emperor expert became anxious, extending his left hand to unleash an Immortal Qi Palm through the air towards Wu De.

"Fang Bai, save me!"

Wu De knew he was no match for the high-ranking Immortal Emperor expert, seeing the Immortal Qi Palm covering the sky to grab him, he immediately shouted loudly.

Fang Bai lightly snorted, descended to appear before Wu De, then pointed his left index finger forward.

His fingertip precisely pointed at the blade of the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade.

"Buzz!"

The Blood-Drinking Mad Blade seemed driven by a mighty force, aggressively breaking through the Immortal Qi Palm of the high-ranking Immortal Emperor expert, directly stabbing towards his body.

That high-ranking Immortal Emperor expert watched as the blood glow rapidly amplified before his eyes, stabbing in with irresistible force, causing him to be shocked and horrified. He unleashed an Immortal Artifact to block in front of him while retreating with all his might.

His speed was fast enough, instantly retreating a thousand feet, yet the Blood Blade was faster, reaching him in the blink of an eye.

"I'm doomed!"

That high-ranking Immortal Emperor expert faintly sensed an Emperor Realm aura from the Blood Blade, exclaimed in despair, and closed his eyes.

After several breaths, he felt no pain of being pierced by the Blood Blade, abruptly opened his eyes, only to see the Blood Blade hovering before his chest, its tip only inches away from his heart.

The dazzling, brilliant blood glow emitting from the blade made him dizzy.

Knowing that not moving was fine, the high-ranking Immortal Emperor expert realized that any movement would let the Blood Blade pierce through his chest and take his life.

"Spare... spare my life!"

The high-ranking Immortal Emperor expert knew Fang Bai showed mercy, or he would have already turned into a bloody mist, his knees suddenly buckling, he knelt in the void, pleading with Fang Bai.

"Leave your Space Immortal Ring and scram!"

Fang Bai waved his hand coldly and said.

For Fang Bai, just slaying one high-ranking Immortal Emperor expert earlier was enough to establish power, killing more would not only be unbeneficial but could incite the other immortals to unite against him, having a counterproductive effect.

The high-ranking Immortal Emperor expert left the Space Immortal Ring as instructed, then fled like a dog without a home.

Fang Bai collected the Immortal Ring and glanced at the surrounding immortals, seeing them retreat far but still unwilling to leave, knowing they still held hope for the Emperor Elixir, he ignored them and turned to look at Wu De and the other immortals.

Wu De and Great Sage Sun had expressions of excitement, waving at Fang Bai, while Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying already rushed over enveloped in two fragrant breezes.

Fang Bai smiled and embraced them, gently kissed them on the forehead, whispered a few sweet words, then waved to Wu De.

Wu De seemed to guess Fang Bai's intention, forced a laugh, and said: "Palace Master, Immortal Realm's treasure belongs to those who are fated. The fact that the Emperor Elixir was obtained by me shows it is fated with me!"

Now, with Fang Bai's increased realm and cultivation level, the pressure around him was heavier. Upon seeing him, Wu De felt some awe, dared not to call his name plainly, and called him Palace Master instead.

Other immortals heard Wu De calling Fang Bai "Palace Master" and exchanged puzzled glances, racking their brains yet unable to think which Immortal Sect's Sect Master was so young yet so mighty.

Fang Bai smilingly said: "Is that so? Well then, you keep it for now! Let's leave here first!"

With Zhuge Lian and Xiao Ying on his left and right, he stepped on Auspicious Clouds and flew eastward.

Wu De and Great Sage Sun followed behind.

The surrounding immortals seemed unwilling to give up the Emperor Elixir, trailing at a distance.

Fang Bai did not retract the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, with a thought, the Blood Blade barred the path before the immortals, blocking their advance, enveloping them in chilling killing aura.

Should any immortal dare to continue forward, the Blood Blade's tip pointed at them, emitting urgent "buzzing" sounds, issuing a warning to them.

With the lessons from the previous two high-ranking Immortal Emperor experts, no immortal dared to defy the Blood Blade's intent, forcefully advance, watched helplessly as Fang Bai and the other five immortals drifted away.

After a hundred breaths, Fang Bai summoned away the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, the immortals watched the blood glow disappear at the horizon, only then did they breathe a sigh of relief.

They did not obtain the Emperor Elixir, unwilling for any other immortal to get it, some chose to keep pursuing, others spread the news.

Little did they know, after Fang Bai and the five immortals left, they changed appearances, concealed their aura, adopted a different identity to continue wandering in the Immortal Realm.

Along the way, Fang Bai asked Wu De and Great Sage Sun about matters regarding Purple Wind Gorge, learned Tang Wenrou and Ye Wumei were safe and progressing well in their cultivation, thus he felt relieved.

One day, Fang Bai and the five immortals descended from the clouds, resting within a misty Immortal Mountain.

"Old Taoist Wu, bring out the Emperor Elixir!"

Fang Bai reached out towards Wu De.

"I won't give it!"

Wu De immediately jumped up, tightly covering the Space Immortal Ring on his left hand finger with his right hand, shouting: "Wasn't it agreed that the Emperor Elixir would be mine? As a dignified Palace Master, surely you won't break your word!"

Fang Bai chuckled: "I said you keep it for now, but not that it belongs to you! Come, come, take it out for me to see! That Emperor Elixir might have some affinity with me!"