

Grasping 231

Chapter 231 (1): You Must Never Break Through to the Spirit Severing Realm in this Life!

Ning Fan had finally grasped the Second Finger of Sword Finger, though it still contained some flaws. If he uses it in battle, he would definitely suffer injuries himself too.

A few days later, Ning Fan gained the recognition of the seven pieces of the silver armor.

Within the Yuan Yao World, he donned the armor. The silver helmet and the silver mail made him look like a celestial being from the heavens. With the addition of the Wind Lightning Wings which had black feathers, his presence emanated a strange demonic qi.

With a single thought, the seven parts of the spiritual armor set together with the Wind Lightning Wings, disappeared and went into his body.

And when he willed it, a silver light radiated from his body and he was covered in silver armor with a pair of black wings on his back once again.

“Light...is...impressive...” The female corpse’s eyes twinkled like stars.

As for Stone Warrior, he was overwhelmed when he stared at Ning Fan who was armed to the teeth.

“It’s a complete set of spiritual armor... A complete set of Low Profound Earth Grade Spiritual Armor like yours is even more expensive than a single piece of Peak Profound Earth Grade spiritual armor. It’s very obvious that Xu Rushan is trying to befriend you by giving you such an expensive gift... Zhou Ming, what exactly have you done to touch Xu Rushan’s heart, making him be so willing to befriend you?” Stone Warrior could tell that he had missed a lot of things when he was sealed into a stone statue.

“I killed some men... and Xu Rushan took a fancy to my capabilities...”

Ning Fan just told him half of the truth as he did not want to reveal anything about the Evil Luo Mountain.

At first, the reason why Xu Rushan befriended him was maybe because he wanted to obtain his help to hunt the Fake Wild Beasts.

After the incident in the Sparrow Ascending Stage, Xu Rushan's attitude towards Ning Fan greatly changed. He almost granted whatever Ning Fan requested. The only possible reason that Ning Fan could think of was the mysterious image - Evil Luo Mountain!

But there was no need for him to tell Stone Warrior about it.

Currently, Stone Warrior felt inhibited by just facing Ning Fan who was fully armed.

Ning Fan who had now attained the Jade Life Body Refining Realm was able to fight against Stone Warrior.

After comprehending the Second Finger of Sword Finger, Ning Fan was capable of even killing Stone Warrior!

Not only that, the complete set of Armor of the Silver General that Ning Fan wore also gave a huge boost to his power. His strength, magic power, speed, defense... The complete set of spiritual armor was specially made for cultivators who practiced the martial arts of immortals. In other words, the most suitable cultivators to wear this spiritual armor were those cultivators who focus on refining their bodies and techniques.

Suddenly, an illusion appeared in Stone Warrior's mind.

With this set of armor, his defense becomes so strong that it can directly take a hit from my Gui Technique, Seven Kills.

Besides, after every part of the armor recognized him as the master, he seems to have unlocked some kind of offensive skill of the armor.

A body of silver armor with a pair of black wings was indeed impressive. But something seemed to be missing.

I need a weapon.

Ning Fan's eyes moved and sensed the activation of the ability - Spiritual Formation. Now, his absorption speed of the Primordial Power of heaven and earth increased by one fold.

Originally, Ning Fan was not able to condense his Primordial Power into Heavenly Spiritual Energy to perform a Spirit Severing Realm ability with his current cultivation level.

But with the help of the Spiritual Formation, he had a feeling that he would be able to grasp the Heavenly Spiritual Energy which was freely floating in heaven and earth!

He recalled Xu Rushan saying that after gaining the recognition of the full set of armor, he would be able to condense Heavenly Spiritual Power and form a Heavenly Spiritual Sword!

"Condense!"

He reached out his hand out to the air and grasped. When he opened his palm again, a silver vortex emerged from his hand. Traces of Heavenly Spiritual Power was pulled out from the air and gradually congealed into a one zhang* and eight chi* long silver serpent spear, beaming with bright silver light.

With the newly-formed spear in his hand, his forehead was beaded with cold sweat.

This silver spear sure is terrifying!

If I become the least bit careless, I might get killed by this spear because of the backlash that is more than capable of immediately eradicating a Late Nascent Soul Realm cultivator like me.

Silver Armor, black feathers, silver spear.

They actually made him resemble the Divine General of the Ancient Heavenly Court.

After witnessing the silver spear, the eyes of Stone Warrior widened and they were both filled with absolute astonishment.

“There’s no way I can withstand this spear...The power of this spear is even greater than Heaven Breaker which is still incomplete!”

Stone Warrior’s power was almost on par with Xu Rushan.

Xu Rushan said so himself that if Ning Fan gained the recognition of the Armor of the Silver General, he would not want to become Ning Fan’s enemy. It was because not even him could take a single strike of the silver spear!

“What great power...”

Ning Fan felt that all his power and strength had been emptied and channeled into the spear.

If he throws the spear, the mountains and rivers within tens of thousands of li* would probably be razed to the ground in an instant, destroying every possible living creature within the vicinity.

The next moment, he dispersed the silver vortex in his hands as well as the silver spear. With just a thought, the spiritual armor vanished.

After landing on the ground, he moved his fingers to calculate the days and found out that the auction had already been initiated three days ago.

However, he felt just as well because only Gold Core Realm items and Nascent Soul Realm items would be auctioned on the first few days.

I guess the last auction for the Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts has yet to begin.

I wonder if Su Yao would join the auction to buy the Dao Fruit as she had mentioned...

He took out two Fourth Revolution Pills, one was gold while the other was silver and consumed them both. Both of them were pills given by Xu Rushan.

The golden pill was the Heart Primordial Pill, which could restore a great amount of magic power. As for the silver pill, it was the Silver Blood Pill, which could recover his strength and heal his injuries.

After setting Stone Warrior aside, Ning Fan held the female corpse and a portal congealed by the power of the Yuan Yao World appeared.

“Weiliang. It’s time for us to leave!”

Immortal’s Abode Tower. As the name implied, this tower was an auction tower created using an Immortal’s Abode Magical Treasure.

The last auction for Nascent Soul Realm items was being held at this place.

The surrounding area of the tower was sealed off, leaving only a path for the cultivators to move. Occasionally, some cultivators would exit the tower and leave Joint Joyous Island after successfully acquiring the items they wanted.

Yu Long had already been waiting outside of the tower after handling the registration for Ning Fan. As soon as he caught sight of Ning Fan, he immediately led them inside the tower.

Ning Fan was inwardly amazed when his eyes landed on the internal hall of the tower.

This Xu Rushan used an Immortal’s Abode Magical Treasure to hold an auction? The backing he has sure is impressive...

If Ning Fan was correct, this Immortal’s Abode Magical Treasure and the golden house that Xu Rushan showed him in the past were made by the same person.

The quality of the magical treasures is comparable to that of my Cauldron Ring.

After all, with the memories of the Ancient Chaos Emperor, Ning Fan also inherited all the Treasure Refinement Techniques that the emperor learnt prior to achieving the Void Fragmentation Realm.

The person who made those Immortal Abode's Magical Treasures can't just be a nobody in the Endless Sea.

"I heard that one of the Venerated Seven, the old ancestor of Heavenly Abode Sect - Dong Xu, is proficient in techniques which manipulate the Gimmick Puppets. Aside from that, he also excels in creating Immortal Abode's Magical Treasures and a master of divination. On the Board of Devils, this person secures the top ranking with his ability to perform divination. However, this person is secretive in his movements and doesn't leave much of his traces as he always acts alone. Rumor has it that not more than 10 people in the Endless Sea has actually seen his face... If my guess is not wrong, only he possess the skills and techniques to build and refine the Immortal Abode's Magical Treasures. The reason why Venerated Giant of the Giant Devil Sect was able to obtain the magical treasures from Dong Xu was probably because of their strong friendship...Therefore, Xu Rushan who is allied to the Giant Devil Sect was able to obtain two Immortal's Abode Magical Treasures..."

Countless thoughts surfaced within his mind. From just the Immortal's Abode Tower, he deduced that the Giant Devil Sect was very likely to have a strong tie with the Heavenly Abode Sect.

After clearing his thoughts, Ning Fan turned towards Yu Long and asked, "About the information I asked you to gather, how is the progress?"

"Reporting to Master. According to my findings, there are at least 17 Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts from the External Endless Sea and 74 Peak Nascent Soul realm experts from the Internal Endless Sea participating in this auction. For experts at the Spirit Severing Realm and above, other than Old Ancestor Xu - Xu Rushan, there are also Yan Zhongze from the Cloud Treading Sect and Zhuo Tong from the Purple Charm Gate. However, due to some personal matters, Old Ancestor Zhuo had left earlier..."

"Mm-hmm... How many Spirit Severing Realm experts came from the Internal Endless Sea?"

“I have only discovered four of them on the surface. They are the Spirit Severing Realm elder of the Zhou Clan, Zhou Qi, who was brought along by the ‘Son of Heaven of the Zhou Clan’, the third elder of the Sword Island, Guan Xiong a.k.a ‘Sword Slave’, the third elder of the Demon Sealing Sect, Purple Gu Taoist and the vice sect master of Black Buddha Sect, Evil Light Monk... However, I wasn’t able to find out if there are still some hiding in the dark. As Master had specially ordered me to keep an eye on the people from the Demon Sealing Sect and the Black Buddha Sect, I have collected some information about the two Spirit Severing Realm experts without being noticed. Regarding the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron, the woman’s background is a mystery. Please forgive me, Master. Yu Long is unable to find out anything about this woman... The only thing I know is that this woman is not easy to pluck...”

“If there is only the Black Buddha Sect, it would have been fine. However, three out of the seven forces of the Venerated Seven had come. The Zhou Clan of the Internal Endless Sea; the Sword Island; the Demon Sealing Sect... If it’s just about the Secret Realm of the Broken World, the Spirit Severing Realm experts would not have appeared. But it is a little unreasonable to have so many Spirit Severing Realm experts from the forces of the Venerated Seven coming for just a Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron. However, other than the Black Buddha Sect, none of the Spirit Severing Realm experts among the small forces came, as if they smelled danger and did not dare to come... Perhaps Xu Rushan did not lie to me. There must be some problems with the identity of the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron...Not even a single detail can be found?”

Ning Fan knitted his brows. The reason why he ordered Yu Long to find out the details about the auction prior to his arrival was because of the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron.

If he could obtain the human cauldron, he would at the very least gain 500 units of magic power. Despite knowing the fact that that human cauldron had a mysterious background, Ning Fan could not remain unaffected by her.

Suddenly, Ning Fan stopped walking and eventually the female corpse and Yu Long who was also following him did the same.

He took a glance at Yu Long’s body and his eyes turned cold.

“Yu Long, you were targeted... After all, it is still too dangerous to ask you, an Early Nascent Soul Realm cultivator, to pry into the details of Spirit Severing Realm old monsters...”

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“Wha...What?!” Yu Long was stunned. He did not have the slightest idea that he had been marked by some people.

In the next moment, Ning Fan pointed his finger at the middle of Yu Long’s forehead which was the center of the latter’s Sea of Consciousness. Immediately, he released a trace of Primordial Energy, immobilizing Yu Long. Yu Long was inwardly astonished by his Master’s means.

He is unimaginably strong. By just using the Primordial Energy of heaven and earth, he restricted the movements of my body.

When Ning Fan withdrew his finger from Yu Long’s forehead, Yu Long’s expression turned pale at what he saw. There were four spirit sense seals planted on his Sea of Consciousness without him knowing!

The four spirit sense seals were of course planted by the four Spirit Severing Realm experts.

It would be impossible for them not to leave anything on a junior Nascent Soul Realm cultivator who tried to gather information on them. However, they did not immediately eliminate Yu Long because they were fearful of the person who was backing Yu Long - Zhou Ming. Instead, they gave a warning to him by planting the seals.

Among the four traces of spirit sense, one of them was akin to lightning as it was left by the expert of Zhou Clan. The second trace of spirit sense had the shape of a sword, indicating clearly that it was planted by the expert of Sword Island. The third one contained immense demon power. It was rather vicious as it might crush Yu Long’s Sea of Consciousness when extracting it. Without a doubt, it was planted by the expert of the Demon Sealing Sect. It seems that the Spirit Severing Realm expert of the sect was not really afraid of Zhou Ming after all. Besides, this spirit sense was able to stimulate the purple qi within his All-Heaven Relic.

Ning Fan got that qi after he killed the Eagle Crane Eagle. Since it responded to the spirit sense, maybe the qi was planted by the same Spirit Severing Realm expert of the sect who had come to the auction.

As for the last trace of spirit sense which had a resemblance of both Buddha and the Devil, it was obviously left by the Spirit Severing Realm expert of the Black Buddha Sect.

The expert expressed an absolute hostility towards Ning Fan without reservation as he afflicted a deadly venom on Yu Long at the same time he planted his spirit sense on him.

When Ning Fan extracted the venomous spirit sense, a voice echoed from it with a contemptuous tone.

“I am Evil Light. You will be a dead man soon!”

The reason why he held such enmity towards Ning Fan was probably because he had found out that the Five Ugly Monks had been murdered by him.

However, be it the vicious spirit sense of the Demon Sealing Sect or the venomous spirit sense of the Black Buddha Sect, Ning Fan extracted all of them with ease.

Currently, he already possess the power to battle against experts at the Spirit Severing Realm. To him, extracting the four traces of spirit sense was just a trivial matter to him.

He conjured four traces of grey flames on the tips of his fingers and incinerated the spirit sense.

After that, his eyes became cold and merciless.

As for Yu Long, he was nearly shocked to the point of collapsing to the ground. He never knew that he had been targeted by the Spirit Severing Realm experts. He could have lost his life if not for his Master.

It's so terrifying...

“Thank you Master for saving my life!” Yu Long was so grateful that he almost shed tears.

“It's nothing. Since you are my servant, I won't let you die in vain.”

From the incident that happened to Yu Long, Ning Fan gathered that the Zhou Clan and the Sword Island did not hold grudges at him at the moment. Not only that, they did not even attach a hint of importance to him.

For the Demon Sealing Sect, they seemed to be unaware that it was him who killed the Eagle Crane Elder. Or maybe they were not even concerned about the death of one of their elders.

In regards to the Black Buddha Sect, it had explicitly showed their intention of treating Ning Fan as their enemy.

The reason why Evil Light Monk did not act in the island is probably because he heard that Xu Rushan has associated with me and he is fearful of the influence of Xu Rushan.

If I'm not wrong, Evil Light Monk will definitely pursue and kill me once I leave the Joint Joyous Island!

But he will only have the chance after I have completed my mission in the Secret Realm of the Broken World.

All in all, Ning Fan held no fear towards Evil Light Monk. If he has a chance, he would really want to eradicate people like Evil Light Monk and Purple Gu Taoist.

The Immortal's Abode Tower had four floors. The first floor was for the Gold Core Realm cultivators; the second floor was for the Nascent Soul Realm cultivators; the third floor was for the Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts; and the fourth floor was for the Spirit Severing Realm experts.

Since the auction for Gold Core Realm items had already ended, the first floor became empty. Ning Fan's seat was at the third floor.

Each of the Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts had their own respective room that had a protective layer that hindered any outsider from spying on them using spirit sense. The experts must hold the jade token of their respective rooms before they could enter. Therefore, no outsider was able to sneak into the rooms.

But what surprised Ning Fan was that there were already two people sitting inside his room.

One of them was Xu Qiuling while the other was a dirty old geezer.

Upon seeing the two people who had intruded his Master's room, Yu Long's eyes were filled with fright. It was because before he went to welcome Ning Fan, there was no one in the room.

"Er. Master, these two people..." Yu Long was worried that Ning Fan was going to reprimand him for his blunder.

"Never mind. They are my friends..."

Ning Fan waved his hand, showing that there was no harm for having them here.

It was not surprising at all for the daughter of Xu Rushan to have the means to sneak into the rooms of other cultivators.

"Is there anything I can help you with, Mistress Xu?"

Ning Fan calmly sat down and took a sip of the tea that was prepared on the tea table before them. His expression did not change but deep inside, he was astonished.

No, he was not astonished because of the presence of Xu Qiuling. Instead, he was amazed by the dirty old man sitting beside Xu Qiuling.

This person's aura showed that he was just an Early Nascent Soul Realm expert. But when Ning Fan examined him properly, he found out that this person's aura should be at... Peak Spirit Severing Realm!

One of the Venerated Seven?!

Could he be Venerated Giant of the Giant Devil Sect?!

No. It's not. His body does not reveal an overwhelming body refining realm like Venerated Giant who is well-known for his unrivalled body refining realm.

What surprised Ning Fan the most was the person's eyes which were like a bottomless vortex. He could not stare directly into his eyes because if he did, his mind would immediately be absorbed into the vortex and be eradicated!

Why did Xu Qiuling bring such a powerful expert with her to find me?

"Young Master Zhou, this is Qiuling's master. He taught me all the techniques and knowledge about gardening. Master said he wants to meet Young Master Zhou. Therefore, Qiuling became bold and brought Master here without getting your permission. I hope that Young Master wouldn't mind."

Hmm? Judging from Qiuling's expression, she seems to be unaware that her master isn't just a common Nascent Soul Realm cultivator, not to mention a so-called gardening teacher. He is one of the Venerated Seven of the Internal Endless Sea instead...

It actually makes sense too. If any of the Venerated Seven tries to conceal their cultivation level, no one would be able to see through them, unless they are experts at the Peak Spirit Severing Realm...

Maybe Xu Rushan himself is unaware that there is a terrifying being residing in his courtyard too.

"This old man is Shui Ye. Greetings to Fellow Daoist Zhou Ming... Meeting you is indeed better than hearing about you from the rumors. *Clicks tongue* Fellow Daoist really has great fortitude! Even after meeting me, Fellow Daoist still can enjoy tea without panicking."

To outsiders, his words might be praising Ning Fan for not judging a person by their appearance as Ning Fan did not chase him away because he was a dirty old man.

But to Ning Fan, the elderly man's words were clearly complimenting him.

Being able to drink his tea without losing his calm even at the face of one of the Venerated Seven of the Internal Endless Sea... If that person who did that was not extremely audacious, then the person must have confidence in his techniques, making him be unafraid of the Venerated Seven.

Truth be told, Ning Fan did not pretend to be calm. It was because if he finds anything fishy, he could immediately hide himself inside the Yuan Yao World.

Among the Venerated Seven, the expert who has a favorable impression of me might just be Venerated Giant while the one who holds enmity against me should be Venerated Demon of the Demon Sealing Sect.

Who exactly is this man?!

Shui Ye...

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He is Dong Xu!

Shui Ye(水(shuǐ)业(yè)) are parts of the Chinese words of his true name, Dong Xu

(洞(dòng)虚(xū))!

If he really is Dong Xu who is an expert who has a close friendship with Venerated Giant, then would it mean he holds no hostility towards me?

However, Ning Fan could not understand why the dignified Venerated Dong Xu did not stay in the Internal Endless Sea and came to the auction at the External Endless Sea instead.

“Greetings from Junior Zhou Ming to Venerated Dong Xu! I wonder why Senior would personally come to meet junior.” Ning Fan communicated with him using telepathy.

“Hmm? This child is quite clever as you are able to correctly guess my identity. Why did I look you?... Er... Let me think about it... I guess it’s because I have taken a fancy on your Immortal’s Abode Magical Treasure and Treasure of the Cosmos. Wait. Do I want to kill you and rob you of your treasures?”

As Dong Xu’s words echoed in Ning Fan’s mind, a sense of immense danger surged within his heart. He felt that the dirty old man before him was going to kill him at the next moment!

But a moment later, the old man scratched the back of his head and gently shook his head.

“No. It’s not... Since I have lots of Immortal’s Abode Magical Treasures, why do I still need yours? As for the Treasure of the Cosmos in your hands, it belongs to the Lost World Palace. You dare to take it, but this old man doesn’t...Hmm...Let me think again... Oh, I remember now!”

The old man swung his head while closing his eyes. Suddenly, his eyes opened wide and pointed at Ning Fan with his finger. What he said next was truly shocking.

“This old man sought you to tell you, Ning Fan, that you must not form your Primordial Spirit in your entire life, otherwise...you will die!”

Venerated Dong Xu actually knew Ning Fan’s true name!

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“Oh? Senior was able to figure out my true name?”

Inwardly, Ning Fan put up a wry smile.

The All-Heaven Relic seems to be unable to conceal information about me from Venerated Dong Xu’s divination.

Contrary to what he felt inside, his facial expression did not appear to be surprised at all.

He assumed that Dong Xu would not harm him as he was now involved with the Giant Devil Sect.

But if his assumption turned out to be wrong and Dong Xu really wants to hurt him, he could always enter into the Yuan Yao World to avoid a direct confrontation.

Besides, Ning Fan still had a Rogue Devil to use if he really has no choice but to put up a fight against Dong Xu.

However, those who were of high status should be able to recognize who Ning Fan actually was by looking at the Yuan Yao Jade on his hand.

He, Ning Fan, was Bei Xiaoman's "husband"!

Dong Xu's eyes turned solemn and eventually burst into a hearty laughter.

"Good fortitude! When I was at your age, I was still fighting against Gold Core Realm cultivators for treasures, though I forgot which part of the sea it was at... But you... You were able to send Yan Zhongze flying away with just a punch... You really are an interesting young man... Demon blood, devil marks, divine power, the Imperial Lightning Divine Star, the Palm Wood Demon Star, the Earth Controlling Devil Star... Especially the last one, it was something that Giant Qing has been searching for his entire life... But don't worry. I don't harbor any malice towards you. I concealed my identity and hid around here to live a free and happy life. This young girl has no idea who I am, although I made her my apprentice. Moreover, her father, Xu Rushan, could not recognize me. You better not reveal my true identity."

Dong Xu's eyes kept looking at Ning Fan from head to toe. The longer he stared at Ning Fan, the more strangeness he felt.

"Just now I lied that I wanted to kill you and rob you of your treasures, trying to scare you. Do you know why I did that?"

"No idea." Ning Fan faintly smiled and took another sip of tea.

“It’s revenge! A few days ago, I was shocked by you when you extracted half of the total spiritual power of the Joint Joyous Island. That time, I thought there was a Void Fragmentation Realm expert from the Rain Palace who came to punish me for leaving the Internal Endless Sea without permission... *Clicks tongue* It is a serious crime for any of the Venerated Seven to privately leave the Internal Endless Sea. Tell me, wasn’t your act scary for people like me?! When I performed divination, it was then that I found out that the person who caused troubles on the island was you...”

“I apologize for my misconduct.” Ning Fan put on a wry smile.

So this is what it meant by getting shot even when you are lying down. Though his intention was solely to extract the soul of the island, he frightened an old ancestor from the Internal Endless Sea without him being aware of it.

I guess I have to be really cautious when I perform Soul Extraction.

If I draw the attention of a Void Refinement or Void Fragmentation Realm expert who’s residing somewhere in the dark, I surely would invite myself big trouble.

For instance, if the person was not Dong Xu but Venerated Demon of the Demon Sealing Sect, I would be doomed.

“Soul Extraction...Incarnation...Among the three Void Refinement Realm techniques, you have learnt two of them. With your capabilities, your future is limitless. Hai... But still, my advice is that you must never break through to the Spirit Severing Realm, otherwise, you will not escape death!”

“Oh? Why?” Ning Fan’s eyelid twitched.

“Because...you chose the path of a true devil: The Path of Defiance! Spirit Severing Realm is also a process of Divine Transformation. However, there’s no such thing as ‘Divine Transformation’ for a devil cultivator like you. The only thing you can do is ‘Devil Transformation’! Even so, your ‘luck’ is rather strange. I can’t see through it...”

“Devil Transformation? Luck?”

Ning Fan's eyes turned serious.

It was his first time hearing the phrase, 'Devil Transformation'. In the past, he always thought that Spirit Severing Realm meant Divine Transformation. As for 'luck'... It was briefly mentioned in the memories of Ancient Chaos Emperor. However, since it was a concept for True Immortals, it was not explained much. Therefore, Ning Fan did not know much about it.

But Dong Xu seems to have a lot of knowledge about "luck".

"Fate has seven colors. Likewise, luck is categorized into seven colors. Red, orange, yellow, emerald green, jade green, blue and purple. The lowest point of luck is red while the highest point of luck is purple. Mortals are not blessed with luck. A Vein Opening Realm cultivator's luck is red while the Void Fragmentation Realm expert's luck is purple. For ordinary Nascent Soul Realm cultivators, their luck should be emerald green. The closer they got to the bottleneck of the Spirit Severing Realm, the darker the color of their luck. As for Fellow Daoist's luck, it's also emerald green at the moment. However, the closer you get to the Spirit Severing Realm, your luck turns more yellowish, as if your luck is getting worse..."

"Getting worse? What do you mean?"

"That is to say, due to some reasons, your luck is slowly being lost... While you are busy increasing your cultivation level, your luck is slipping away bit by bit. If I am not wrong, Fellow Daoist's body was once a mortal body which was not blessed by any luck. Because of an opportunity, your luck immediately shot up to the highest point and was once purple. However, I don't know why the purple qi of your luck became poorer day after day. It's as if someone is plotting against Fellow Daoist and is secretly taking away your luck. If this situation goes on, when you attain the Void Fragmentation Realm, your luck will run out and it will be the end of your life..."

"..."

Ning Fan knitted his brows.

The more he talked, the more it got ridiculous. However, I can tell that he is not talking nonsense.

It's true that I am originally a mortal who got into the cultivation world after obtaining the Yin Yang Locket and inherited the memories of the Ancient Chaos Emperor. I could say it was the luckiest period of my life after the incident. By just walking inside the Seven Apricot City, I was able to obtain the Jade Royal Grass and the Coiling Evil Grass. By just killing a few Gold Core Realm cultivators, I was able to get a few Dao Fruits.

But the higher my cultivation level was, the more troubles I faced. Perhaps, my luck really is worsening. I can't even find a single Dao Fruit after killing so many Nascent Soul Realm experts.

Maybe what Dong Xu said is true. My luck really is gone?!

But if it's gone, who is the person that's plotting against me?

"The most difficult thing for this old man to understand is Fellow Daoist's lifespan... Your bone age is only 340 years old. However, according to your lifespan, you've been living for more than 1300 years... It's my first time seeing such a strange situation where your lifespan does not tally with your age... Speaking of which, this situation is quite similar to that of the sleeping demons in the Land of Demons. A demon general's lifespan can never exceed a few thousand years. Despite that, they could sleep for hundreds of thousands of years without reducing any of their lifespan... But since Fellow Daoist is not a demon general...Hmm. This is rather weird..."

Dong Xu muttered to himself. The more Ning Fan listened, the harder he understood Dong Xu's words.

He gently shook his head, thinking whether Dong Xu came to find him to talk nonsense with him.

"Is Senior not going to talk about proper business?" Ning Fan reminded.

"Oh! Yes! I almost forgot about the reason why I came to find you. What I mentioned just now was actually a trivial matter. In fact, I have nothing to do with your death. Actually, the reason why I came to find you is to request for your help to cure my apprentice. I suppose you have noticed the unusual condition of Qiuling's body, haven't you?"

Dong Xu's eyes turned clear.

“Yes. I have noticed something... Her body was born to be deficient of the gold element. She should be dead when she was 16 years old. The reason why she could still stay alive and even achieve the Peak Gold Core Realm was because someone shattered an extremely domineering ancient sword into sword qi packed with gold element spiritual power and inserted it into her body, allowing her to survive... Junior is thinking where the ancient sword comes from. No matter how strong Xu Rushan may be, there is no way he could get such powerful sword qi. It would be more reasonable if it was Senior Dong Xu who helped Qiuling... But I have a doubt. Why does Senior want to keep her as your apprentice and even save her life with the sword qi?”

“I did it on a whim. I was just too bored!” Dong Xu’s answers made Ning Fan not know whether to laugh or cry.

The reason why Dong Xu chose to keep her as his apprentice might be because he was really bored. However, his intention of saving her was not something that could be faked.

He liked flowers and so did Xu Qiuling. Perhaps it was because of the similar interest they shared that made him take her as his pupil.

Not long after that, he discovered that this girl’s lifespan was short due to her natural deficiency of the gold element which was caused by Xu Rushan’s excessively strong Primordial Magnetic Power. Therefore, he went to the Sword Island and persuaded Venerated Sword using both hard and soft tactics to borrow from him an ancient sword. It was then that he crushed the sword and inserted the sword qi into her body.

But it was not a permanent solution. It won’t be long before Xu Qiuling’s body could no longer endure the power of the sword qi. When the time comes, it’s either she is killed by the power of the ancient sword or die due to the gold element deficiency.

Perhaps Xu Rushan was not even aware of her daughter’s condition.

Because of her short life, Xu Qiuling developed the mindset of seeing through the emptiness of the material world. She knew that she won’t have much time left but she chose to hide the truth from her father.

As for Dong Xu, although he did not reveal his true identity to Xu Qiuling, he actually performed divination for her.

According to the prophecy, the man whom Xu Qiuling falls for would be her savior!

Dong Xu might not have any idea on how the person is going to save her, but he firmly believed the accuracy of his divination.

His cultivation level might not be the best in the Rain World, but he proudly considered himself as the best practitioner in the path of divination.

From his perspective, Ning Fan was the predestined man to save Xu Qiuling.

But upon meeting Ning Fan, he found out that he could only see through Ning Fan's cultivation realm but not the latter's lifespan. Not only that, he did not even know how Ning Fan would save her.

Chapter 232 (2): Are You Willing?

“The sword qi belongs to one of the ancient swords that were collected by the old man of the Sword Island... Among his collection, there is an incomplete piece of a sword which was discovered in the Ancient Heavenly Court. It should belong to one of the Four Swords of Immortal Execution. If I am not wrong, it's probably a fragment of the Immortal Entrapping Sword... If you are able to save Qiuling, the fragment will be yours. It will greatly benefit your Sword Consciousness and Sword Sense... As for repaying your favor, this old man will use the power of 'Immortal Blood' to help you perform divination once! I am also able to pry into any secrets even if it is the secret of Heaven!”

The pair of bottomless eyes on Dong Xu's face suddenly flashed red.

Ning Fan's mind felt a sudden jolt. He finally understood why Dong Xu gave him an inexplicable sense of mystery.

Somewhere around his glabella was a drop of sealed True Immortal's Blood!

It was because of the drop of True Immortal's Blood that Dong Xu could see the luck of cultivators which none of them would notice. It was also because of the drop of True Immortal's Blood that he was recognized as the best practitioner of the art of divination in the Rain World!

The spiritual power contained within the drop of blood was much more massive than the total magic power of an Early Spirit Severing Realm expert!

This blood had been refined and assimilated by Dong Xu for more than thousands of years making it impossible to be given to another person. If Dong Xu sacrifices the blood, he would gain the power to seek and predict the inscrutable secret of Heaven.

In other words, he would be able to find out Old Devil's archenemy, Ning Fan's origin, the True Immortal whom Ning Fan offended by accident and even the person who was manipulating Ning Fan's luck in the dark!

Ning Fan and Dong Xu were communicating through telepathy all this while. As such, the other people in the room did not have the slightest clue of what they were discussing.

Yu Long did not dare to interrupt them; the female corpse's eyes only had the reflection of Ning Fan; Xu Qiuling felt anxious as she was worried about what her master would speak about to Ning Fan.

After a long while, both of them finally stopped their telepathy. All of a sudden, Dong Xu's facial expression turned serious.

"Are you willing to marry Ling Er2 and save her?!"

"If you are willing, I will help you obtain Giant Qing's inheritance of Evil Luo!"

"If you are willing, I will sacrifice the True Immortal's Blood and perform divination for you!"

"If you are willing, I can refine a treasure for you which can hinder experts at the Spirit Severing Realm and even those of the Void Fragmentation Realm from accessing any information about you!"

“If you are willing, I will also teach you all my abilities and even give you thousands of Immortal’s Abode Magical Treasures and seventeen Spirit Severing Realm spiritual puppets, granting you the power to rule the Internal Endless Sea!”

“If you are willing, I won’t hesitate to bring you to every island and cultivation countries within the Internal Endless Sea to search for sufficient resources in order to retain your luck and guarantee the success rate of your Devil Transformation!”

“If you are willing, I will even gift you one-third of the map of the Thunder Emperor’s Tomb! Although it is an incomplete map, but almost every Spirit Severing Realm expert of the Internal Endless Sea yearn for it because within the tomb lies the lifelong inheritance of Thunder Emperor Bu Zhou!”

“Now, tell me, are you willing to marry Ling Er and make her your wife and protect her from death?!”

At this moment, the small room was filled with Dong Xu’s immense aura which was beyond everyone’s grasp, including Ning Fan!

Xu Qiuling’s eyes were filled with disbelief. She never expected that the teacher whom she spent most of her time with was not an Early Nascent Soul Realm cultivator, but an expert who was multiple times stronger than her own father!

Yu Long felt that his Nascent Soul was on the verge of crumbling. Under that powerful aura, he was as insignificant as an ant! After hearing all the benefits that Dong Xu offered to Ning Fan, Yu Long’s eyes were filled with flames of desire. If he were the man who was chosen by Dong Xu, with the abilities, magical treasures, Spirit Severing Realm spiritual puppets and guaranteed resources for attaining the Spirit Severing Realm, he would also be able to become one of the rulers of the Internal Endless Sea and a matchless expert in the External Endless Sea!

As for the female corpse, her gaze never left Ning Fan all this while.

Ning Fan leisurely drank his tea with a smile on his face, apparently impervious to Dong Xu’s aura and his offers.

Outside the room, no one knew that Venerated Dong Xu, one of the Venerated Seven of the Internal Endless Sea, had tried to entice Ning Fan with such temptations.

However, for Ning Fan, those temptations were not really tempting.

After all, he had the memories of Ancient Chaos Emperor. Aside from that, his master, Old Devil, was one of the Deacons of the Four Oceans, a being whom the Sovereign of the Rain World would not even dare to offend.

With regards to the abilities of Dong Xu, they were not something that Ning Fan valued dearly.

“While Senior can help me in my Devil Transformation, I, too, can help Senior attain the Void Refinement Realm... As far as I can see, Senior is stuck in the Peak Spirit Severing Realm although it is only a hair's breadth away from achieving the Void Refinement Realm. Do you know what is hindering you from breaking through?”

“Er...That's...Hey... I am the one who is offering you benefits now...”

“About Qiuling, I am more than willing to marry her, let alone save her. Not only that, I am even capable in helping you break through to the Void Refinement Realm.”

“What?! Are you joking with me?! You can help this old man to attain the Void Refinement Realm?! How is that possible?! I have been stuck at my current cultivation level for more than a thousand years already...”

Dong Xu lost his composure as his plan had been disrupted.

Originally, he was the one who offered Ning Fan benefits. But now, it seemed that his role had been reversed with Ning Fan...

This kid whose hair is not even fully grown yet can help me break through to the Void Refinement Realm? Is he kidding me?

Has he even comprehended the power of the Void Realm?

Hmm. Maybe he knows how to refine Sixth Revolution Pills that can help me in my breakthrough?

Wait. How come this kid is trying to help me now? What is he up to exactly?

“The power of the Void Realm...Hmm...”

Ning Fan’s lips curved into a smile. He imprinted what Ancient Chaos Emperor learnt from mastering the utilization of the power of the Void Realm into a jade slip from his memories and passed it to Dong Xu.

Because of the limitation of his current cultivation level, he was not able to comprehend it. The reviews and comments about the power of the Void Realm were alien to him, just like the words of the demon race.

But when Dong Xu glanced through the content of the jade slip, his expression greatly changed.

He was different from Ning Fan. He was stuck in the Peak Spirit Severing Realm for so long and all this while, he had been trying to figure out the power of the Void Realm. However, none of his understanding was on the right track.

With just a glance on the jade slip, Dong Xu found a sense of direction. Unfortunately, the content was half-complete!

With this jade slip, Dong Xu was already able to find the correct direction for his breakthrough.

If he obtains the full content, he would be able to discover the bottleneck that was preventing his breakthrough.

Once he discovers it, he could then progress to the next cultivation level. The resources and pills needed to ensure a higher success rate are just a secondary consideration.

Right now, Dong Xu had yet to even find the threshold for his breakthrough. Why should he be worried about the means to overcome the threshold?

Dong Xu gulped.

At first, he was the person who held the higher ground in the negotiation with Ning Fan. But now, he was silenced merely by a jade slip from Ning Fan.

Little kid, whose experience is this...

Although Dong Xu had been researching the power of the Void Realm for more than a thousand years, he could at most have a general idea after seeing the content of the jade slip.

But the more his mind lingered on the content, the clearer his understanding of the power of the Void Realm.

When all his doubts about the power of the Void Realm are cleared, he would then be ready to achieve the Void Refinement Realm!

“Little friend... Tell me! What are your conditions for me to exchange for the complete jade slip?!”

Dong Xu completely forgot how imposing he was just now.

Now, Venerated Dong Xu, one of the Seven Venerated of the Internal Endless Sea, showed signs of giving way to Ning Fan for the first time.

He knew that the jade slip given by Ning Fan was imprinted from the latter's memories.

He could opt to access the latter's memories by performing the Soul Memory Searching Technique. However, doing so would only make the latter's memories be fragmented into pieces. If he misses out something crucial, he would then feel regret for the rest of his life.

“Firstly, keep any information about me confidential. Secondly, I am interested in the magical treasure that could resist the sense of the Void Fragmentation Realm experts. Moreover, other than performing divination using your True Immortal’s Blood for me, I want you to help me three times... As for the thousands of Immortal’s Abode Magical Treasures and 17 Spirit Severing Realm spiritual puppets, I want them all. In other words, I want nothing less from what you have promised me earlier. Apart from that, I want you to swear the Great Oath of Heart’s Devil to grant me the benefits that you’ve promised. Only then will I give you the other half of the content!”

Ning Fan faintly smiled.

Now, he had just turned the table around.

Actually Ning Fan was impressed by Dong Xu’s profoundness in the art of divination as well as the latter’s deep understanding about luck. Furthermore, Dong Xu also had high mastery in refining Immortal’s Abode Magical Treasures and the secret arts of spiritual puppets. Ning Fan only had limited knowledge about all the techniques and knowledge mentioned above even though he inherited the memories of Ancient Chaos Emperor.

This man is a rare talent. There is no reason for me not to entice him when I have the means.

Perhaps, in the near future, I might need to rely on his divination to avoid a huge calamity!

“Er...”

Dong Xu grasped the jade slip in his hand, struggling within his mind.

After getting to the Peak Spirit Severing Realm, he would be bullsheeting if he said that he did not want to progress into the Void Refinement Realm.

I was the one talking about conditions with him. But how come the tables have turned...

“Erm... About our earlier agreement, you said you are willing to marry Ling Er, right?” Dong Xu suppressed his desire. He would rather prioritize Xu Qiuling’s life rather than breaking through to the Void Refinement Realm.

He is really a good teacher that is hard to come by...

“I, Zhou Ming, welcome all women. I will never reject any of them. But I suppose that Mistress Qiuling may not be willing to marry me... Anyway, even if we aren’t husband and wife, I have already intended to save her. Besides, the sword qi of the fragment of the Immortal Entrapping Sword is rather essential to me. But I have to delay this matter! After the completion of my mission in the Secret Realm, I will certainly come to save her.”

“Very well! Then this old man will swear the Great Oath of Heart’s Devil. Since you promised to save Ling Er and also...will give me the remaining half of the jade slip, I, Dong Xu, hereby give you my word to fulfill all the conditions of our agreement!”

Yu Long was stunned.

Dong Xu? This old man who acts like a lunatic is Dong Xu, one of the Venerated Seven of the Internal Endless Sea?!

He felt his sense of worth plunging deeper as he was not on the level of being able to understand the conversation between his own master and Venerated Dong Xu.

The only idea he got was that the venerated being in the Internal Endless Sea yielded to his master, Ning Fan.

This is way too crazy...

Chapter 233 (1): The First Spirit Severing Realm Expert!

In the room, Ning Fan looked at the Nascent Soul Realm auction progressing towards its end in silence with a smile on his face.

Yet Dong Xu smiled bitterly while explaining the reason why he had to hide his identity to Xu Qiuling.

Xu Qiuling had never thought that her master in gardening whom she arbitrarily went under was such a powerful figure...

But the thing that really frustrated her was that the usually loony master of hers tried 'marry' her off to Ning Fan with just a few words!

Even though she wasn't reluctant, but...

But can a girl's marriage be decided in such a sloppy manner?

She lightly sighed and her gaze fell upon Ning Fan's quiet smile, which made her heart skip a beat.

I wonder if I am still underestimating Young Master Zhou...

He is a person who was able to make my father and Uncle Yan befriend him at all costs, and now he is even able to make one of the Venerated Seven of the Internal Endless Sea lower himself before him.

Aside from that... Young Master Zhou directed my master on how to attain the Void Refinement Realm...

Inconceivable, unbelievable...

The eyelashes of Xu Qiuling continuously blinked while her stare continued to linger at Ning Fan's face, making her cheeks blush like a ripe tomato.

The calm and composed Ning Fan was indeed brimming with charm... Such a man of indifference was her cup of tea.

Her father was a devil who made a living via selling human cauldrons. Throughout her life, she had seen and met countless devils, but none of them had been as charming as this man before her.

Her lifespan had been preordained to be short which eventually caused her personality to become cold, but yet she could not forget this man after only meeting him once...

It was as if it was the man whom she had longed for in the past hundreds of years.

A man who could cause her to give all her affection to him without restraints, even if he couldn't save her in the end...

Perhaps you won't be able to see me wither away with old age in your journey.

But I am willing to follow you towards the ends of the world, enjoying all the beautiful scenes where flowers bloom like a piece of brocade in the world and promising you a vibrant life.

The Nascent Soul Realm auction had finally reached its end.

Several precious Nascent Soul Realm Magical Treasures and pills had already been auctioned off.

Each and every pill that could increase one's cultivation level was acquired by Ning Fan, even though he had no use for them... The girls in my hometown may need them.

The average Nascent Soul Realm cultivator did not dare to make their bid after hearing his voice from the third level.

This time, he did not attempt to conceal his identity because his influence under the pseudonym of Zhou Ming had become far too hard for him to remain a low profile in the External Endless Sea. Many Nascent Soul Realm cultivators from the External Endless Sea immediately stopped bidding after recognizing Ning Fan's cabin.

This was the power of his devil prestige.

Ning Fan's gaze fell upon the second floor.

The Sense Blocking Formation that was established there was unable to prevent Ning Fan from probing what's inside.

Within the room, Su Yao was slightly frowning. The Nascent Soul Realm Dao Fruit that she had painfully awaited had yet to be seen.

There should have been four Dao Fruits for auction, with one being auctioned in the beginning of the auction; two in the middle of the auction; and the last towards the end of the auction.

But now, even when the auction was nearing its end, no Dao Fruits could be seen, thus, making Su Yao anxious.

In the next second, the last item was finally unveiled under her worried eyes.

"The last item for this auction is an Early Nascent Soul Realm Dao Fruit, due to some unforeseen circumstances, our sect is only able to auction this Dao Fruit. The starting bid is 5 million!"

"5.5 Million!"

There was not an ounce of patience left within Su Yao, making her bid immediately without any hesitation.

The owner of this tender and pleasant voice was easily recognizable to those who knew her. Without a doubt, she is the Sect Master of Bi Yao Sect.

Dao Fruit was an item that spawned from killing others.

The Bi Yao Sect was the only sect that claimed that they were a righteous sect amongst the top ten sects and the disciples of the sect had to abstain from killing. There were many restrictions on taking a

person's life. However, it was rather ironic for the sect master of the righteous sect to actually come to the Pleasure Devil Sea to procure a Dao Fruit.

Some silently snickered, some spoke and teased sarcastically and some even lusted after her alluring body.

But nothing was able to diminish her determination. The sole purpose of this journey was to successfully procure a Dao Fruit for her sister, Yin Suqiu.

She wanted to assist Yin Suqiu in her Nascent Formation!

However, Su Yao had slightly underestimated the influence of the Dao Fruit.

The top ten sect's influence wasn't insignificant, but the Bi Yao Immortal Island was an exception.

As long as one doesn't offend this sect in an excessive manner, the sect would not hunt them down on the surface for revenge.

As long as one possesses sufficient wealth, they could go against Su Yao and bid on the Dao Fruit with a higher price. Even so, Bi Yao Immortal Island would not take action.

"6 Million!"

"6.2 Million!"

"6.6 Million !"

"7 Million!"

A series of bidding resounded in turns.

The competition stopped when the bid raised up to 9 million.

Because... the one who gave out the bid was from the southern room on the fourth floor!

“I bid for 9 million!”

The moment the owner of that coarse and evil voice was heard, every cultivator that was below the Peak Nascent Soul Realm felt a chill down their spines simultaneously.

Even though it was just a common voice, it sounded as if it possesses a strength that could even crumble the heavens.

A surge of Primordial Energy of heaven and earth congealed into innumerable Heavenly Spiritual Threads that appeared along with this voice, shattering the protective formation of the room that Su Yao was in!

An obese black monk walked out of the room snickering and licking his tongue at the same time while he gazed upon Su Yao's room.

“So... this is the human cauldron that had been prepared by that little fellow Milian. Hmm... She looks good. She is the type that I like! But since Milian died because of you, you are better off dead!”

The black obese monk's evil eyes glowed and a black devilish Buddha image which was nearly six zhang* tall appeared behind him. The Buddha image then burst into black smoke dashing towards Su Yao.

However, only Spirit Severing Realm experts knew that it was not smoke, but a fatal technique that was congealed from countless Heavenly Spiritual energy black threads!

Immediately, the Bi Yao Sect's female disciples behind Su Yao had all their faces plastered with fear.

All the old monsters and experts at the scene recognized the perpetrator!

“He is a Spirit Severing Realm Old Monster! He’s Evil Light Monk, the vice sect master of the Black Buddha Sect!”

“This black smoke is Evil Light’s strongest technique - Evil Smoke. After getting caught in it, even Peak Nascent Soul Realm cultivators would lose their magical power instantly and be shredded into pieces...”

Each old monster that were usually snobbish suddenly became inconsequential existences like ants in the face of a Spirit Severing Realm old monster. They didn't even dare to take a deep breath.

None of them dared to question the Spirit Severing Realm expert from the Internal Seas who’s trying to kill one of the sect masters of the top ten sects of the External Endless Sea, let alone go against him.

While all of that was happening, Xu Rushan and Yan Zhongze were leisurely enjoying their tea on the Blissful Summit. It’s completely beyond their expectations that a mere Nascent Soul Grade auction would cause a Spirit Severing Realm cultivator to cause a scene.

That Evil Light Monk is nuts! He actually shifted his target to the Bi Yao Sect to vent his anger after we warned him not to go against Zhou Ming!

The two of them wanted to help but they were too far away from the scene.

As for the other three Spirit Severing Realm experts at the auction, they had their own agendas.

In the eastern room, a young man with a pair of glittering eyes donning a silver robe folded his fan. An emblem of a silver thunder beast had been sewn on his lapel!

This person was a Peak Nascent Soul Realm cultivator and his magical power had reached 8 thousand units!

This person’s aura was on par with Evil Light!

He was Zhou Qing from the Zhou Clan!

This person was a genius of the Zhou Clan from the Internal Endless Sea. As such, he gained the nickname of “The Son of Heaven of the Zhou Clan”. He was the most talented devil cultivator among all his peers in the Internal Endless Sea and he could be considered as “the strongest cultivator below the Spirit Severing Realm” in that place! Whenever he leaves the sect, he would be accompanied by a Spirit Severing Realm expert, Zhou Qi. It was enough to show how important he was to the Zhou Clan.

“Rumour has it that this woman was the cause of the conflict between Zhou Ming and the Black Buddha Sect. But Evil Light won’t dare to kill Zhou Ming to vent his anger as Xu Rushan gave him a warning. Hence, he is trying to force Zhou Ming to act so that he can have a proper reason to kill him... Hmm... Evil Light, is a person that is worth my attention. He does not even possess a Divine Intent even though he is already a Spirit Severing Realm cultivator. I suppose he attained his current cultivation level with a cheap trick. I will at most only need to use 4000 units of my magic power to finish him off. But this Zhou Ming... He is not a member of our clan, yet his techniques are good... The strongest below Spirit Severing Realm in the External Endless Sea... I wonder how many blows he could take from me... and how much magic power I would need to defeat him.”

“Three moves! A thousand unit!” Zhou Qi looked like a taciturn man.

“Zhou Qi, I guess you’re overestimating this man...”

Zhou Qing smiled coldly, but in the next instance, his gaze shuddered!

“He is Zhou Ming?!”

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In a room located in the northern part of the area, a burly man whose face was noticeably red with a long beard was cleaning his gigantic sword which radiated silver light.

His sharp eyes stared at the body of the sword as if his entire thoughts were totally absorbed into the sword.

The ongoing Nascent Soul Realm auction could not arouse the slightest bit of his interest. When Evil Light Monk acted, he did not even raise his eyebrows.

The next instance, however, he stood up with his eyes brimming with vigor, staring outside the room in disbelief!

“This man is Zhou Ming? Such powerful sword technique! I think not more than 10 people in the Sword Island can withstand this person’s technique!”

Meanwhile, in a room in the western side, an elderly man dressed in purple robes was holding two women in both of his arms.

He was too lazy to even lift his eyelids when Evil Light caused the commotion outside. He sneered instead, “Oh. So this is the vice sect master of the Black Buddha Sect? He is way too weak compared to the Spirit Severing Realm experts of my Demon Sealing Sect...”

Evil Light was just someone beneath his contempt. The reason why he could be so conceited was because he was the third elder of the Demon Sealing Sect, Purple Gu.

However, right after Evil Light initiated his attack, someone emerged and his presence alone was enough to make Purple Gu be filled with towering rage.

Purple Gu could clearly sense the purple demon qi that he planted in the Eagle Crane Elder himself from that person!

It can’t be wrong!

“Zhou Ming! You’re courting death!”

Suddenly a purple light flashed within his room and the two ladies at his sides vanished into millions of golden purple worms.

The two women were not humans, but worms! Those worms were called “Purple Bites”. Despite their tiny size, a mature worm was able to bite a Gold Core Realm cultivator to death. Hundreds of them would be able to devour a Nascent Soul Realm cultivator while thousands of them could engulf a Spirit Severing Realm expert!

Purple Gu Taoist had seventeen-thousands of those worms with him. Therefore, none of the Spirit Severing Realm experts would be willing to fight him!

But the killing intent that surged within his eyes was quickly replaced with astonishment.

“Why is this Zhou Ming so powerful although he is just a Late Nascent Soul Realm cultivator?!”

Su Yao’s heart was filled with despair and hopelessness when Evil Light Monk displayed his technique.

The black smoke was just too fast for her, not even letting her take out her magical treasures to block it.

But what if I manage to take out my magical treasures...

There’s no way I can withstand it...

However, a silhouette of a young man was even faster than the black smoke!

With just merely a flash of grey light which was partially filled with green smoke, he emerged before the black smoke with a pair of cold-piercing eyes!

“Is my human cauldron someone you can harm? Crush!”

The five fingers of Ning Fan’s hands shone in dark green light. When he clawed towards the black smoke, a trace of Devil Intent of Evil Luo Mountain went out of his body, surrounding him with tremendous devil qi! The Heavenly Spiritual Black Smoke which was capable of shredding Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts into pieces, dispersed!

“Hmph...You finally revealed yourself! Haha. I will now have a justifiable cause to kill you now. There’s nothing Xu Rushan can say anymore! Die!”

Evil Light grinned hideously and quickly performed the incantations for the next technique. He had been waiting for Ning Fan to save her and he had finally showed himself!

But Ning Fan acted much quicker than him!

In a flash, he lifted two of his fingers and pointed at him.

First Finger, Mountain Crush!

Second Finger, Heaven Breaker!

Countless mountains on Joint Joyous Immortal Island began to crumble.

The immense power of his finger broke open the ceiling of the Immortal’s Abode Tower, revealing the vast sky!

Even though it was still day, the entire sky darkened and a giant black sun hung in the middle of the sky.

When Ning Fan triggered his killing intent, the black sun ignited.

The sun fell; the clouds crumbled; and the heavens broke!

Evil Light grimaced in fear!

He was the weakest Spirit Severing Realm expert in the Internal Endless Sea but the incoming attack seemed to have the power of the strongest attack of an Early Spirit Severing Realm expert!

Even Stone Warrior nearly died to that attack. How could he, Evil Light, be able to withstand it?!

Run! I must run!

“Seal!”

Ning Fan pointed at him his third finger. This time, it was the Body Sealing Technique!

Endless number of grey threads tightly bound Evil Light’s limbs, leaving him no freedom to move. With Ning Fan’s current cultivation level, he was more than capable of sealing Evil Light’s movements for half a breath.

“What technique is this?!”

Evil Light’s expression greatly changed.

What is this technique that can allow a Late Nascent Soul Realm cultivator to seal my movements?!

“You are the weakest Spirit Severing Realm expert and I am the strongest Nascent Soul Realm cultivator... You can die now! Crush!”

A trace of sword qi emitting black golden light went out from his finger. It was his first time displaying this sword qi and therefore, it had yet to reach its maximum potential. But as for the technique, he became more proficient in it after using it this time.

When the sword qi departed from his finger, it broke into countless fine black threads. However, if one looks closely enough, the tips of the black threads were razor-sharp mini swords.

It was as if a ray of light was pulled into innumerable thin shafts of light.

But when they arrived before Evil Light, they converged and enwrapped his body.

The weakest Spirit Severing Realm expert, Evil Light, did not even have the time to use his Profound Heaven Spiritual Treasure. In desperation, he spurted a mouthful of black sand which was a Profound Heaven Defective Treasure, intending to fend off the black threads.

But as his sand came into contact with the black threads, it immediately disintegrated into ashes.

At this moment, the boundless sky above the Joint Joyous Immortal Island broke, revealing the dark and eerie Void Realm, which made everyone feel a tingling sensation on their scalp.

After destroying his Profound Heaven Defective Treasure, the black threads were like maggots, devouring Evil Light's body and tearing it into pieces.

However, just when his body was completely engulfed, a flash of black shadow forcefully dashed out from the seal of the black threads. Despite his grievous condition, he managed to perform incantations and turned into a cloud of black smoke to escape with his Instant Shift. The next second, he was already tens of thousands of li* away.

The fist-sized black shadow was like a Nascent Soul. His face was exactly the same as Evil Light Monk, however, his body was illusory and corporeal.

It was his Primordial Spirit!

The incredible speed of a Primordial Spirit astonished Ning Fan inwardly.

He sighed while wiping off the trace of black blood on the corner of his mouth, "It's a pity that I failed to finish off that wicked monk and let him escape... Sure enough, I have yet to reach the level of being able to kill a Spirit Severing Realm expert..."

The atmosphere of the room was filled with pin-drop silence.

The cracks in the sky outside the tower gradually closed up by itself. But the ceiling of the Immortal's Abode Tower could never be recovered again.

After witnessing that battle, the fear that each and every one of the old monsters from the External Endless Sea had for Zhou Ming escalated to an unprecedented degree.

Even the old monsters from the Internal Endless Sea who did not even look Zhou Ming in the eye earlier began to take notice of him, especially the Spirit Severing Realm experts on the fourth floor. All of them were impressed. If they were the one who received his attack, they would certainly be grievously injured as well!

Zhou Qing clenched his fists in anger.

So it's me who underestimated Zhou Ming?

There was no way he could withstand that finger!

This Zhou Ming isn't just the strongest expert under the Spirit Severing Realm. In fact, only a few among the Spirit Severing Realm experts would be able to take his fingers head on!

Besides, he still said "it's a pity"?

Don't tell me that he is still not satisfied after destroying Evil Light's physical body? He wants to kill his Primordial Spirit as well?

The Son of Heaven of the Zhou Clan Zhou Qing's pride was punctured. He felt he was utterly inconsequential before Ning Fan...

"A Late Nascent Soul Realm cultivator defeated a Spirit Severing Realm expert..."

Guan Xiong recollected the flash of sword earlier.

Threads Transformation Sword? It can't be wrong! Those countless black threads were swords in threadlike form!

“I have been cultivating swordsmanship for three thousand years and yet, I haven’t comprehended the technique of transforming the sword into threads. This kid did it when he is just at the Late Nascent Soul Realm! Unfortunately, he is not a member of my Sword Island. Otherwise, he would be the one who will succeed Venerated Sword!”

Purple Gu Taoist’s eyes were filled with absolute shock.

He had already recognized Ning Fan as the person who murdered Eagle Crane Elder as soon as he appeared.

But when he witnessed the single finger Ning Fan used to eliminate Evil Light, he knew that he would also suffer critical damage, despite the amount of worms he had now!

“The murder of the elder of my sect... It can’t be resolved by just forgetting about it... But he is not a man to be trifled with. If I face him myself, I would certainly be severely injured...”

Ning Fan might look repentant for his inability to completely eliminate Evil Light, but he turned towards his own room and passed a message using telepathy.

“Senior Dong Xu, I want his Primordial Spirit!”

“Hehe. Alright. Alright. A mere Early Spirit Severing Realm of the small Black Buddha Sect... Even if he has run for millions of li*, this old man can still catch him back...”

All in all, Ning Fan eliminated Evil Light but not his Primordial Spirit.

Even so, he still had people who could help him catch Evil Light! It would be a waste if he chose not to use a powerful expert like Dong Xu!

As the saying goes, cut the weeds and dig up the roots.

Evil Light could never run away! However, no one would figure out Ning Fan was the person behind Evil Light's death!

“He is the first Spirit Severing Realm that I killed!”

Chapter 234 (1): The Changes of Divine Space Island

When Evil Light displayed his skills, every cultivator at the scene was stricken by fear.

When Evil Light fled after being defeated, everyone was terrified.

After all, Evil Light was an expert at the Spirit Severing Realm - a cultivation level which was dreamt and pursued by countless Nascent Soul Realm cultivators for their whole lives. Even though Evil Light was the weakest of the Spirit Severing Realm cultivators, none of the Nascent Soul Realm cultivators was on par with him...

But now, he was defeated with just a single finger by a Late Nascent Soul Realm cultivator?!

That finger congealed the Primordial Energy into momentum, condensing the Heavenly Spiritual Energy into the black sun and conjured a sword from the power of the sun and finally transformed the sword into threads... When the Second Finger was displayed, heaven broke and his enemy perished...

So this is the true power of Zhou Ming?! Among the 13 Spirit Severing Realm experts of the External Endless Sea, how many of them would be able to withstand that technique?!

Each of the old monsters' eyes were anchored at the indifferent young man standing before Su Yao while gulping in fear.

For ordinary cultivators who entered the cultivation world, most of them played dumb to take advantage of other cultivators.

However, this Zhou Ming never knew how to keep a low profile for himself throughout his journey in the Endless Sea. Regarding his confrontation with Evil Light just now, the other cultivators would not have chosen to display their trump cards or ultimate techniques in the first round if they were the ones who fought Evil Light instead. They would at most try to probe their opponent's capabilities. But Zhou Ming directly used his killing move in his first clash with Evil Light.

Though it looked reckless, it showed that Ning Fan's philosophy of life was much wiser than theirs.

Without power, one surely has to lie low and avoid unwanted attention. If one had great power that is enough to rule over the External Endless Sea and overpower the Internal Endless Sea, why should he still hide his capability to himself?

If Ning Fan did not use his killing move in the first round, would it still be easy for him to do so after Evil Light saw through his capabilities and put up his guard?

Ning Fan felt unbearable pain from his immortal veins. That technique took quite a toll on him.

Even so, his eyes gradually turned calm, as if he was unaffected by the pain.

His gaze shifted from the eastern room to the northern room on the fourth floor and lingered on the western room.

From their respective rooms, Zhou Qing, Zhou Qi, Guan Xiong and Purple Gu walked out with a confused look.

All their auras pressed against Ning Fan, with the intention of testing the latter. However, in the face of the massive aura, Ning Fan remained composed and appeared to be unaffected.

He was not afraid of auras. At the very least, those aura below the Void Fragmentation Realm had no effect against him.

"I am Zhou Ming. I've killed someone here. Maybe some of you are displeased by my actions. If any of you is dissatisfied with me, by all means, fight me!"

Obviously, his words were for the Spirit Severing Realm experts from the three rooms of the fourth floor.

Guan Xiong was the first one to withdraw his aura. His eyes were filled with awe. With a slap on his storage pouch, he took out a three cun* long silver sword which had a blunt tip and no sharp edges on its sides. There was an inscription on its surface. It was a token in the form of a sword.

“Sword cultivation is always domineering. It is very common to kill the foe with just one slash. I hold no discontent towards Fellow Daoist Zhou. In fact, I am impressed by Fellow Daoist’s incredible swordsmanship. If Fellow Daoist is free, perhaps you can come visit the Sword Island... This is the Sword Token of the island. With this token, no one would hinder Fellow Daoist from entering the island!”

Guan Xiong a.k.a Sword Slave was trying to befriend Ning Fan! He even gave him a pass to enter the Sword Island as a keepsake!

Suddenly, the Sword Token shot out a miniature sword that carried a sword qi containing enough power to eliminate an ordinary Peak Nascent Soul Realm expert in an instant at Ning Fan. But when it came in front of him, he flicked his finger and immediately, the small sword quivered while its sword qi dispersed.

“Crushing a sword with just a flick of finger?! This kid has a really strong body refining realm. I suppose he is at the Jade Life Realm...” Guan Xiong praised inwardly. The sword qi was actually released with intention to probe Ning Fan’s ability.

“Thank you, Senior Guan. I will keep the Sword Token for the meantime. If there is a chance, I will definitely pay the Sword Island a visit...”

Ning Fan kept the item and cupped his fists while Guan Xiong gently nodded his head and returned to his room in the northern direction. He was a representative from the Sword Island. In other words, the Sword Island harbored no hostility towards Ning Fan!

“This Guan Xiong has an outstanding spirit like that of a hero. He is a wholehearted sword cultivator. He befriended me mainly out of sincerity and partially because of my Sword Finger Technique... As such, if I attain Spirit Severing Realm, there’s no harm for me to visit the Sword Island.”

Ning Fan's gaze fell on Zhou Qing. He was the second person who withdrew his aura. On his glabella, there was a half-formed silver Lightning Star which he had yet to fully congeal.

This person looks like a cultivator with Immemorial Lightning Vein...

Just as their gazes met, Zhou Qing's eyes turned solemn and activated the power of his Lightning Star. The half star flashed and his eyes began to fill with lightning as he stared at Ning Fan.

He had already heard that Ning Fan also possessed the Lightning Star. If it wasn't because of that rumor, he would not have shown consideration for a cultivator from the External Endless Sea like Ning Fan, judging from his supercilious attitude.

"I am the Son of Heaven of the Zhou Clan. I am the person who possess the strongest potential in the Zhou Clan. With a nearly discarded blood vein, I managed to congeal the Immemorial Lightning Star... This person is not a member of the Zhou Clan. It's impossible that he has congealed a Lightning Star..."

Zhou Qing's eyes might look like lightning, but Ning Fan's eyes were like the starry sky. As their gazes met once more, Ning Fan's eyes flashed with blood lightning. Immediately, Zhou Qing felt as if a ray of blood lightning blasted within his mind, making the lightning in his eyes immediately diminish and submit!

A drastic change appeared on Zhou Qing's face as he retreated two steps back. With his current cultivation level, he felt powerless in trying to expel the blood lightning from his Sea of Consciousness!

"Zhou Qi!"

"Yes!"

The silver-robed elderly Spirit Severing Realm expert behind him made a step forward and reached out his hand to support Zhou Qing from the back, stabilizing him. After that, his finger which flashed with lightning power pressed against Zhou Qing's forehead, forcing the ray of blood lightning out from the latter's Sea of Consciousness.

At this moment, both Zhou Qi and Zhou Qing exchanged glances of disbelief. Both their hearts were in disarray, as if there was a tempestuous storm raging within their minds.

Zhou Qing was not shocked at the fact that Ning Fan could kill Evil Light because he was capable of killing him as well.

The devastating power of Zhou Ming's finger might be able to impress Zhou Qing but the latter still upheld his pride, thinking that he too, had a powerful ability, though Ning Fan was stronger than him.

But when that ray of blood lightning flashed in his mind, Zhou Qing, the Son of Heaven of Zhou Clan had a total mental breakdown.

He was arrogant because he had successfully congealed half of the Lightning Star. However, the man from the External Endless Sea before him had formed the complete Lightning Star!

When we compared our lightning power against each other, my silver lightning can't even compete with this man's blood lightning.

What is the type of lightning he possesses?! It was just like the Lightning that belongs to the Heavenly Tribulation...

With just a glance, Zhou Qing lost.

A pained expression came over his face. But in the next second, he wiped that dispirited look on his face and wore a calm smile instead.

“Hehe. Fellow Daoist Zhou must be joking. The Black Buddha Sect was just an insignificant sect in the Internal Endless Sea, let alone Evil Light who was not even worth mentioning. His existence has no significance at all. Besides, our Zhou Clan has nothing to do with him even if you have killed him. Fellow Daoist's techniques are indeed profound. Zhou Qing feels ashamed for not being able to be on par with you. Be it in the Internal Endless Sea or the External Endless Sea, now I can proudly say that Fellow Daoist is the number one cultivator below the Spirit Severing Realm. Moreover, Fellow Daoist would be recognized as an outstanding being among the Spirit Severing Realm experts. Take this. It is the Thunder

Emperor's Token of our Zhou Clan. If Fellow Daoist enters the Internal Endless Sea in the future, feel free to come to our clan..."

Sucks in cold breath

The strongest Nascent Soul Realm cultivator of the Internal Endless Sea conceded defeat to Zhou Ming?

It would be unreasonable for the cultivators of the External Endless Sea not to be shocked when even the Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts from the Internal Endless Sea widened their eyes, feeling it hard to believe what they had just heard.

The Son of Heaven of the Zhou Clan, Zhou Qing. This person was famously known for his excellent innate potential as well as his haughty demeanor. No doubt, his techniques were strong. As a cultivator who had yet to attain the Spirit Severing Realm, he had already defeated three Early Spirit Severing Realm experts in total. On the Board of Devils, he was a figure who was in the top 100 experts...

Usually, he was a person who did not even put Early Spirit Severing Realm experts in his eyes. But today, he had a favorable impression of Zhou Ming.

All in all, Zhou Ming's decision in killing Evil Light was quite worthwhile as he had gained a favorable opinion and respect from the Sword Island and Zhou Clan, establishing a positive relationship with the two influential forces.

Ning Fan received the Thunder Emperor's Token. This token, however, was not equipped with anything to test him as it was done through the single gaze earlier.

Ning Fan shifted his gaze to the surface of the token, scrutinizing the totem of a lightning beast with silver horns. It looked primitive yet domineering.

After keeping this token, Ning Fan cupped his fists as a gesture of respect towards Zhou Qing while the latter nodded with a smile and returned to his room with Zhou Qi.

“Zhou Qing is really an exceptional personage. He could erase the bitterness of defeat within his heart immediately after the battle and reignited his fighting spirit... He must be a person who climbed up from the bottom and strived to grow from adversity which molded him into a tenacious and resilient man. Thousands of years later, his name might appear on the list of Void Fragmentation Realm experts in the Rain World... But the main reason he tried to befriend me is probably because of the blood lightning of my Lightning Star and only a tiny portion of sincerity... Unless I have the power to resist Venerated Zhou, I must never go to the Zhou Clan. If not, I might get killed and robbed of the blood lightning...”

Finally, Ning Fan’s gaze fixed on Purple Gu Daoist.

“Truth to be told, I have some conflicts with the Demon Sealing Sect. I wonder what Fellow Daoist Purple Gu is going to do about it!”

A hint of gloominess flashed within Purple Gu’s eyes. The next second, he burst into laughter.

“Fellow Daoist must be joking. I have already known about the death of Eagle Crane Elder. A mere Late Nascent Soul Realm cultivator like him truly deserved death the moment he decided to pursue Fellow Daoist. I’ll just forget about it and just treat it as a friendly gesture from the Demon Sealing Sect. However, Fellow Daoist must not harm anyone from my sect. Otherwise...Hehe, Fellow Daoist should be able to understand what’s the consequences for it.”

As Purple Gu finished speaking, he took out a purple token and tossed it towards Ning Fan.

“This is the token from Venerated Demon of the Demon Sealing Sect. With this token, Fellow Daoist will surely be treated with respect when you come to my sect in the future. I sincerely hope that we will be able to meet in my sect one day.”

Ning Fan received the token and studied it using his spirit sense. Immediately, his lips curved into a sneer.

Within the token hid a grey demon seal that is used to track his position... The one who planted this seal must have a cultivation level that was not any weaker than Venerated Giant and Venerated Dong Xu.

It should belong to Venerated Demon himself!

On the surface, this token was a sign of a friendly relationship between Zhou Ming and the Demon Sealing Sect. In actual reality, if Ning Fan keeps this token, Purple Gu would be able to grasp his location and then pursue him to hunt him down.

Evidently, this Purple Gu didn't really mean what he was saying. He is not actually unconcerned of the death of the Eagle Crane Elder.

I have forced the purple demon seal that he planted on the Eagle Crane Elder into the All-Heaven Relic, causing him to lose track of my location. Therefore, he gave me this token under the fa?ade of a friendly party so that he could have access to my location...

“Purple Gu Taoist. He is rumored to own seventeen-thousand worms which are called Purple Bites. Among the Early Spirit Severing Realm experts, no one would be willing to be his enemy... This person might act friendly on the outside, but deep inside, he harbors the intention to kill me. Perhaps he thought that I have pried into the fragments of the Eagle Crane Elder's memories and discovered some secrets of the Demon Sealing Sect. Maybe that is why he intends to extinguish my existence. He wants to prevent the leakage of their secrets... However, what he does not know is that I had not managed to undo the power of the purple seal, let alone pry into the secrets of the sect. But I guess even if I give him that explanation, he would not believe me. Hmm. The feud against the Demon Sealing Sect will be difficult to defuse... There is not any sincerity in his act of giving me this token. There is only enmity instead. Unless I possess the power to annihilate the entire Demon Sealing Sect, I must never set foot on the sect's territory!”

Ning Fan's expression remained unchanged but he was sneering within his heart. He kept Venerated Demon's Token and shifted his gaze away from Purple Gu. He never cast another glance at him, not to mention greet him with respect.

Purple Gu's facial muscles twitched in irritation. Despite the boiling anger within his heart, his expression did not reveal even a hint of rage. He shot Ning Fan another glance and returned to his room.

“A wildly arrogant kid! Just wait for me to call for my men. When the time comes, death will be your only ending!” Purple Gu inwardly swore.

After the defeat of Evil Light from the Black Buddha Sect, three out of the seven venerated forces befriended Ning Fan!

For the cultivators present, all of them were dumbstruck.

A cultivator who had yet to attain Spirit Severing Realm was capable of eliminating Evil Light, a true-blue Spirit Severing Realm expert. Apart from that, he had even made the three venerated forces of the Internal Endless Sea to be on friendly terms with him.

This Ning Fan is truly fierce! If he attains the Spirit Severing Realm, he surely would be able to put up a fight against Mid Spirit Severing Realm experts, wouldn't he?

Furthermore, only a minority of experts knew that Xu Rushan was actually backed by the Giant Devil Sect. His action of befriending Ning Fan implied that the Giant Devil Sect also sided with Ning Fan.

That is to say, among the Seven Venerated in the Internal Endless Sea, four of them had associated themselves with Ning Fan!

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Try to imagine this: how would they feel if they knew that there was still one of the Seven Venerated of the Internal Endless Sea - Venerated Dong Xu, who personally met Ning Fan and tried to rope him in by offering him precious benefits that would tempt just about anyone at the Nascent Soul Realm?

Unfortunately, none of them would know anything about it. Likewise, none of them would figure out that Evil Light would be brought back although he was seen fleeing away at an incredible speed.

After the death of a Spirit Severing Realm old monster, most of the cultivators who bid for the last item were instantly filled with regrets.

After the death of Evil Light, the Dao Fruit lost its master.

On the auction stage, the Late Nascent Soul Realm auctioneer's face was filled with awkwardness.

To whom should I give this Dao Fruit...

“Who was it that shouted 8 million just now?” The auctioneer’s eyes swept across the hall and landed on the Nascent Soul Realm old monster who called out the price earlier. Immediately, that cultivator behaved anxiously as if he was sitting on pins and needles and inwardly cursed at the auctioneer.

F**k you! Are you blind and senseless? Why the hell are you looking at me?! This Dao Fruit is clearly a hot potato. It has to belong to the sect master of Bi Yao Sect, Su Yao! Don’t you know who Su Yao is?! The devil lord, Zhou Ming, has literally said that she is his human cauldron! Evil Light who shouted 9 million has died... Do you want me to die too?! He is Zhou Ming ah! Don’t you get it?! Zhou Ming ah! During the auction in Peng Lai Immortal Island, he massacred thousands of people. This time, he even killed a Spirit Severing Realm expert. If I dare to go against his woman for the Dao Fruit, there is no way I can be freaking alive!

That cultivator was a respectable Late Nascent Soul Realm old monster of the Lu Clan from the External Endless Sea. However, he was as insignificant as an insect in front of the devil lord, Zhou Ming.

Before he could even speak, he could feel the cold-piercing eyes of Ning Fan staring at him.

For a moment, he felt a chill down his spine with his heart skipping a beat.

It’s bad! I’m being targeted by him!

“This Fellow Daoist, you bid 8 million, didn’t you? Please pay for it...” The auctioneer squeezed out a smile on his face. Deep inside, he earnestly wished that the auction could end straight away and immediately leave the tower.

“I’m sorry. I didn’t bring enough money. I don’t want the Dao Fruit anymore. Give it to the person who bid for 7 million just now!” The old monster surnamed Lu’s face was filled with impatience and terror.

“Er... If that’s the case, the Fellow Daoist who bid 7 million just now, please pay for it...”

“Aiya. It’s so unlucky that I didn’t bring enough money as well... Please give it to the person who shouted 6.6 million earlier...”

“Er. Who bid for 6.6 million...”

Before the auctioneer could finish speaking, a series of voices echoed in the air.

“It’s such an unlucky day. I lost my storage pouch. I’m sorry. I don’t have 6.6 million...”

“I shouted 6.2 million but I don’t have enough money...”

“This old man shouted 6 million but similarly, I don’t have that amount of money ah...”

The old monsters exchanged awkward glances. None of them dared to take the Dao Fruit.

They were not imbeciles who would risk offending the devil lord Zhou Ming for just 20 units of magic power... If they lost their lives, all their efforts in cultivation would then be washed down the drain.

“Interesting. Everyone seems to have insufficient money. As such, only Yao Er2 could buy this Dao Fruit...” Ning Fan grinned while Su Yao blushed.

She was both grateful and angry.

Yao Er... Since when did I allow him to address me in that manner...

The dignified sect master of Bi Yao Sect which was one of the top ten sects in the External Endless Sea was publicly announced as Zhou Ming’s human cauldron. That identity did not degrade her worth. On the contrary, countless female devil cultivators secretly envied Su Yao for having Zhou Ming’s protection.

“Er... Sect Master Su, this Dao Fruit is worth 5.5 million. Do you have enough money...” The auctioneer bitterly smiled.

“Of course I do...” Su Yao who had yet to recover from what had happened earlier answered intuitively and flew to the stage while kicking her legs, making her appear to be walking in mid-air. After paying the exact amount of immortal jade, she returned to her room with the Dao Fruit.

The sale of the Dao Fruit marked the end of the auction. Finally, the stressed-out auctioneer was permitted to leave. The person who took over his position next was Yan Zhongze.

He had been invited by Xu Rushan to preside over the Peak Nascent Soul Realm auction. Many of the items that would be auctioned were able to raise the interest of the Spirit Severing Realm experts to bid. It would then be dangerous if there was not a Spirit Severing Realm expert to manage the auction.

All the cultivators below the Peak Nascent Soul Realm stood up and left the tower. A short while later, there wasn't a single person left at the second floor.

Meanwhile, those Peak Nascent Soul Realm cultivators who did not possess the Pleasure Devil Pass also had to leave the auction.

In other words, Su Yao could not stay at the auction too.

However, there wasn't any reason for her to stay any longer as she had achieved her main objective.

“Thank you...” She bit her lip in shyness.

This time, can this be considered as the fourth time he saved me?

“Only thanking me verbally...” Ning Fan teased.

“Er. No. It's not...”

Her cheeks turned rosy and signaled the other female cultivators of her sect to leave first.

When every female cultivator left the room, Su Yao hesitated as if she was making the biggest decision of her life. Then she stood on the tip of her toes and brushed her lips against Ning Fan's cheek, just like a dragonfly touching the water lightly.

"If you come to Bi Yao Sect one day, I, Su Yao, will never break my promise. I will be ready for you to pluck me..."

Her cheeks became redder and hotter. As the master of the sect, she would be considered audacious to speak such words to a man.

But still, I have to leave...

She slowly walked to the door of the room. Each of the steps she made got her further away from Ning Fan, making her feel an inexplicable disappointment.

However, before she could exit the room, Ning Fan caught her wrist.

"Wait."

"Why? Is a kiss not enough for you..." When her skin came into contact with Ning Fan's hand, she felt her body become limp and numb and felt reluctant to let go of Ning Fan's hand.

"Take these 3 Dao Fruits with you. As for this Nascent Formation Pill and ten million immortal jade, help me to pass them to Suqiu..."

"Three Dao Fruits?! Ten million immortal jade?!" Su Yao covered her mouth in shock.

“Mm-hmm. Maybe your Bi Yao Sect also has this Nascent Formation Pill. However, pills refined by common Fourth Revolution Pill Masters cannot match mine. Mine is much better!”

He did not explain to Su Yao about his identity as a Fifth Revolution Pill Master. There was no need for him to do so.

“See you again!”

Ning Fan cupped his fists with a broad smile on his face and returned to his room on the third floor.

Su Yao’s gaze lingered on the sight of his back and her lips curved into a shallow smile. Only when his body disappeared from her sight did she turned and left with light footsteps.

“Thank you. Thank you for being so nice to Sister Suqiu. Thank you for saving me so many times...”

Back in his room, Dong Xu who was already back, looked at Ning Fan with a faint smile on his face. His hands were holding an extremely powerless black Primordial Spirit.

“Here is the Primordial Spirit of that person. You may do whatever you want with him. So will this be considered as the first time I help you?”

“Senior must be joking. Catching a Primordial Spirit of a Spirit Severing Realm expert is just a trivial matter to Senior. How could such an insignificant act be considered as an occasion...”

Ning Fan took the Primordial Spirit and storage pouch of Evil Light and planted a seal on it before keeping it.

Suddenly, he shifted her gaze towards Xu Qiuling.

Defeating Evil Light, catching his Primordial Spirit, the power of his means... Xu Qiuling was awestruck by all the things that had happened earlier. But at the same time, she remembered that the reason why

Ning Fan fought was because he was saving his woman. As she thought of that, her heart began to feel sour.

“Young Master Zhou sure has a lot of women...”

But the sourness in her heart immediately turned into nervousness when she caught sight of Ning Fan staring straight at her.

“Why? Is there some dirt on my face?”

“No. It’s just that I am rather interested in the next auction. Other than knowing there will be a Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron for sale, I have no idea what items will be auctioned. Therefore, I thought of asking Mistress Qiuling about them. Of course, what I am concerned about the most is the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron. I wonder if Mistress Qiuling knows anything about her...”

“Since Young Master has asked, I will tell you everything I know. In this auction, there will be lots of good things for sale. For instance, Fifth Revolution Pills, pill recipes, Spirit Severing Realm cultivation methods, secret arts, Profound Heaven Spiritual Treasures and of course, the keys to certain secret realms of the Endless Sea. However, I suppose all the things I have mentioned might not be able to raise Young Master Zhou’s interest. The main attraction of this auction consists of four things. Firstly, a Profound Grade Divine Intent Stone which can assure Spirit Severing Realm experts a certain success rate of congealing their own Divine Intent. Secondly, a Mortal Void Realm Spiritual Iron - Power Drain. This type of spiritual iron is considered as a rare supreme grade spiritual iron among all the Mortal Void Realm Spiritual Iron. Thirdly, a complete Dao Crystal. Lastly, it certainly is the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron. However, I really don’t know much about the identity of the woman...”

“Divine Intent Stone, spiritual iron, Dao Crystal...” Ning Fan muttered.

These three items were indeed exceptional especially the Mortal Void Realm Spiritual Iron - Power Drain. If it was used to augment the Spirit Crushing Whip, the weapon would without a doubt become even more powerful. But now, the item he was concerned the most was still the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron.

Xu Qiuling also does not know about this woman...

“You must not touch the woman...” Old Ancestor Dong Xu spoke in a solemn tone.

“Oh?! Senior Dong Xu knows something about the woman? Please speak more!” Ning Fan’s eyes widened in surprise.

“She is someone from the Divine Space Island! She is probably the disciple of Venerated Moon!”

“Divine Space Island?!”

Ning Fan knitted his brows while listening to Dong Xu’s explanation.

Divine Space Island was one of the forces of the Venerated Seven in the Internal Endless Sea. As for Venerated Moon, she was the strongest among the seven venerated beings. Her power was slightly stronger than Venerated Giant and the others. Furthermore, her cultivation level was already half-step away from the Void Refinement Realm.

This Divine Space Island was located at the Divine Space Sea. However, the Power of the Void Realm caused a disturbance in that area. Therefore, even Spirit Severing Realm experts would only have a slim chance of surviving if they enter the Divine Space Island without caution. The Divine Space Island did not care about the outside world and the disciples of the sect rarely got in touch with people from outside.

But recently, countless female corpses had been spotted floating out of Divine Space Sea.

One of them was not completely dead yet and she had been caught to become the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron of this auction.

Every force in the Internal Endless Sea guessed that something massive must have happened on the island.

The most absurd rumor was that Venerated Moon failed in attaining Void Refinement Realm, rendering her mad and slaughtering all her disciples.

Some of the experts in the Internal Endless Sea who had once been planted Mental Seals by Venerated Moon claimed that their seals vanished themselves! Undoubtedly, it meant that Venerated Moon was probably dead...

If anyone could search the Spirit Severing Realm woman's memories, the mystery of the Divine Space Island would then come to light. They might even gain a clear idea of the location of the Sea Market and the capital of the island. Perhaps someone might be able to obtain the inheritance of Venerated Moon. The people of the island might all be dead, but the treasures and items were still probably there in the sect.

Publicly, they appeared to be bidding for a Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron. Privately, they were actually competing with each other to get the inheritance.

However, the memories of the human cauldron were sealed. Her state of mind was not conscious, causing her to be like a dunce with no intelligence. Ordinary people could not search her memories at all, let alone interrogate her. Not only that, even Venerated Giant's secret art of soul searching was ineffective on her.

As such, the Giant Devil Sect gave up on her. Even Dong Xu was incapable of searching her memories and soul. Those who had yet to try searching her soul were the Sword Island, Zhou Clan and the Demon Sealing Sect. The Black Buddha Sect was purely being overconfident of themselves to send Evil Light to participate in the auction of the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron...

No matter what happened in the Divine Space Island, the danger was grave and unpredictable.

Only the forces of the seven venerated beings dared to conduct investigations on the island. For Ning Fan, Dong Xu advised him not to intervene in this matter. Regarding the key to enter the island, it would definitely be the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron.

"The so-called auction of the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron later is actually a platform for the Spirit Severing Realm experts from the three different sects to search the woman's memories with their respective secret arts. If none of them succeeded, the woman will then lose her value and she would only be regarded as a human cauldron..."

"If she is just a human cauldron, no one would be willing to bid for her..."

Dong Xu clearly knew more about the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron than Xu Rushan and the others.

After hearing his explanation, Ning Fan pondered in silence.

As such, if the Spirit Severing Realm experts fail, I will then have the chance to get this human cauldron.

I suppose they would not bid against me for the human cauldron with the prestige I have established earlier by killing Evil Light.

Moreover, I wonder whether my Mind Reading Technique would enable me to know anything from this human cauldron.

“The auction now begins. The first item is a forty thousand years old spiritual herb - Thousand Swords Heart Separation Grass. If this grass is refined, it can help in increasing a sword cultivator’s cultivation level. The starting bid is 3 million!”

Ning Fan’s eyes turned clear. The first item of the auction was the perfect item for stabilizing the cultivation of his Second Finger of the Sword Finger Technique.

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“3.5 million!”

“4 million!”

“5 million...”

Thousand Swords Heart Separation Grass would only be useful to swordsmen. Although there were not many swordsmen present, there were still a few of them among the Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts. Doubtlessly, they too, were eager to obtain the grass.

But as soon as Ning Fan shouted 5 million, the entire hall fell silent.

In other words, his influence was still able to affect the cultivators currently at the scene.

Ning Fan floated to the stage and took away the grass after paying the required sum of immortal jade. However, Yan Zhongze put on a forced smile on his face.

Usually, it would not be difficult for the grass to be sold at 7 million and above. But when Ning Fan's voice was heard, everything seemed to have been finalized. No one dared to bid against him.

Guan Xiong, the Spirit Severing Realm expert from the Sword Island, was also prompted to bid for the grass when he heard of its function. However, because of his intention of maintaining a friendly relationship with Ning Fan, he chose not to act against Ning Fan for a mere spiritual grass.

Therefore, in the end, the grass landed into Ning Fan's pocket.

After that, most of the items for sale were ordinary ten thousand years old spiritual herbs. Ning Fan did not actually bid for anything unless the herbs which were what he needed. However, as long as there was a Fifth Revolution Pill Recipe for auction, Ning Fan would definitely bid for it with no hesitation.

As the profits that they would earn from the auction needed to be handed over to the Giant Devil Sect, Xu Rushan was unable to give Ning Fan any discounts.

After a series of bidding, Ning Fan splurged nearly 200 million immortal jade, including the money he got from Evil Light's storage pouch. Now, there wasn't even 50 million immortal jade in his own storage pouch...

Therefore, he did not care much about the auction for the Profound Heaven Spiritual Treasures and the Profound Heaven Defective Treasures...

For the rest of the Peak Nascent Soul Realm cultivators, it truly was a relief.

They were all unaware that Ning Fan was actually a Fifth Revolution Pill Master. But even if they were, it would be difficult for them to believe anyway. Possessing combat power comparable to that of a Spirit Severing Realm could be considered heaven-defying at the age of 340. How could it be possible for him to possess Fifth Revolution Pill Refining Technique at the same time?!

About Ning Fan's considerable wealth, people like Yang Zhongze were inwardly astonished.

For Spirit Severing Realm experts in the Endless Sea, they would be considered wealthy by just having tens of millions of immortal jade with them. After all, in the cultivation world, pills and magical treasures would cost a fortune, not to mention the price for establishing formations and refining weapons.

However, the Spirit Severing Realm experts in the eight hundred cultivation countries were much poorer as compared to those in the Endless Sea.

At the auction, many of the Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts were keen to acquire a Profound Heaven Spiritual Treasure for themselves even though they had to use up all their fortunes.

This time, with Ning Fan out of the competition of bidding, it was obviously the most cheerful scenario for them.

But unfortunately, experts like Guan Xiong were also occasionally moved to buy magical treasures of such grade.

“Heavenly Purple Rope. A Profound Heaven Defective Treasure. The starting bid is 10 million!”

“Red Cloud Ancient Sword. A Profound Heaven Defective Treasure. The starting price is 15 million!”

“Sun Falling Tower...”

“Ten Million Soul Tempering Streamer...”

Countless magical treasures stirred up scenes of aggressive competition in the auction hall. Even so, Ning Fan remained unperturbed.

Three Profound Heaven Defective Treasures were already enough for him.

After the auction of the magical treasures, it was now the sale of spiritual armor and spiritual iron.

Since the Pleasure Devil Sea was a place blessed with large amounts of spiritual minerals, the spiritual irons were not uncommon.

Profound Grade Spiritual Equipment, Spirit Severing Realm Spiritual Iron. There were a few sets of items at the mentioned grades ready to be auctioned.

When it was time to auction the Mortal Void Realm Spiritual Iron - Power Drain, which was first out of the four most precious items, everyone including Zhou Qing were tempted to bid.

The Zhou Clan of the Internal Endless Sea excelled in a secret art which focuses on the Nascent Soul of cultivators. He also owned a weapon which resembled Ning Fan’s Spirit Crushing Whip, though its power wasn’t as domineering as Ning Fan’s.

If this spiritual iron was used to augment his weapon, the power of his techniques would certainly increase by a huge amount.

“‘Power Drain’ was a unique type of supreme grade spiritual iron among all Mortal Void Realm Spiritual Irons. By using it to augment a magical treasure, it enables the magical treasure to secretly drain your enemy’s magical power during a fight. The starting bid is 20 million...”

“21 million.” Ning Fan’s voice was finally heard again in the hall.

Zhou Qing’s eyebrows knitted together. But immediately, they loosened.

“Young Lord, should we bid?” Zhou Qi asked.

“Let’s give him face...” Zhou Qing spoke without revealing a hint of anger or joy on his face.

A Mortal Void Realm Spiritual Iron was something that Spirit Severing Realm experts would fight for. Naturally, the price would surely be exorbitant. However, with Zhou Qing’s status at the Zhou Clan, he still would have means to get one for himself. Therefore, it was not necessary for him to have a fallout with Ning Fan just for it.

After the auction of the spiritual equipment, it was the auction of pills. Fourth Revolution and Fifth Revolution Pills obviously made the experts at the hall bid competitively against each other. Ning Fan did not have much immortal jade left. Therefore, other than Heavenly Primordial Pills and Profound Primordial Pills, he never bid for anything else.

At the end of the pill auction, the second most precious item, the Divine Intent Stone, was put up for sale!

Yan Zhongze held a jade box on his hand. Within it, there was a blood-red, round-shaped stone with some engravings on its surface. As soon as it was revealed to the public, everyone’s attention was pulled towards it.

The Divine Intent Stone could actually be categorized into four grades: Heavenly, Earth, Profound and Yellow. The Nascent Soul Realm divine messengers of the Rain Palace were entitled to be granted a Yellow Grade Divine Intent Stone. However, Profound Grade Divine Intent Stones like the one being auctioned right now could only be obtained by the Spirit Severing Realm revered elders of the Rain Palace. The starting price of the stone was 30 million.

Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts who had yet to attain the Spirit Severing Realm would never waste tons of their wealth to purchase this stone. Only massive forces like the Rain Palace would be willing to give their Nascent Soul Realm divine messengers to consume such a precious stone.

The three Spirit Severing Realm experts of the fourth floor were regarded as veterans among all of the experts at the same cultivation level as them. As such, they did not need the stone either.

Ultimately, Zhou Qing was the one who bid for the stone.

Ning Fan did not intend to bid against him since there were a few Profound Grade Divine Intent Stones in Dong Xu's hands, though they would not belong to Ning Fan until he saves Xu Qiuling.

After the Divine Intent Stone, the auction continued with a few more pills. Then, it was the third most precious item of the auction - Dao Crystal!

It was a green crystal stone which had a lotus mark on its surface. A Dao Crystal contained a tremendous amount of spiritual power which was equivalent to a total of 5 million immortal jade.

“This is a Dao Crystal. It is an item needed by Void Fragmentation Realm experts to become immortals. Besides, it can be used to establish an Immortal Void Realm Grand Formation. Not only that, it is the currency used in the Four Heavens of the Immortal World. The starting bid is 5 million immortal jade...”

This item indeed sounded important. But in actual reality, it would only be useful to Void Fragmentation Realm old monsters as well as in setting up an Immortal Void Realm Formation. For Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts, however, it was not that tempting.

“A currency of the Four Heavens of Immortal World...” Ning Fan gently shook his head. He did not need such a thing. If he has the chance to ascend to the Four Heavens, he could amass a sufficient number of Dao Crystal by killing others and robbing them of their treasures.

A Dao Crystal might be precious in the Rain World but to True Immortals in the Four Heavens, it was just similar to a piece of immortal jade in the Rain World.

At last, it was acquired by Purple Gu Taoist with 9 million immortal jade.

Upon hearing that result, Ning Fan sneered.

I wonder if this Dao Crystal would fall into my pocket when I encounter Purple Gu someday and kill him.

All the Nascent Soul Realm human cauldrons had already been acquired by Ning Fan prior to the auction. Therefore, to replace them, they decided to auction demon pets, spiritual worms and spiritual charms.

Items like demon pets at the same grade as the Fake Wild Beasts and a spiritual charm containing a Spiritual Severing Realm full-attack were able to make Ning Fan's eyes brighten up with interest. But he did not bid for any of them since they were not of much use to him.

Besides, after saving Xu Qiuling, he would be able to obtain 17 Spirit Severing Realm spiritual puppets from Dong Xu. Demon pets would still need to be fed and cared for. Wouldn't spiritual puppets be much better than them?

Now, he was waiting for the last and most precious item of the auction.

The Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron!

The auction lasted for three consecutive days. Three days later, it was finally nearing its end.

When a little girl in a bluish dress wearily dragged her shackled limbs to the stage under the supervision of three Nascent Soul Realm experts, every voice and noise in the hall died out.

At this moment, Zhou Qing, Guan Xiong and Purple Gu's eyes lit up in interest.

She looked just like a loli, dressing up like a slave girl. Her lips were red and her teeth were white, making her look clean and attractive. However, her eyes were vacant like those of a zombie.

All in all, it was difficult to convince everyone that such a child-looking girl was actually a Spirit Severing Realm old monster.

But it was not impossible at all. Some old monsters who cultivated the Virgin Child cultivation method were able to maintain their appearance like that of a child throughout their lives and even after they passed away.

Yan Zhongze's gaze began to be filled with seriousness. He was now on full alert against the three Spirit Severing Realm experts on the fourth floor who might try to kidnap the girl. In an obscure corner, Xu Rushan broke out with cold sweat, worrying that something bad might happen.

Zhou Qing, Guan Xiong and Purple Gu landed on the auction stage in succession. Each of them spread their spirit sense, trying to pry into the girl's Sea of Consciousness. However, their attempts were all fruitless, dimming each of their expressions.

Yan Zhongze cleared his throat and suddenly released his Spirit Severing Realm aura, shocking everyone in the hall.

“This is a Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron and it is the last item of the auction. Those who don't intend to bid for her may leave first!”

Everyone would be entitled for a drop of Profound Liquid of Mother Earth. However, it was something they can get after their journey in the Secret Realm of the Broken World. Before that, the missions of the Peak Nascent Soul Realm experts ended here.

I have to lessen the people present just in case the Spirit Severing Realm experts really discover something from this girl's memories. If they truly find out some shocking information, it may cause massive changes among the forces of the Internal Endless Sea...

Although the Divine Space Island was low-profile, it has, at the very least, countless forces in alliance with it. If they were to find out any evidence Venerated Moon's death, those forces would change hands and be divided up...

Xu Qiuling slowly stood up. She knew Ning Fan needed human cauldrons for cultivation. But she thought that he would still try to get his hands on the human cauldron even after her master had told him not to be involved with this woman.

However, to her surprise, Ning Fan did not appear to be leaving as his gaze was constantly fixed on the little girl at the stage.

“Young Master Zhou, I think it’s better we make a move first. Don’t get involved in an unnecessary trouble like this...” Xu Qiuling advised.

“It’s fine. I want to have a look...”

As his words fell, he leaped into the air and landed on the auction stage.

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As soon as he landed on the stage, each and every one of the three had their own reactions. Purple Gu frowned, Zhou Qing was surprised, while Guan Xiong felt awkward.

However, almost immediately, Ning Fan cupped his fist towards Zhou Qing and Guan Xiong. “Everyone please proceed. I have no interest in the Divine Space Inheritance at all. Just in case her memories can’t be read and she becomes worthless, I want to buy her as my human cauldron.”

“Oh? Fellow Daoist sure is well-informed. This matter is only known by the influential forces within the Internal Endless Sea. I was also told not too long ago. Perhaps, Xu Rushan might not know about it too.”

Guan Xiong’s eyes flashed in awe. He was astonished by Ning Fan once more.

After hearing Ning Fan’s intentions, Guan Xiong and Zhou Qing nodded in agreement.

Only Purple Gu shot him a cold glance.

It was because he originally had the idea of keeping the girl for himself if none of them could access her memories. However, he did not expect that Ning Fan would come to interfere.

But as he recalled the might of Ning Fan's finger, he became faint-hearted at the prospect of fighting Ning Fan over the human cauldron on his own.

"Fine... The girl might be a Spirit Severing Realm expert, but she is still a girl who had yet to become sexually mature after all. Plucking her is not any good. So what if I let this kid have her... Besides, plucking a Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron will consume a considerable amount of time. This kid is going to enter the Secret Realm of Broken World within the next few days. Since Spirit Severing Realm experts are forbidden to enter the Secret Realm, he would not be able to pluck her. Furthermore, he would definitely leave this island after exiting the Secret Realm. When the time comes, I will request help from my sect to eliminate him. I would then be able to reclaim my human cauldron and snatch all of his magical treasures!"

After a brief moment of contemplation, Purple Gu Taoist wore a faint smile as if he was not bothered by Ning Fan's intention at all and nodded his head.

Every other people at the hall left. Xu Rushan revealed himself from a dark corner and joined Yan Zhongze and Ning Fan to look after the human cauldron.

As for the other four experts, they decided to let Guan Xiong be the first one to search the girl's soul and memories while Zhou Qing would be the second one and Purple Gu would be the last.

Guan Xiong's secret art resembled a sword sense technique. However, it wasn't congealed from the Sword Consciousness but his sword qi.

The secret art of soul searching of the Zhou Clan was named White Lightning Memory Extinguisher. They used lightning to form a sense which was mainly used for searching one's soul and memories.

For Purple Gu Taoist, he congealed his sense completely from the purple worms.

The three of them took turns in probing the girl's mind with their spirit sense congealed with their respective secret arts.

The strength of the three traces of spirit sense might even be able to probe the soul and memories of a Late Spirit Severing Realm expert.

Deep inside, Ning Fan was filled with amazement.

They truly deserve to be part of the venerated devil forces in the Internal Endless Sea. Their respective secret arts for searching souls and memories sure are exceptional and stronger than my ordinary Soul Memory Searching Technique by a few times.

Gu Xiong's forged sword sense might be uncommon, but it is clearly weaker compared to the other two secret arts. Purple Gu's technique is not an easy technique to learn. Even so, it is still slightly weaker than Zhou Qing's. As for Zhou Qing's White Lightning Memory Extinguisher, it is the strongest among the three. It's a technique that uses lightning power but when taking a closer look at it, it seems to contain a trace of demon power within.

A fusion between lightning power and demon power...

“Is it related to the lightning beast? A combination between magical techniques and demonic techniques... The expert who invented this technique must be a person with extraordinary natural talent...”

Ning Fan’s eyes blazed like torches. With his blood lightning and Lightning Star, if he is able to learn that secret art, he would not need to be afraid of any seals anymore when searching a Spirit Severing Realm expert’s memories.

Sadly, all the three remarkable techniques failed after one another.

However, it was not strange to Ning Fan as Dong Xu had said that he also failed when he secretly tried to search the girl’s soul and memories. How could they possibly succeed when even a member of the Venerated Seven failed?

Guan Xiong sighed and shook his head. Purple Gu’s face became gloomy. In stark contrast, Zhou Qing burst into laughter. He was not vexed by his failure at all. With an uplifting tone, he spoke, “Since this girl’s soul and memories can’t be accessed, it only means that the change in the Divine Space Island is certainly terrifying. It isn’t a bad news if we can’t pry into her memories. On the bright side, maybe we can avoid a fatal disaster having not acquiring the crucial information to enter the Divine Space Island...About Fellow Daoist Zhou Ming...”

Zhou Qing’s gaze shifted to Ning Fan and shot the latter a smile.

“Fellow Daoist Zhou Ming seems to be rather interested in my White Lightning Memory Extinguisher... I am very willing to teach you that technique, however, mine is still incomplete. Besides, this technique is

related to the secrets of my sect. Please pardon me for being timid and not daring to teach you. If Fellow Daoist is willing to come to my Zhou Clan, perhaps the old ancestor of my clan might take a liking to you and then pass on the technique to you.”

“Hehe. Fellow Daoist must be joking. No matter how audacious I may be, I would never pry into the secret art of the Zhou Clan...” Ning Fan laughed but in his heart, he felt a hint of eccentricity about that conversation.

Seemingly, Zhou Qing no longer bear any hostility towards me.

Meanwhile, he spares no effort to invite me to his Zhou Clan in the Internal Endless Sea. What’s his true intention...

Although Zhou Qing’s technique was unique, Ning Fan would not be so impetuous to set foot on the territory of Zhou Clan for just a soul and memory searching technique.

He did not want to take a risk before he is powerful enough to do so. Who knows if the Zhou Clan harbors good or bad intentions toward Ning Fan?

The kind intention of the Giant Devil Sect and Dong Xu were clear. The intentions of the Zhou Clan, however, was rather ambiguous...

“Hai...As such, I suppose I have to disappoint Venerated Sword who appointed me for this task... Congratulations to you, Fellow Daoist Zhou, for having this girl as your human cauldron. If there is a chance in the future, be sure to pay a visit to my Sword Island! Farewell!”

Guan Xiong cupped his fist as a gesture of courtesy before he turned into a sword light and disappeared into thin air.

With just a leap, perhaps he was already at ten thousand li away.

It was not Instant Shift. Instead, it was the Sword Blinking Technique that was a unique technique of sword cultivators. A sword cultivator with this technique would be able to travel at a peerless speed among other sword cultivators.

Next, Zhou Qing gently nodded his head towards Ning Fan and turned to his back. At the same time, he spoke to the elderly behind him through telepathy.

“This man is extremely vigilant. It’s fine. There are still a few years before the opening of the Thunder Emperor’s Tomb. Anyhow, he would eventually come to our Zhou Clan for the pass to enter the tomb... Let’s go, Zhou Qi!”

“Yes!” The elderly man answered.

With a wave of his hand, he turned into a cloud of silver smoke and dashed towards Zhou Qing, carrying him away.

The Spirit Severing Realm Instant Shift was different from Nascent Soul Realm Instant Movement. It enabled the expert to bring multiple people with him when travelling with ease.

Finally, Purple Gu was the only foreign expert in the hall.

His eyes stopped at the little girl and shot her a sly leer. Then, he unglued his gaze and cupped his fist towards Ning Fan with a crafty smile before vanishing in a cloud of purple smoke.

As he departed from the tower, the first thing that came into his mind was to search for backup and kill Ning Fan!

Only when everyone had left did Xu Rushan and Yan Zhongze heaved a sigh of relief.

Both of their gazes were filled with awe when they looked at Ning Fan.

They knew that if they were the one who withstood Ning Fan's finger that he displayed during the battle with Evil Light, they would either die or end up in a critical state!

"Fellow Daoist Zhou truly is unfathomable! I am ashamed to be so inferior compared to you..." Yan Zhongze said.

When Ning Fan strenuously withstood his five palms combo attack in order to break through to the Jade Life Realm in the past, Yan Zhongze had already known that he was holding back his full potential.

If he were to display that technique on that day, Yan Zhongze's life would surely be at stake. As he put himself into that scenario, he could not help but to agree with Xu Rushan's comment about Ning Fan in the past.

It's no wonder Xu Rushan thinks so highly of this kid. So this is it - the danger that Xu Rushan was talking about. It's indeed dangerous for Spirit Severing Realm experts to stay too close to him.

Unfortunately, he got the wrong idea.

Xu Rushan stared at Ning Fan with a confused look, as if the latter was alien to him.

Ning Fan knew about the background of the Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron, which was something that Xu Rushan himself had no clue at all.

The longer he knew Ning Fan, the more he felt that he could not see through him.

"He must be the person whom Venerated Giant has been waiting for..."

Xu Rushan took a deep breath. Being able to successfully hold the auction and find Ning Fan for Venerated Giant at the same time would surely give him lots of credit.

My daughter seems to be hanging out with this man for the past few days. I suppose their relationship is not just skin-deep anymore...

"I shouldn't be controlling how Qiuling behaves. I might as well just let her do as she pleases. Furthermore, this Zhou Ming isn't bad after all..." In Xu Rushan's mind, he was thinking about the most important affair in her daughter's life - her daughter's marriage.

Ning Fan's gaze focused on the girl's blank eyes, pondering in silence.

This girl's aura truly belongs to an Early Spirit Severing Realm. There's no mistaking it. But apparently, something is off...

"I wonder how much this girl would cost..." Ning Fan asked in a resolved tone.

"Hehe. Fellow Daoist must be joking. Since her memories can't be accessed, she is now just a Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron. Apart from that, plucking a human cauldron like her would only give you hundreds of units of magic power. Why would I be concerned about her price since this old man is even willing to gift you 200 drops of Profound Liquid of Mother Earth. Just take her with you. I suppose Venerated Giant would do the same too. However, since I have already expressed my sincerity, Fellow Daoist really must not disappoint me with the task... With Fellow Daoist's current power, not to mention 150 Fake Wild Beasts, I believe you can even hunt down every last one of them in the Secret Realm if there's enough time for you..."

"Fellow Daoist Xu sure is kidding. If that's the case, it is disrespectful for me to decline your kind offer."

Ning Fan shook his Cauldron Ring and kept the girl within. With his current identity, it was no longer surprising to use an Immortal's Abode Magical Treasure in public.

Actually, Xu Rushan was just being humorous. The meaning of "enough time" he mentioned in the conversation implied that wiping out all the beasts in the Secret Realm would at the very least take a few years to tens of years. He did not mean that Ning Fan would be able to do that within just 5 months. Instead, he was trying to say that it would not be difficult for Ning Fan to kill 150 Fake Wild Beasts.

However, his joke which was supposed to be only humorous was going to be realized soon.

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There were 8 days left before the opening of the Secret Realm.

After returning to the Profound Jade Palace, it was still Yu Long who entertained all the cultivators that came by to pay a visit and kept all their gifts.

As for Ning Fan, he brought the female corpse into the Yuan Yao World.

With a shake of his Cauldron Ring, he summoned the Spirit Severing Realm girl.

Plucking a Spirit Severing Realm human cauldron was not as easy as it seemed. Multiple pills were required in order to achieve the greatest effect of the cultivation method.

However, for the time being, Ning Fan did not have any of the pills.

On the other hand, with his current cultivation level, it would take at least half a month for him to completely assimilate the magic power gained from plucking her.

The reason why he summoned the girl this time was just to try prying into her memories.

In actual reality, he wasn't really uninterested about the Divine Space Island.

No, he did not lie. He really had no interest in obtaining the Divine Space Inheritance.

But he was intrigued by the female cultivators on the island, especially the seven Spirit Severing Realm disciples of Venerated Moon.

"Firstly, I have to try if I am able to search her soul and memory. If that method fails, I will try using Mind Reading Technique to pry into her secrets...Perhaps I might be able to see what the Venerated Seven of the Internal Endless Sea can't.