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Chapter 301.1 The Chaos in the Star Sea (3)

Half a day later, Xi Ran finished gathering the Soul Refining Sand.

In front of her, Ning Fan stood, leaning on his sword.

After receiving an order from him, Stone Warrior had lead the group of puppets and refined corpse to obliterate every living being within the area of one hundred thousand li (500m per li) of the sea domain. The vicinity he was currently in no longer had a single shadow of a demon or beast.

Xi Ran finally stopped performing her secret technique. Only then did the paleness on her face began to recede, as if blood had started to circulate in her face again. Keeping the half-filled pouch, she lowered her head, not daring to look straight at Ning Fan's face. Gently, she passed the pouch to Ning Fan.

"I've...gathered enough... Soul Refining Sand. It sho-should be adequate enough for you t-to awaken your medicine soul."

Her not daring to look at Ning Fan was not because of fear, but was because of shyness. Her heartbeat was racing wildly. Just as the moment when her mind was filled with utter hopelessness, Ning Fan emerged before her and used his physical body to block the purple worm thorn from the Evil Cold Worm.

At that moment, her heart had begun to pound crazily without restraint.

She did not know why her body would react in such a manner. She only felt that she should not dare to look at Ning Fan's eyes because the rate of her heartbeat would shoot up even more whenever she does it.

"T-Thank you for saving me..." Xi Ran spoke with a tone as slow as a mosquito's buzz. It was as if she had used all of her mental strength to express her feelings with those words. Immediately, her cheeks reddened like a tomato. As she placed her palms on them, she felt that they were boiling hot.

“It’s nothing. You’ve promised to help me gather Soul Refining Sand and I’ve promised to keep you safe. Helping you block a strike is just something within the scope of my duty. Not to mention that the Evil Cold Worm is something that isn’t really a big deal to me, even if a stronger or more venomous worm is used, I will never let you come to harm. You don’t have to worry about it!”

Ning Fan gently took the half-filled pouch of Soul Refining Sand and kept it into his storage pouch. Despite how he consoled Xi Ran with his words by saying how insignificant the Evil Cold Worm was and how light the injuries he had suffered, the worm had nearly cost Ning Fan his life!

The technique of worm refinement produced quite a satisfactory result like that of a talisman technique, despite both of them being completely different techniques. The destructive power of a powerful venomous worm would definitely not be any weaker than that of a high grade talisman.

The Evil Cold Worm was indeed impressive! Ning Fan might appear as if there was nothing wrong with him on the surface, but the five internal organs within his body had already been frozen and the flow of his blood and qi had slowly become viscous!

The thorn from the worm was too sharp. It could even easily pierce through the defense of my physical body which is at a level comparable to the Third Level of the Jade Life Realm!

I was unable to eradicate the worm. Its poison was just like what Qu Feng had said, incurable. It was not because it cannot be suppressed but because ordinary healing techniques were unable to neutralize this poison at all!

If Ning Fan had not swallowed down that mouthful of reverse blood and forcibly suppressed his injuries, he would be currently in a grievous state!

If he had not used the black flames combined from the nine types of Earth Flames and Heavenly Cold Qi to restrain the venom of the worm by force, the current him would not just have his five internal organs be frozen but also his six hollow organs, immortal veins as well as his Sea of Consciousness!

The worm was terrifying. It was because of this reason that strengthened Ning Fan’s will to block that strike for Xi Ran.

Even though he was quite crafty and selfish when dealing with others, it was Xi Ran who offered to lend Ning Fan a hand this time. If he were to allow Xi Ran to suffer any injuries, even if it was just a scratch on her hands, his Dao Heart would then be damaged.

Once a man has made a promise, he has to keep that promise! Since he had promised to keep her safe, then he had to really make sure she was unscathed!

After hearing Ning Fan claiming that the degree of his injuries were not severe, Xi Ran heaved a sigh of relief and lightly patted her chest. Only then did her delicate lips curve into a sweet smile.

“It’s good that you aren’t severely injured. You must not be hurt. If you are grievously hurt because of me, I’m going to bear this guilt for the rest of my life. However, the art of venomous worms is always obscure and vicious. On the surface, one might not appear to be seriously injured, but he or she could face a life-threatening danger because of it. Let me help you examine your immortal veins.”

Pulse diagnosis or veins diagnosis was a mortal human’s medical skill.

As for immortal veins diagnosis, it was a skill which could only be performed by a pill refinement master who had congealed their medicine souls.

Xi Ran could not understand the feelings that she was experiencing within her heart. The only thing she knew was that she found her feelings becoming strange and unusual ever since the moment Ning Fan boldly threw himself into the breach by blocking the strike for her. Whenever she thought of Ning Fan suffering injuries because of her, she would feel uneasy, as if her heart was being tightly gripped.

Why would it become like that? She had no idea about it. In the past, she had never once experienced such a feeling before...

Mustering her courage, she reached out her hand and pressed against Ning Fan’s wrist.

Meanwhile, Ning Fan was placing all his focus on restraining the cold venom within his body. As such, he did not notice Xi Ran’s action at all.

When he realized what she was trying to do, her little hand had already touched his wrist.

His facial expression suddenly changed and shouted, "Don't touch me!"

Unfortunately, his warning was too late!

At the moment when their hands came into contact, a deep purple cold power flowed into Xi Ran's hand through Ning Fan's wrist.

Xi Ran did not have powerful flames like Ning Fan's to resist the coldness of the poison. With just a touch, it was as if she had just touched felt like there was a sharp needle that penetrated her. Instinctively, she let out an Immemorial Profound Ice which would only be produced once in one hundred thousand years in the Profound Demon Sea.

When the bone-chilling cold power entered her body from her tender finger, she cry of pain.

"Ahhh!"

Within seconds, her little hand was turned into ice by that purple-colored frost. As that venom went up along her wrist and elbow, one of her arms was instantly frozen!

Xi Ran was stunned. Although she was yelling in pain after being affected by that poison, the first thought that rose within her mind was not about the pain nor the coldness she felt but the feeling of guilt.

The cold venom that was passed on to her from Ning Fan's wrist was obviously the venom of the Evil Cold Worm.

Even though it was merely a touch, it managed to turn one of her arms into ice.

A trace of the cold venom is enough to freeze one of my arms... Then, how terrifying would the cold power of the entire venom be?

How exactly painful is the venom that he is enduring right now? Is it because he was afraid to make me feel guilty so he did not tell me the truth?

Moreover, she had also realized that the single touch from her had seemed to have worsened the effect of the worm's venom.

Evil Cold Worm. The cold power of its venom was not any ordinary cold qi. As such, even if Ning Fan's Earth Flames were powerful, they were unable to offset the venom.

There was a huge prohibition for those who had been affected by the venom. Those who had been afflicted with the venom must not touch any woman during the times when the venom broke out. After all, females were of the yin element. They were inclined to coldness in nature. Once they come into contact with women, the cold venom of the worm within their bodies would greatly worsen.

Xi Ran knew that she had probably created another trouble for Ning Fan by aggravating the cold poison within him...

"I'm sorry... I'm so sorry..."

At this moment, she actually forgot that she had also been afflicted by the same venom due to her carelessness as one of her arms had gone numb, completely losing its senses.

In her heart, there was only remorse.

If it wasn't because of me, Ning Fan wouldn't have been injured. If it wasn't because I was too clumsy and foolish, I wouldn't have failed to notice that he was poisoned, let alone touch him, worsening his condition.

After just a light touch from Xi Ran, the worm's poison within Ning Fan's body erupted once again.

The consequences of that unintentional touch was that his six hollow organs had become completely frozen.

Since his five internal organs and six hollow organs were frozen, the next thing that would be affected by the poison was his Sea of Consciousness and his immortal veins. If these two are also frozen, there would then be no other alternatives to save his current condition, making it completely incurable.

“Why are you apologizing to me? Haven’t I told you that this Evil Cold Worm is just a small matter? As for you, however, it’s quite troublesome that your body is affected by the venom... Fortunately, the amount of venom is not much. Thus, it won’t be difficult to eradicate.”

Ning Fan gave her a warm smile. Since Xi Ran was no longer his enemy, there was no point for him to continue behaving cold and indifferent towards her.

With a slap on his storage pouch, he took out numerous demon blood which he had accumulated from the demons he killed in the past. After crushing the jade bottles and refining them with his corpse flames, he congealed the demon blood which was stored within more than ten jade bottles into a dark-red blood crystal.

“This blood crystal has the property of restraining the poison of the worm. It’s my first time witnessing this Evil Cold Worm. I’m still clueless about the method of eradicating the venom. However, judging from my senses after being affected by the poison, this poison isn’t truly from a cold power. In fact, it’s a type of coldness that could be felt in the heart. Therefore, I suppose there might be a miraculous result by eradicating the worm using blood. The poison in your body isn’t strong. This blood crystal which contains the blood essence from thousands of Nascent Soul Realm beasts should be enough for you to cure your poison.”

Ning Fan handed the blood crystal over to Xi Ran. However, Xi Ran guiltily shook her head and said, “No! I’m not going to eat it! Everything happened because of me. It’s because I was too dumb and foolish that the poison within your body worsened. You eat it... You must survive! You can’t die!”

As she thought of the words uttered by Qu Feng before his death, Xi Ran felt so scared that her little hands began to tremble in fear.

Qu Feng said that anyone who had been struck by the Evil Cold Worm would never stay alive for more than three days... Originally, she did not believe it as she saw that Ning Fan was still as energetic as usual. Now, however, she could not help but to believe it.

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Death is inevitable. Everyone will die eventually. Her grandfather died as he failed to escape from the Heavenly Tribulation. Her mother lost her life after suffering a heavy backlash from pill refining. Everyone was alive now because it isn't their time to die yet.

Xi Ran's heart was pounding wildly, feeling extremely anxious. She could not understand why whenever she thought that Ning Fan will die because of the worm poison, her mind would automatically recall her grandfather and mother who were the kindest and most loving to her in the past.

"You can't die... Please... don't die..." Tears began to well up within Xi Ran's eyes and streamed down her cheeks. This time, it was not because she was fearful or she was trying to throw a tantrum. Instead, she was just unwilling to see Ning Fan die, even though she still did not understand why she would harbor that kind of weird feelings.

"Don't worry. I won't die..."

Ning Fan looked at Xi Ran and lightly sighed. It was not long before when he also made the same promise to another woman.

I won't die. Why would I even die? Before eliminating every last one of my enemies, I can't die!

"Eat it. I will still need your help in refining a Mid-Grade Fifth Revolution Pill to control the worm's poison within me. If your arm is frozen, how could you even help me concoct a pill?"

"Refine a pill? Concocting a pill can help you suppress the poison?! I'll eat it! I'll do it right away!"

Xi Ran did not dare to get in contact with Ning Fan's body anymore. Gently and carefully, she received the blood crystal from him and swallowed it down immediately. No matter how stinky it smelled or how awful it tasted, she still forced herself to consume it. It was because in her mind right now, her only objective was to save Ning Fan!

As her body began to assimilate the power of the blood crystal, the worm's poison which turned her arm to ice started to diminish. However, just a brief moment later, she held her throat with both of her hands and bent herself over and started to puke.

Its taste is just too gross... She had never eaten such a disgusting thing before...

"What pill do you need? Whatever it is, I will concoct it for you!" Xi Ran uttered confidently, as if she was making a vow.

"Be patient. I will tell you in a while. It's really weird that the frontline troops of Kun Mo will march at this direction. Apparently, they seem to be marching towards the star island. As for this Evil Cold Worm, the 'great gift' that they gifted to me, it's impossible for me not to give them something in return."

Ning Fan's eyes flashed coldly. He was not a person who could simply be bullied by others. After all, the reason why one would strive for more strength and power was because they were unwilling to be bullied by others anymore. If one still could not have their own pride and firmness after going through everything in the journey of Dao cultivation, then it is pointless for them to continue cultivating their Dao!

Ning Fan was waiting. He was waiting for Stone Warrior and the others to return!

An hour later, Stone Warrior and the group of puppets standing on top of the black dragon finally came back.

Ning Fan did not speak anything other than staring deeply at Stone Warrior. Only when Stone Warrior approached him and passed him the remaining soul of Qu Feng did Ning Fan's eyes become a little less merciless.

"If you also devour the beast's demon soul, I will never let you off easily!"

"I won't be so bold to commit such action!"

Stone Warrior firmly replied. With the group of fighters, he had completely eliminated twelve Divine Transformation Realm experts and swallowed eleven souls with eight of them being at Mid Divine Transformation Realm and the remaining three being at Early Divine Transformation Realm. Currently, his qi was not far from breaking through to the Mid Divine Transformation Realm.

Swallowing souls was a means to increase a spiritual puppet's cultivation level. Of course, such a technique was unable to be concealed from Ning Fan's eyes. However, he did not comment much about it. Since he had entrusted the entire matter to Stone Warrior, he would not ask him too many questions. Besides, as long as Stone Warrior did not show any disloyalty, Ning Fan would turn a blind eye to whatever benefits Stone Warrior might get in the process including raising his own cultivation level.

Ning Fan did not expose that secret. Neither did Stone Warrior divulge it. However, a straightforward person does not resort to insinuations. Ning Fan was moved by the technique of raising a spiritual puppet's level. Despite knowing that the level of the spiritual puppets could be improved by letting them swallow other cultivators' souls, the specific details were still in Stone Warrior's hands.

"I want to learn the secret technique that you used to improve your cultivation level. In exchange, I will assist you to improve your level to the Mid Divine Transformation Realm and promise you that the next time we go to Peng Lai Immortal Island, I will release you and return you to Bei Xiaoman!"

"This... I will teach you this technique!" Stone Warrior contemplated for a while and immediately promised.

Although the Puppet Raising Technique was a secret technique, countless experts in the Northern Heaven were able to obtain it depending on their relationship with the Lost World Palace. With Ning Fan's identity, it would not be difficult for him to obtain this technique when he ascends to the Northern Heaven in the future.

If this technique can be used to establish a friendly relationship with Ning Fan, easing his relationship with the Lost World Palace, it could not have been better. Besides, I can't feel at ease all the time when I am not at Bei Xiaoman's side.

Instantly, Stone Warrior imprinted a jade slip and passed it to Ning Fan. As for Ning Fan, he took a glance at it and kept it without uttering much words. His eyes, however, were blazing with interest.

'Puppet Raising Technique'! With this technique, as long as I can hunt down enough Divine Transformation Realm experts, I can then improve the level of my spiritual puppets!

In this case, the 10 spiritual puppets in my hands and the puppets which Old Ancestor Dong Xu had promised to give me will have room for improvement.

After all, in this world, subordinates which can be trusted are just too few. As for spiritual puppets, however, they are without a doubt the most loyal and the safest subordinates!

After receiving Qu Feng's remnant soul, Ning Fan's eyes flashed with cold light. Without mercy, he performed the Soul Memory Searching Technique.

From its soul, everything including the forces in the Star Sea, the secrets of the Evil Cold Worm and even Kun Mo's plans of attacking star island and killing him were known by him.

"I'll let you devour this soul. Then, you will be able to advance into the Mid Divine Transformation Realm!" Ning Fan handed Qu Feng's remaining soul to Stone Warrior. After learning his memories, Ning Fan's eyes revealed an unprecedentedly strong killing intent.

Ever since he had left Ning City, the way he did things was quite restrained even though he was reluctant to be bullied by others.

When he was in Great Jin, he did not annihilate the entire country.

In the External Endless Sea, he did not wipe out any sects.

As for the nine tribes of the Lu Clan, he did not obliterate any one of the tribes.

He was tolerant all these while. Now, in the Star Sea, however, he felt that he could no longer tolerate it anymore!

Being patient and tolerant would eventually allow the four Holy Demons to assemble enough forces to besiege the star island!

“Originally, I’m unwilling to create troubles in the Star Sea. But since he doesn’t want to let me go, why should I feel sympathetic in washing the entire Star Sea with blood?!”

There were three Star Seas and a Star Gate was located at every one of the seas.

In the Star Sea where he was in, it was divided into four domains. The four Half-Step Void Refinement Realm Wild Beasts which claimed to be occupying these four domains were known as the Four Holy Demons!

Kun Mo resided in the southern part of the sea. Furthermore, according to Qu Feng’s memories, the other three Holy Demons had actually abandoned the idea of scheming on him. It was that particular demon who stubbornly insisted on taking his life.

Evil Cold Worm? Laughable! You want to take my life with just a venomous worm?

This worm is indeed difficult to deal with as it isn’t just any ordinary poison. It can’t be taken out or erased using the power of flames. However, the power of blood is able to eradicate this poison!

“I won’t die. In fact, I will use the blood of your thousands of demon troops in the southern sea to cure my cold poison! I might not be dirtying my hands to kill people, but it does not mean that I won’t kill!”

Ning Fan lifted his finger, congealing a trace of sword sense. The next moment, a ray of sword light was sent out at the direction of the star island. It was the Flying Sword Message Transmission!

The message he wanted to convey to the women was that he would be going to stay a little longer in the external world and let them know not to worry about him.

With the remaining prestige left by Wei Xuan, the bear demon will definitely not be daring enough to offend the three women. Perhaps, I think he might even send some gifts to them in order to befriend me!

“I’m going to kill someone. Are you coming?” Ning Fan shifted his indifferent gaze to Xi Ran. If she refuses, he would then send the spiritual puppets to escort her back to the island.

“Kill someone...” When she thought of that terrifying term, Xi Ran’s face turned pale. However, when she recalled that Ning Fan’s poison had yet to be cured, she became reluctant to leave him.

“I...I’m not afraid of killing. So...I guess I have to accompany you!”

“Mm.”

Ning Fan did not say much. With a flick of his sleeve, he produced the Golden Flame Chariot. Pulling Xi Ran into one of his arms, both of them appeared on the head of the chariot.

“Golden Flame Chariot!” Xi Ran’s eyes were twinkling with awe. This kind of high-end, classy and luxurious chariot was really hard to see in this era where the Heavenly Court had already collapsed, let alone have a ride on it.

No one including Xi Ran was able to avoid feeling admiration towards that chariot.

Ning Fan shut his eyes and took in a deep breath. When he reopened his eyes, they were already as cold as ice.

At this moment, he felt as if he had returned to the Demon Sinister Forest where he vowed to pierce through the sky after being pushed to the extreme where death awaits him as soon as he retreated a step backward.

When I had just entered the Star Sea, I was sneak-attacked by the demon beasts of the sea domain. Killing them was just an act of self-protection.

However, Kun Mo led the group of Wild Beasts to hunt me down. If only I acted a little more ferociously and wiped out all of them, then I would not need to face such troubles today!

That just makes Kun Mo someone who deserves to be killed!

“Get on the chariot. We are going to kill some beasts!”

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Gui Xiong Outpost was the outermost line of defense of the southern part of the Star Sea established by Kun Mo. It stretched into one hundred thousand li* long. Within the place, there were a massive amount of nests and hideouts of sea beasts. With at least three hundred thousand Gold Core Realm beasts standing guard at that place.

Whenever a turbulent water current flowed to that place, it would be neutralized by the power of the formation. Innumerable sea beasts and war chariots were moving in and out of the place which was bustling with activity. Readjustments on the arrangement of the troops and training were being carried out, as if they were preparing for war.

In the area which was the most heavily guarded stood a sea palace. Inside the palace, the general who was responsible for guarding the outpost was drinking wine while cheerfully talking with a few Wild Generals.

Thirty thousand li* (500m per li) outside the vicinity, a ray of golden light suddenly flashed past and landed on the bottom of the sea.

On the golden chariot, Ning Fan did not say anything. His gaze was focused on the formation which emanated clouds of black qi that surrounded the place. The next moment, his expression became stern.

The cold qi of his body had become even more concentrated than before. Even Stone Warrior and the other Early Divine Transformation Realm puppets did not dare to get close to Ning Fan and had to maintain a distance of three zhang* (3.13m per zhang) with him.

The cold qi was the poison from the Evil Cold Worm. After freezing the vital organs within his body, it was now showing signs of invading his Sea of Consciousness.

“Lu Bei, this is the pill that you need...” Inside the Golden Flame Chariot, Xi Ran’s face was covered with dust and ashes. Hurriedly, she walked out from the chariot carrying a fiery-red pill which was boiling hot as it had just been concocted and cautiously handed it over to Ning Fan.

It was a Mid-Grade Fifth Revolution pill – Vermilion Bird Soul Warming Pill!

This pill was created based on the pill recipe given by Ning Fan. Xi Ran had no idea about what the actual effects of the pill were. But at the moment when she received the recipe, she hesitated. By just looking at the medicinal ingredients required to concoct the pill, she could tell that this pill had no effect in completely eradicating the cold poison.

Vermilion Bird Soul Warming Pill. Within a short period of time, it was able to turn a cultivator’s Sea of Consciousness into flames, enabling them to temporarily have something which resembled the fire consciousness or fire sense. However, the power of it was definitely not as strong as the true fire consciousness.

Xi Ran did not know why Ning Fan would need that pill. Even so, she did not question him about it. Instead, she used a secret technique which inflicted damage on herself to forcefully concoct this pill within just three days.

If she were to concoct the pill depending only on her own power, she would need at least one hundred days to complete it. Her act of shortening the duration required for the production of the pill was without a doubt extremely harmful to her. Moreover, it had even slightly diminished the purity of her blood veins.

She was scared. She was scared that Ning Fan might die. Therefore, she just thought that the faster she could concoct the pill, the better it would be. Before Qu Feng breathed his last, he said that those who had been affected by the Evil Cold Worm would never be able to survive for another three days... She was not sure how many days Ning Fan could stay alive.

“You’ve finished concocting it within three days?” Ning Fan asked with a tone of surprise. However, when he saw Xi Ran’s face which was as pale as a ghost, he instantly understood that the little girl must have inflicted quite some damage on herself just to refine the pill.

I've just saved her once due to my promise. And now, she spared no effort to concoct the pill for me to save me. She's really a pure and naïve girl.

"Thank you..."

"I'm fine. You should quickly consume this pill!" Xi Ran said with a serious expression.

"Mmh."

Ning Fan opened his mouth, popped the pill inside and swallowed it down. Immediately, a scorching hot medicinal power flowed into his immortal veins, circulating throughout his entire body and eventually flowed into his Sea of Consciousness.

Within his sword consciousness, the medicinal power began to spread, causing his sword sense which was in the form of countless miniature swords to be lit up with flames. As for his original sword sense, it now carried a trace of flame power.

In terms of destructive power, such fire power was not any stronger than any Nascent Soul Realm magical techniques. However, there was another purpose for him by having his Sea of Consciousness turn into flames!

His eyes shone with determination. Without hesitating any longer, Ning Fan forced the cold poison which had affected all his limbs and bones into his Sea of Consciousness.

That was supposed to be a self-harming act. However, because his Sea of Consciousness had been turned into flames, it did not freeze!

"Why did you lead all of the worm's poison into your Sea of Consciousness?! Don't tell me... You want to use its poison to increase the power of your spirit sense?!" Xi Ran's face was filled with shock. At this moment, she finally understood why Ning Fan requested her to concoct the Vermilion Bird Soul Warming Pill.

Worm Refining Technique. It was actually a type of spirit sense attack. To be more accurate, it was an attack using worm sense. The venomous worms which were uniquely raised and reared had terrifying worm sense. That purple thorn which appeared out of nowhere in their previous encounter was the strongest worm sense attack that was formed by the Evil Cold Worm using its entire life. Its power was comparable to that of a Peak Divine Transformation Realm expert's entire spirit sense.

Hence, the worm sense was impressively strong. The might of its thorn was terrifying and its poison was extremely cold, making it difficult to eradicate by ordinary means.

As such, the worm's poison residing within Ning Fan's body was not just poison but also the power of its spirit sense which it had gathered throughout its whole life! If Ning Fan was able to assimilate the power of the worm, it would certainly enhance his spirit sense and even turn the harmful worm's poison into an effective medicine to raise the power of his spirit sense. However, Xi Ran had never seen anyone who would think of refining a worm's poison to enhance their spirit sense! For ordinary cultivators, if they have been afflicted by a worm's poison, who would take the risk to refine it? Being able to expel the poison out of one's body would already be considered extremely lucky, wouldn't it?

"What are you doing?! Is the worm's poison something a cultivator can refine?!" Xi Ran was feeling so worried that she nearly cried. If she knew that Ning Fan was going to resort to such radical means to deal with the worm's poison, she would never have agreed to refine the Vermilion Bird Soul Warming Pill for him. She would have searched for other alternatives and concocted other types of pills to make him live.

Perhaps it might take some toll on her, causing her cultivation level to regress. However, as long as she could save Ning Fan's life, she would do anything.

"Don't worry!"

Ning Fan gently patted Xi Ran's head, making the latter blush. After all, it was her first time having her hair touched by a man.

However, in the next moment, Xi Ran realized that after Ning Fan had consumed the pill and led the worm's poison into his Sea of Consciousness, he was able to touch her again. It was not something that he could possibly do earlier!

“Your poison has been suppressed?!” Xi Ran asked with a face full of astonishment.

“For the time being, yes! With the strength of my sword sense and the heat of the Soul Warming Pill, this cold poison can’t freeze my Sea of Consciousness yet. On the other hand, if I completely refine the worm sense within the cold poison, my spirit sense would be greatly enhanced!”

The corner of Ning Fan’s lips curved into a faint smile. When it comes to dealing with affairs and people, his principle was to maximize the benefits for everything. Even if he was poisoned, he wanted to obtain some benefits from that circumstance.

Evil Cold Worm? As long as its poison can’t kill me, this poison wouldn’t be considered detrimental to me. Instead, it’s a tonic for my spirit sense!

With his sword sense and the help from the Soul Warming Pill, Ning Fan was capable of temporarily restraining the Evil Cold Worm’s poison. As long as he manages to gather enough demon blood in the shortest time possible, he could then cure his poison and improve his spirit sense at the same time!

Without uttering any more words, Ning Fan pointed at the Golden Flame Chariot. Then, it disappeared into a ray of golden light and moved across the sea, traversing thirty thousand li* (500 m per li) within an instance and emerged again at the Gui Xiong Outpost!

Outside the outpost, hundreds of Gold Core Realm sea beasts noticed the arrival of the golden chariot and were instantly alarmed.

It was indeed their first time witnessing the incredible speed of the golden chariot. As it appeared outside the vicinity of the outpost, it suddenly appeared without showing any sign at all.

A sea beast emitted a loud cry of alarm and a group of at least a hundred sea beasts surrounded the chariot. With an indifferent expression, one of them coldly said, “Stop right there! It is a heavy crime for anyone who isn’t a member of the Gui Xiong Outpost to trespass here. If you don’t retreat within three breaths, then die!”

Each of the sea beasts was just at the Gold Core Realm. They only noticed that there were thirteen shadows on the Golden Flame Chariot and the dragon corpse which pulled the chariot was as massive as a mountain. However, none of them was able to see through any of their cultivation level.

Although they had no idea of the cultivation level of the intruders, they knew that the group of intruders was not some people they should offend. Despite that, none of them were feeling fearful since no matter how strong the group of intruders might be, they were subordinates of Kun Mo, the ruler of the southern part of the Star Sea. No one would be bold enough to cause troubles in Kun Mo's territory!

Thus, that group of sea beasts needed not to be courteous towards Ning Fan and his group!

Ning Fan leapt down from the chariot and domineeringly spread his spirit sense. His Late Divine Transformation Realm spirit sense effortlessly penetrated the defensive formation of the outpost and brushed past each of the Gold Core Realm sea beasts.

Instantly, every single one of the Gold Core Realm sea beasts was filled with shock. When Ning Fan's spirit sense swept across them, the group of demons clearly felt an irresistible aura force which was much stronger than that of the chief general of the outpost.

What's more terrifying was that the qi of his spirit sense had unrestrainedly released a trace of bloody Baleful Qi which was so intense that it was inerasable!

The immense Baleful Qi made one feel like he had just been through a blood sea before arriving at the outpost!

"You... Who are you?! You can't possibly be a nameless being in the Star Sea with such powerful spirit sense! Ahhhh!"

At this moment, the group of sea beasts no longer had the arrogance on their faces like before. What was left in them was fear and terror!

Each of the beasts which had a huge body the size of a hill were all ashamed of their inferiority, emanating a weak aura when standing right in front of Ning Fan who appeared to be just a thin and frail man!

They suddenly remembered that they should have politely asked for the intruders' identities before chasing them out from the outpost.

However, why should Ning Fan even bother making an explanation to those beasts who were about to meet their deaths!

Your master is my enemy!

Your blood is the best remedy for me to cure my poison and improve my spirit sense!

"Go to hell!"

As Ning Fan spread his sword sense, the one hundred sea beasts which were merely at the Gold Core Realm were immediately shredded to pieces and perished into a cloud of blood mist. The next moment, Ning Fan opened his mouth wide and inhaled! The blood mist was all absorbed into his abdomen!

Under the nourishment of the blood essence from the one hundred sea beasts, the cold poison within him was immediately diminished by one in one hundred thousand.

The cold poison which was neutralized was then devoured by his fiery spirit sense, slightly improving the power of his spirit sense.

Even though that improvement was too insignificant to make a mark, it made Ning Fan's eyes sparkle!

Devouring the worm's poison to raise my spirit sense... Feasible!

"Who is committing murder in my Gui Xiong Outpost?! Are you courting death?!"

Groups of ferocious beasts stood above the city wall which was ten thousand zhang* (3.13m per zhang) tall. All of them roared loudly and angrily.

It was impossible for them not to realize Ning Fan's action of killing one hundred Gold Core Realm beasts.

After witnessing Ning Fan's might, how would the other Gold Core Realm beasts be audacious enough to exit the formation and engage him? All of them only occupied the city wall, staying within the formation and firing thousands of arrows at him using the power of the formation. While initiating long-ranged attacks at Ning Fan, they were sending warnings to the internal part of the outpost.

"It's the 'Jade Breaking Arrow Formation'?! They actually displayed that Peak Divine Transformation Realm formation. The formation power that is imbued on the arrows is extremely strong. A single one of the formation arrows is able to kill a Late Gold Core Realm being. One hundred of them can kill a Late Nascent Soul Realm being whereas ten thousand of them can take a Late Divine Transformation Realm expert's life! Lu Bei, you have to be careful. This arrow formation is not weak..."

Xi Ran was feeling anxious. She was afraid that the current Ning Fan who already had some injuries with him would be wounded by a volley of arrows.

However, that worries she had was unnecessary. It was because Ning Fan straight away placed his arm around Xi Ran's slim and tender waist and soared into the sky.

"I'm going to massacre them. If you're afraid, just close your eyes..."

He only uttered a sentence. However, as his voice fell, a massive killing intent surged within his eyes!

As he pressed his finger on his glabella, a crystal compass glowing in silver light appeared in his palm.

Just as that compass appeared, a starlight formation diagram occupying the vicinity of one hundred zhang* (3.13m per zhang) in front of him emerged right beneath his foot.

The formation diagram was ancient and abstruse. After fusing it with countless ancient formations, it began to give out traces of heavy and boundless qi.

All of a sudden, the starlight formation radiated with dazzling light in all directions. Thirty thousand silver lotus lamps rose, surrounding Ning Fan and Xi Ran.

Each of the lamps were lit up in silver light one after another. At that moment, Xi Ran was completely drawn by that scene, revealing a look of awe because these lotus lamps were really beautiful. They were even more beautiful than fireworks.

“What is this magical treasure? Why haven’t I seen Lu Bei using it before?”

There was no reply to her question.

After three thousand lamps were lit up, a silver-colored light veil shot up from the formation diagram below, shielding the two of them!

The ten thousand arrow light which was enough to eliminate a Late Divine Transformation Realm expert landed on the silver light formation. However, as soon as they came into contact with the formation, every single one of them were burned in silver flames and reduced to ashes.

Above the massive wall, the sea beasts were stupefied by the scene.

What is that treasure? Its defense is really heaven-defying! It is even sturdy enough to block the power of the formation light which is able to kill a Late Divine Transformation Realm with ease!

“Three thousand star lamps are more than enough to block a Late Divine Transformation Realm strike. But it isn’t over yet... Deflect!”

As Ning Fan muttered the word ‘deflect’, ten thousand silver-colored arrows rained down from Ning Fan’s formation!

It was exactly the same as the attack delivered by the great formation of the Gui Xiong Outpost!

That was the ability of the Inlaid Star Compass! Its defense was matchless and it also had the ability of deflecting attacks!

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Using a compass, a formation was formed!

Uttering a single word, the attack was deflected!

Xi Ran was unable to comprehend the mystery behind his magical treasure. She could only gasp slightly in surprise upon witnessing the frightening capabilities of the Inlaid Star Compass.

Staring at the thirty thousand lotus lamps, Xi Ran's eyes were no longer looking dazed. Instead, her face was filled with amazement.

The combined power of the volley of ten thousand arrows was able to kill a Late Divine Transformation Realm expert. However, an attack like that of an all-out strike of a Peak Divine Transformation Realm being was blocked by the compass!

Lighting up three thousand lotus lamps was enough to block a Peak Divine Transformation Realm attack!

If five thousand of the lotus lamps are ignited, perhaps it would be enough to block a Half-Step Void Refinement Realm attack!

If ten thousand lamps are lit up, a Void Refinement Realm attack would be blocked!

If all thirty thousand lotus lamps are ignited, it would be strong enough to even block an attack from a Mid Void Refinement Realm expert!

"It's a strong defensive magical treasure... I just wonder how many lamps at maximum he can light up..."

Xi Ran curled her body up, tightly snuggling into Ning Fan's arm. She did not ask him too many questions as she was afraid that her words might distract him. Hence, she obediently closed her eyes, feeling a little afraid because she knew Ning Fan was going to take lives.

Ten thousand arrows glowing in starlight travelled in a reverse direction, bombarding at the formation light protecting the Gui Xiong Outpost, producing a deafening bang.

After receiving the rain of arrows, the formation light did not completely shatter. There were only innumerable holes left by the arrows which recovered promptly. However, its power was already much weaker than before. In order to restore the formation power to its original level, it would take quite some time.

If the formation was said to have the defense to block a Peak Divine Transformation Realm strike, its current defense was only able to defend against the strike of a Late Divine Transformation Realm expert.

"Keep him occupied! Strive for enough time to let the formation restore its power and stop letting him attack the formation!"

"The rest of you guard the city! We, the five brothers, will go out and engage him!"

Five Half-Step Divine Transformation Realm sea beasts who already shapeshifted half of their bodies into human forms dashed out from the city wall. After performing a few instant shifts, they were already out of the grand formation and surrounded Ning Fan.

All five of them had the face of a child. However, all their bodies were covered with fish scales. Apparently, they were some kind of demon beast which belong to the family of fish.

Every one of them had strong qi. In the External Endless Sea, they might be at the same level as the four tower masters of the Lost World Palace!

Besides, they were proficient in joint attacks. In the past, they had even managed to kill an Early Divine Transformation Realm expert through their combined attacks.

“It’s the Five Scaly Fish Demons! Not only are their combined attacks strong, they are also proficient in the technique called Slithery Scales. Any common Divine Transformation Realm expert’s attacks would easily slide off their bodies, allowing them to evade their attacks with ease...”

The appearance of the five demons lifted the morale of the troops in the Gui Xiong Outpost. However, in the next moment, all the enthusiastic cheers died down, leaving anxiety which filled the atmosphere.

Ning Fan did not cast a single glance at the five demons. After keeping the Inlaid Star Compass, he made a stomp on the ground.

When he made the stomp, the five of them spurted blood and fell down from the sky. Their qi greatly weakened.

The confidence on their expressions faded, being replaced by absolute terror!

Even though the five of them possessed the power to defeat many other cultivators in the Star Sea, they did not even have the chance of getting close to Ning Fan. As for the latter, he put the five of them in a grievous state with just a single stomp!

“What’s his cultivation level? He isn’t an Early Divine Transformation Realm expert. I don’t think he is at the Mid Divine Transformation Realm too... Because even General Gui Nu1 who is at the Mid Divine Transformation Realm could not injure us to such a degree with just a single step... Ah!”

Without giving any explanations, Ning Fan made the second step. Five of them were immediately eliminated by the sword light of the great momentum!

Holding Xi Ran with one of his hands, he balled his other hand into a fist and landed on the black formation light of the city like torrential rain.

“Crush!”

After delivering that blow on the formation, the repulsive force caused him to retreat by seven steps. As for the formation light, it crumbled into mist in the sound of a loud bang.

The grand formation is broken!

Ning Fan descended on the city tower and unleashed his sword sense. The vicinity within thirty thousand li* (500m per li) was covered with a thick black cloud.

“Die!”

Just as his sword sense swept across the entire area, groups upon groups of large Gold Core Realm beasts wailed in pain and perished!

Within seconds, at least one hundred thousand ferocious beasts had died within the area of thirty thousand li* (500 m per li)! Nearly one-third of the outpost’s troops was wiped out!

The beasts which were at the Nascent Soul Realm might not die instantly under his sword sense, but the injuries they suffered were not light. That scene before their very eyes had already caused them to be stricken with fear!

“S-Sword sense! It’s bad! Someone is attacking the city! Hurry up and report to General Gui Nu!”

Everything happened too suddenly!

No one had expected that Ning Fan could break the grand formation of the outpost with just a punch!

If they knew Ning Fan had such capabilities, they would have assembled the one hundred thousand Gold Core Realm beasts into their military formations. In that case, they would need not to be afraid of a Gold Core Realm sword sense attack.

Ning Fan then turned his five fingers into a claw. Within the Star Sea, one thousand dark-red blood rain fell, turning into rays of blood light. Every one of them aimed directly at the Nascent Soul Realm beasts and moved towards them with an unimaginable speed. Instantly, thousands of the wounded Nascent Soul Realm beasts had their bodies melted and decomposed.

The remaining Nascent Soul Realm beasts who strenuously blocked the assault of the blood rain were already in panic, desperately travelling towards the most magnificent sea palace in the city. They had to inform General Gui Nu that the outpost had been attacked by an unknown intruder.

Dispersing the blood rain, Ning Fan lifted his hand in mid-air and beckoned. The blood and demon pills produced by the one hundred thousand Gold Core Realm and one thousand Nascent Soul Realm beasts flew into his palms in the form of blood light, congealing into a blood-red light ball.

The light ball had gathered the vital essence of all the one hundred thousand ferocious beasts, radiating an aggressive blood qi.

When he swallowed down the light ball and assimilated its blood power, the poison within his Sea of Consciousness was immediately reduced by nearly one percent. As for his demon power, it was showing signs of improvement. However, his demon power could only be raised after he had completely refined the blood qi.

The dissipation of the poison meant the enhancement of his spirit sense. Currently his spirit sense which had been improved by the inheritance of Heart Blood completely stabilized.

“The day when this Evil Cold Worm is fully eradicated will be the day when my Late Divine Transformation Realm spirit sense advances into the Peak Divine Transformation Realm!”

After Ning Fan shattered the grand formation of the outpost, Stone Warrior and his other puppets had also begun to eliminate the enemies in other directions.

Each of the nest where the sea beasts resided was easily invaded. Fearful and enraged cries of the sea beasts constantly echoed into the air.

Xi Ran who was snuggling in Ning Fan’s arm was shocked by the wails and cries of the sea beasts until her delicate face became deathly pale. To her, that scene was just a little too scary.

It was not because she had not seen cultivators fighting before. However, a battle at such scale where the Star Sea was dyed red by blood really terrified her.

Within the Gui Xiong Outpost, there were eight Divine Transformation Realm experts standing on guard.

However, during the time when Ning Fan assaulted the city, the eight of them were enjoying themselves with wine. If it was not because of that, Ning Fan would definitely not be able to break the defensive formation of the city without much resistance.

In the sea palace, music played using bamboo flutes could be heard from afar.

All of the guests were immersing themselves in a delightful atmosphere. The chief general of the outpost, General Gui Nu, was throwing a big banquet to celebrate his birthday.

Gui Nu was a single-eyed Wild General with white hair. Despite his old and weary appearance, he emanated a fearsome momentum and his eyes were as deep as the sea.

Because of his Mid Divine Transformation Realm cultivation level, he was promoted to guard the outpost and became the right-hand man of Lord Kun Mo.

Furthermore, he also had an involvement in crafting the plan of initiating an attack on the star island.

Below his seat, seven Early Divine Transformation Realm vice generals raised their cups, expressing their good wishes to Gui Nu. All of them were respectful to him from the bottom of their hearts.

“As long as the Gui Xiong Outpost remains, everyone will be my slave!”

That bold and unconstrained statement was where his name ‘Gui Nu’ came from.

“The frontline troops had just departed from the Gui Xiong Outpost. Within a month, they would definitely be able to enter and station at the peripheral areas of the star island. When the time comes, there will be other demon troops to pin the old bear down. As for us, we shall just act according to Lord Kun Mo’s order by giving ‘special care’ to that Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator... This old man actually wants to see how strong the Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator whom Lord Kun

Mo is constantly thinking of will be. I wonder if he can even withstand one of my strikes!” Gui Nu was already half-drunk, however his eyes were shining with pride and arrogance.

“General Gui is indeed extraordinarily courageous. General’s Jade Life Body Refining Realm has nearly reached the peak of the Second Level. Among the Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts in the Star Sea, General could also be considered as one of the most famous beings. What’s that Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator when compared to General? He’s just a being who managed to frighten the old bear who has grown timid with his age. If he encounters General Gui, perhaps he would have died without needing General to display three moves!”

“Three moves? This old man will only need one move to kill him! Hmm? Speaking of which, isn’t outside especially noisy today?”

Gui Nu rose from his seat. But in the next moment, his eyes turned solemn and his face was suddenly filled with shock.

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He could faintly hear the cries of innumerable beasts echoing to his palace from tens of thousands of li* (500m per li) away.

What surprised him even more was that within the main hall of the palace, a white-robed man carrying a feeble-looking, young girl in his arms appeared in a flash out of nowhere. None of them in the hall were able to notice how and when he got in!

The seven Early Divine Transformation Realm vice generals placed their hands on their swords which were tied to their waists and stood up vigilantly. Their eyes were all filled with astonishment.

They were unable to see clearly how Ning Fan got in. The only thing they were able to tell about him was that the latter was a cultivator of the Early Divine Transformation Realm. As for the young girl, however, she was a Late Divine Transformation Realm being!

“A Late Divine Transformation Realm expert!”

All of them were stunned. Most of them felt that way because of Xi Ran. However, anyone who had a keen eyesight would be able to notice at first glance that Xi Ran's qi was chaotic after taking some damage while concocting pill. She could not possibly release any bit of her demon power. As such, she did not seem to be intimidating anymore.

However, they were aware that there must be something huge happening outside as Ning Fan was able to intrude the sea palace by himself.

As they spread their spirit sense to check the situation outside, their expressions instantly changed drastically. At the area within the outpost, the nests which used to house three hundred thousand sea beasts had all been razed to the ground. Outside the palace, there were eleven Divine Transformation Realm spiritual puppets and a Half-Step Void Refinement Realm black dragon refined corpse which had heavily besieged the vicinity, leaving no place for any of them to flee!

“Courting death! How dare you kill my men in my outpost?! You must die!”

Two Early Divine Transformation Realm vice generals were deeply enraged. Without hesitation, they turned into two traces of green smoke. One of them charged at Xi Ran while the other dashed towards Ning Fan.

From their perspectives, there were only a refined corpse and puppets outside the palace. Only the young man and woman before their eyes were living beings. Moreover, judging from their cultivation level, the young woman was obviously stronger than the young man. Perhaps, she was the master of all the puppets.

The group of spiritual puppets outside the palace indeed had formidable strength. However, if they were able to capture the master of the puppets, they would then gain advantage in their current situation and even reverse it.

Deep inside their hearts, although they hated themselves for drinking wine which caused them to disregard the trouble that was happening outside, they did not place Ning Fan in their eyes at all.

Since Xi Ran was suffering injuries at the moment and she was not used to combat, her little face appeared to be ghastly pale and her qi was completely in disarray.

As for Ning Fan, his qi seemed to be rather ferocious and tough. However, he was still just an Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator after all. A being like him was not enough to make them be afraid.

“Shark’s Bite!”

“Whale’s Swallow!”

Two of them transformed into their demon avatars at the same time. Their bodies did not change but both of their heads turned into the head of a shark and the head of a whale respectively and opened their jaws wide at Ning Fan and Xi Ran.

The body of a Wild Beast was already terrifying at first glance. The bite force from their jaws was enough to kill a common Divine Transformation Realm cultivator with a weak body refining realm.

Those two attacks were as fast as the wind and lightning. Even so, Ning Fan’s shadow was even faster.

Without noticing when Ning Fan had moved, he was already standing in front of Xi Ran and threw out two punches!

The power of his punches landed directly at the heads of the two generals. The razor-sharp teeth which the two of them were always proud of were as fragile as glass when faced with Ning Fan’s punches. All of them could not withstand a single blow and were crushed to powder!

His massive strength began to vibrate throughout their bodies from their heads, shattering their demon bones. Eventually, their demon bodies were smashed into clouds of blood mist.

As the remaining force within their bodies dissipated, the guests who were below the Divine Transformation Realm within the hall were affected, causing a bloody scene where some of them perished while the others were injured. It had even torn the hollow space apart.

Killing two generals within an instant!

Gui Nu's eyes widened in disbelief. He did not expect that Ning Fan who appeared to be less eye-catching would be a strong body refining expert who was capable of killing Divine Transformation Realm beings with just his punches!

Judging from the power of his punch, his body refining realm should at least be at a level not weaker than the Second Level of Jade Life Realm.

The more Gui Nu looked at Ning Fan, the more familiar he felt the latter's appearance was. Unfortunately, the tipsy feeling within his head had yet to subside, making him unable to recall who the latter was. Hence, he made a step forward, emanating a vigorous aura, and ordered the other generals beside him with an imposing tone.

"He is an expert at the Second Level of Jade Life Body Refining Realm. All of you must not simply engage him. Let this old man turn him to dust!"

What he meant by 'must not simply engage' was actually implying them to sneak attack whenever there's a chance!

The remaining five Early Divine Transformation Realm experts got his meaning. They stood aside and their gazes were all focused on Ning Fan.

Ning Fan showed a look of contempt and also moved a step forward, entirely crushing Gui Nu's aura.

"Just now you mentioned that you could finish me off with just a move?"

Puke

At just their first encounter, Gui Nu's aura was destroyed, causing him to retreat ten steps backwards. As he regained his balance, he coughed out a mouthful of blood which dyed his white beard red. His expression was completely filled with shock.

"This man has very bizarre means. Crushing my aura with just a step... Let's go together and finish him off!"

“Let’s go!”

“Kill!”

In the Star Sea, ferocious beasts were everywhere. Even if they were at the end of their wits, they would still fight until their last breaths. Besides, Gui Nu thought that since he had six of them on his side, they might not necessarily lose to the intruders.

Their fierce aura might seem to be directed against Ning Fan, but in the next instant, three out of six of them transformed into streams of clouds and travelled towards Xi Ran.

“Are the demons of the Star Sea especially fond of bullying women?!”

Ning Fan’s eyes shone with cold light. Previously, it was because of his carelessness that Qu Feng had the opportunity to nearly harm Xi Ran.

This time, he would never repeat his mistake again!

Moving one step backwards, his arm held Xi Ran’s slim waist more tightly. At the same moment, three shadows of the vice generals appeared one after another behind Xi Ran.

Just as they emerged, their expressions looked amazed. They did not expect their plan of performing sneak attacks on Xi Ran would be seen through by Ning Fan so quickly.

“Close your eyes...”

Ning Fan gently told her. Immediately, Xi Ran who had a face that was ghastly pale obediently shut her eyes.

At the next moment, Ning Fan thrust his palms forward, moving directly at the heads of the three generals. The power of his palms caused the sea current of the Star Sea to move in reverse. Within the

vicinity of one thousand li*, the sea water was pushed away, forming a one hundred zhang* large (3.13m per zhang) waterless area!

“Retreat quickly! This man isn’t a cultivator of the Second Level of Jade Life Realm! He’s at the Third Level of Jade Life Realm!”

Splitting the sea with a palm. Even Gui Nu who was at the peak of the Second Level of Jade Life Realm was unable to perform that kind of technique!

Under the wind sent out from the strike, the three generals felt their bones creaking and their bodies could barely maintain their balances.

No one at the scene thought of underestimating the power of his palm!

“Demon avatars, appear!”

The three generals instantly transformed into their original avatars which were one thousand zhang* (3.13m per zhang) long, attempting to withstand the might of Ning Fan’s palm with their Wild Beasts bodies.

Bang

As his palm landed, the earth trembled while the mountain shook. All the defensive scale armors of the three generals were immediately shattered. Then, some cracking sounds could be heard. The three massive beasts’ immortal veins were broken, their demon pills were pulverized and their skeletons were smashed to powder. Instantaneously, they ceased to breathe.

As for the attacks of the other three, Ning Fan did not even pay them any attention. He straight away made nine steps forward, forming a sword out of the great momentum. The sea palace which occupied the area of ten thousand zhang* (3.13m per zhang) collapsed from the sword light. Gui Nu crazily coughed out fresh blood, as if he had just taken a heavy blow. Only then did he manage to stand on his feet again. The other two vice generals, however, were immediately shredded into pieces by the sword conjured by Ning Fan’s technique: Nine Steps – Sky Treader.

There was only Gui Nu left in the surroundings!

Help! I must request for help!

Gui Nu's eyes flashed with ferocity. Slapping on his storage pouch, he produced a bright red compass. It was a compass which was embedded with an Imprisoning Formation! It contained three traces of life force within it. Apparently, some beings had been imprisoned within!

"There are three Star Seas in this world. The place I am in right now is the Greedy Wolf Star. These prisoners are the experts from the Military Breaking Star Sea. They were all captured by Lord Kun Mo in the past. After being planted a restrictive seal, they were handed over to me. If it wasn't as a last resort, it must never be activated easily! But now, I shall release them! Open!"

As Gui Nu's eyes fill with ruthlessness, the three imprisoning seals on the compass were torn off. The next moment, three rays of light shot out from within, standing at Gui Nu's sides. Each of them gave off Mid Divine Transformation Realm qi!

The leader among them was an elderly man with a red face. He was a being who was just half a step away from breaking through to the Late Divine Transformation Realm!

"This old man is finally out! I'm finally free!"

The three of them sneered as their gazes scanned through Gui Nu. When they shifted their gazes to Ning Fan and Xi Ran, their eyes were obviously filled with contempt. However, when they noticed the dead corpses of a bunch of Wild Beasts on the floor, only then did they begin to take them seriously.

"Kill the two of them and you shall regain your freedom!" Gui Nu gave them a grim smile.

"An injured Late Divine Transformation Realm cultivator and an Early Divine Transformation Realm ant? The deal is sealed!" The three of them laughed hysterically and promised without hesitation. But in the next moment, their laughs died away and their faces were replaced with terror!

Ning Fan took one step forward. A stream of black qi revolved around his body, dying his white robe black. His black hair grew longer, dancing in the air even though there was no breeze blowing. At the moment when a demonic mark appeared on his face, he made a thrust forward, dispersing into a cloud of dark shadows.

Black Tempest Rupture Art!

At the moment he displayed that technique, all the four Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts including Gui Nu revealed a look of horror.

“What’s this technique?! It can’t be countered! It definitely can’t be countered!”

“Incarnation! This is incarnation that only a Void Fragmentation Realm expert can comprehend! Ordinary techniques will be unable to inflict any damage on it!”

“This young man has an incarnation. Among the cultivators at the same level as him, he could be considered invincible. How could we be his match?! Gui Nu! You freaking set us up!”

Without any hesitation, the four of them transformed into four rays of light and fled. However, just as they escaped from the palace, the fear within their hearts magnified. It was because the entire area outside the palace was heavily surrounded by twelve domineering qi. There were completely no room for them to escape at all!

“Die!”

As the black shadow dispersed, it congealed again.

Just as Ning Fan reappeared, the four Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts let out painful wails together. All four of them were engulfed by the black shadow, perishing into ashes.

In the Gui Xiong Outpost, there was no longer anyone alive!

The demon blood from all the demon killed in this place was enough for Ning Fan to completely relieve the poison of the Evil Cold Worm.

However, just a moment after the outpost was annihilated, a black-colored miniature sword flew directly at the palace across the sky. It was a flying sword for message transmissions.

As soon as it entered the palace, it burst and emitted a command which was uttered with an enraged tone. Without a doubt, that voice belonged to Kun Mo.

“The frontline troops led by Qu Feng were all wiped out. No one survived... Gui Nu! I now command you to tighten up the defense of the outpost. If the outpost makes any mistakes, I will hold you solely responsible! As for the matter of killing the Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator, I will give a separate order. For the time being, you just wait for my orders with your army!”

His voice reverberated three times in the soundless battlefield which was piled up with skeletons before it disappeared.

Isn't this Kun Mo's warning a little too late? He intended to kill me at first. But it seems like I have made a step earlier in counter attacking him in return!

Now, the Gui Xiong Outpost has been cleared!

“Lu Bei, I have a blood phobia...” Xi Ran still did not dare to open her eyes. Her little face became even paler than before. Despite that, the words she uttered made Ning Fan not know whether to laugh or cry.

“Take this pill and consume it.”

“This is... a Sixth Revolution Pill – Heaven Reversing Pill! It is a pill that can fully heal a severely injured Void Refinement Realm expert! How did you...”

“Don't ask. Just consume it.” Ning Fan let go of Xi Ran and scanned the surroundings of the bloody battlefield with his eyes.

From the beginning up until now, I've killed four hundred thousand Gold Core Realm beasts, ten thousand Nascent Soul Realm beasts, twenty-four Divine Transformation Realm experts with eleven of them being at the early stage, twelve of them being at the mid stage while one of them being at the late stage... But it is still not enough!

There were two paths for one to become great and formidable. One of them was by playing dumb to take advantage of others. One could opt to set up his subordinates, causing all of them to die and then snatch all of their treasures.

The other alternative was to act as an antagonistic villain by establishing a heaven-startling devil prestige and strike fear into those who had heard of his name, turning the whole Star Sea upside down.

"If you are afraid, you can go back first."

"No. I want to follow you..." While looking at the Sixth Revolution Pill on her hand, a hint of sweetness surged within his heart.

Lu Bei must be into me. If not, how would he be willing to give such a precious pill for me to eat?

My father once said that our pill refining technique must never be spread to outsiders. However, if I meet a suitable man who has excellent potential, I can privately pass it to him... Should I pass it to him? Hmm... I think... I should..."

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Three days had passed but Ning Fan was still alive!

His body gave off a purple cold frost which rose into the sky. However, after refining countless demon blood crystals, his blood turned excessively hot, counteracting the cold poison within him. Hence, he did not die!

The annihilation of the Gui Xiong Outpost spread throughout the entire Greedy Wolf Star Sea like a rainstorm. Upon receiving that information, the bear demon, Man Shan felt a sudden shock within his heart.

On the ruins of Gui Xiong Outpost where innumerable carcasses piled up like mountains and the sea water was red like blood, a piece of large land was cleared up.

On that piece of empty land, there were seven massive blood-red characters carved using a sharp sword by someone.

Lu Bei, the slayer from Luo Yun!

That piece of information made the bear demon find it hard to retain his calmness.

The Gui Xiong Outpost had a Peak Divine Transformation Realm grand formation. Moreover, under the lead and defense by its main general, Gui Nu and the others, even the bear demon found it difficult to successfully take down that city!

That Lu Bei, however, managed to annihilate the entire outpost. Besides, among the cadavers left at the scene, none of them belonged to other demon beasts other than the sea beasts of the Gui Xiong Outpost. What does that imply?

Clearly, it meant that Lu Bei who wiped out the troops garrisoned at the Gui Xiong Outpost certainly did not bring many people with him, let alone any miscellaneous soldiers. Otherwise, it was impossible to not have a single intruder's corpse among the hundreds of thousands of skeletons at that place.

“Who is Lu Bei?! It's so troublesome! Currently, I'm already having difficulties dealing with that Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator. If Lu Bei also comes to the star island, it would be hard for me to conduct myself with two malefic beings residing on the island at the same time... However, this Lu Bei has really done me a big favor. I heard that that little wean, Star Dragon, is planning on attacking my star island. This Lu Bei obviously harbors enmity against Kun Mo. From its capabilities of seizing the Gui Xiong Outpost, it would not be difficult for him to stir up the situation of the southern Star Sea!”

“If this man is able to eliminate Kun Mo as well, I’m going to feel more at ease. The war in the star island could then be avoided!”

On the other hand, in Li Kun Palace, Kun Mo was angered to the extreme where he was unable to sit still after hearing that report.

The frontline troops were wiped out while the entire Gui Xiong Outpost was annihilated!

“Pass my orders! Gather all forces of the Southern Star Sea and eliminate Lu Bei!”

“Who is Lu Bei?!”

“Hmmp! My Poison King Token has started to react! That Lu Bei must have been afflicted with that Evil Cold Worm’s poison! In the Southern Star Sea, whoever has the cold poison which would freeze the vicinity of one hundred li* (500m per li) is Lu Bei! Upon encountering someone like that, kill!”

Kun Mo’s eyes were burning with rage. Before he could even exact his revenge on that mysterious Early Divine Transformation Realm expert on the star island, there is another troublesome man who had come to cause him troubles!

Looking at the deep purplish Poison King Token, Kun Mo grin hideously and said, “For whoever kills that Lu Bei, I will extract the Evil Cold Worm from the corpse, neutralize its poison using my Poison King Token and help that hero enhance his spirit sense using the worm sense! If there are other forces who manage to kill Lu Bei, this reward will also remain valid!”

As his order spread among the troops, groups of beasts were filled with excitement. Furthermore, some sea beasts which had been hiding in the dark without coming out to the real world all this while were also tempted by that offer.

A venomous worm’s poison was able to harm someone. However, it could also be used as a tonic to increase the power of one’s spirit sense. As a matter of fact, the original intention of creating a venomous worm was to use it as medicine. It was only because of the later generations who used it as poison to kill someone. Gradually, it had become a general knowledge that the poison of a venomous poison wasn’t consumable!

However, ordinary people might be unable to consume a venomous worm's poison, but it did not mean that no one was able to do that. For example, Kun Mo, the person who reared venomous worms possessed the Poison King Token which could purge the toxicity of a venomous worm's poison and turned that worm into a nourishing tonic for one's spirit sense.

That Poison King Token actually did not belong to Kun Mo. It was something that he found by accident in the Star Palace.

It was because of the profoundness of that token which could neutralize a venomous worm's poison and turn it into a medicine that Kun Mo could have a smooth sailing in his journey of cultivation, obtain a great improvement in his power and eventually become one of the four Holy Demons who dominated the Star Sea!

Evil Cold Worm. Its worm sense was especially strong. Common people were unable to refine it. However, with the Poison King Token, one could refine the cold poison with ease. After refining the power of the worm, any sea beasts would have the opportunity to advance their spirit sense to break through to the Peak Divine Transformation Realm!

"Find Lu Bei and kill him!"

Multitudes of ferocious beasts who had been dwelling in deep seclusion and rarely came out swarmed out from their nests. The entire Southern Star Sea was in great chaos just because of one reason: to kill Ning Fan! All of them did not want to miss the opportunity to gain merits by killing someone and obtain the Evil Cold Worm to improve their spirit sense!

The Star Sea was already in chaos. Despite that, the current situation was still far from enough!

The sea beasts formed from the star spirits did not have any immortal jade. Even so, in the battle in Gui Xiong Outpost, Ning Fan had acquired a number of sea medicines, devoured countless demon blood and pills and even gained thousands of Gold Core and Nascent Soul Realm Dao Fruits!

With Ning Fan's current magic power, consuming these Dao Fruits would not increase the least bit of his cultivation level. However, towards Harmonious Spirit, Gold Core and Nascent Soul Realm cultivators, they were something exceptionally hard to come by.

In the past, a single Gold Core Realm Dao Fruit was more than enough to put the Yue Country in utter chaos.

Today, however, Ning Fan possessed thousands of Dao Fruits and travelled across the Star Sea, undefeatable!

Standing above the Golden Flame Chariot, wherever Ning Fan passed by, the sea domain encompassing an area of one hundred li* (500m per li) would immediately be frozen to purple ice.

It had already been a few days since Ning Fan travelled south from the Gui Xiong Outpost. Within that period of time, he had also eliminated a few cities under the sea. There were also some bold sea beasts which did not understand death which swarmed towards him as soon as they noticed the frozen sea water and initiated attacks on him.

At first, the number of sea beasts who came to attack the Golden Flame Chariot was not many. Most of them approached him sporadically. Afterwards, large groups of sea beasts actually flocked towards him in large groups. Once they noticed the sea was frozen, they immediately fought him desperately without providing any explanations.

Of course, Ning Fan was not going to show any mercy on them and slaughtered every last one of them. However, after searching their memories and souls, his eyes turned grim all of a sudden. The reason why the Star Sea would be in such a chaotic situation was because that Kun Mo used the Evil Cold Worm as a price to hunt him down!

“Poison King Token... This item is really a treasure. But it’s such a pity that it fell into your hands!”

Ning Fan’s eyes flashed with cold light. Fearlessly, he spread his spirit sense to its maximum limit, covering the vicinity of thirty thousand li*. (500m per li)

Outside the vicinity, all seven directions had large groups of sea beasts moving towards him in neat formations. There were even Wild Beasts in those groups.

The design of their armor and their tribal marks were clearly not the same as that of the Li Kun Palace. In other words, they were not Kun Mo's subordinates but the people from the other tribes of sea beasts!

Since the groups of beasts were in formations, it was not strange that their speed was comparable to that of a Divine Transformation Realm being.

What made Ning Fan exude with killing intent was that there were actually other forces who involved themselves into his feud with Kun Mo.

Along the journey of killing and bloodbaths, Ning Fan never forgot to search the souls and memories of attackers. By now, he had already found out that the Earth Palace comprised of three sea domains which were known as Greedy Wolf, Military Breaking and Seven Kill. In the Greedy Wolf Star Sea, there were the Four Holy Demons who proclaimed themselves as kings in their respective domains. Of course, other than the Four Holy Demons, there were still some low-key forces that rarely had contact with the real world like the bear demon. Although they hid themselves in remote areas, it did not mean that they were weak.

Ever since the beginning, Ning Fan had known that it was impossible to have just four Half-Step Void Refinement Realm experts in this boundless and vast Star Sea. Therefore, after annihilating the Gui Nu Outpost, he just destroyed the demon cities under Kun Mo's command while leaving the other unrelated demon cities intact.

He was not afraid, but he was just trying to avoid any unwanted troubles.

After all, it was an affair between him and Kun Mo. Before this enmity is over, it would be unwise to involve other strong enemies!

But currently, since the other forces willingly intercepted him, Ning Fan was not going to let them get out alive!

Tens of breaths later, the Golden Flame Chariot was heavily surrounded by seven massive forces outside the area of one thousand li*!

Those seven massive forces consisted of nearly seventy thousand sea beasts. The Wild Beasts who were leading the groups shapeshifted into human forms. All of them were Divine Transformation Realm experts!

There were six Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivators and one Mid Divine Transformation Realm expert. Especially that Mid Divine Transformation Realm expert, he was a green-robed old man. Stepping on a piece of green sea cloud while holding a green horsetail whisk, his presence was like that of an immortal. However, as soon as he opened his beady eyes which were small like green beans and looked at the direction of the Golden Flame Chariot with a covetous expression, only then did he appear to be not harboring any kind intentions at all.

“A Late Divine Transformation Realm expert who had yet to recover from her injuries and an Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator who has been afflicted with the poison of the Evil Cold Worm...”

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After sending a glance at Ning Fan and Xi Ran, the elderly man completely disregarded the black dragon and spiritual puppets.

If the elderly man knew that these puppets were above the Divine Transformation Realm while the black dragon refined corpse was in fact at the Half-Step Void Refinement Realm, he would definitely have turned around and fled.

Unfortunately, things turned out to be the complete opposite. This time, Ning Fan's choice of assigning Stone Warrior to lead the group of lifeless fighters seemed to have been the right choice.

Stone Warrior who had already attained the Mid Divine Transformation Realm had displayed some kind of secret technique which was able to conceal the power of the non-living fighters using his Puppet Raising Technique.

Unless his opponent has a cultivation level higher than Mid Divine Transformation Realm, which should at least be at the Late Divine Transformation Realm and above, he or she would definitely not be able to see through the strength of the group of spiritual puppets!

“I am Lu Bei. It’s enmity between me and Kun Mo and I’m not willing to breed enmity with any other forces. I’m now giving you the last chance to back off. If you don’t get out of my sight within three breaths, then die!”

When Ning Fan’s cold threatening voice echoed into the Divine Transformation Realm beings from the seven foreign forces, all of them were stunned.

At the next moment, each and every one of them seemed to have heard of an extremely hilarious joke and chuckled.

“Are you threatening us? Haha! This mere Early Divine Transformation Realm ant is actually trying to intimidate us!”

“Not to mention that he has suffered heavy injuries after being afflicted by the poison of the Evil Cold Worm, even if he is fit and healthy, would I, the clan elder of the Star Wolf Clan, be afraid of a mere Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator?”

“But this person’s appearance looks rather familiar... The elder of the Thunder Carp Clan, what do you think of him...”

“Hehe. Since we’ve already surrounded him, don’t tell me that you still have thoughts of letting him go alive? We aren’t kind people. We only have a single reason to have come here: to kill this man and enhance our spirit sense with the poison!”

The six of them were having a discussion among each other. However, all of their discussions came to an abrupt end when the green-robed elderly man gently cleared his throat.

“This old man is the vice city lord of Dragon Burial Ocean City... Qing Xuan!”

As his voice fell, it was as if a cold-piercing gale blew past all of them at the scene. Immediately, it caused an uproar.

“Dragon Burial Ocean City! You are a member of the Ocean City!”

The six Early Divine Transformation Realm experts seemed like they had just heard of something incredibly terrifying as all of them revealed a fearful look.

Their fear was not because of the elderly cultivator's cultivation level which was at the Mid Divine Transformation Realm but because of the reputation of Dragon Burial Ocean City!

"Is Lord Revered Dragon doing fine..." The clan elder of the Star Wolf Clan cautiously asked.

"Revered Dragon is as fine as usual. He is currently in seclusion to break through to the Half-Step Void Refinement Realm!" Qing Xuan said proudly.

"Wha-What?!"

The expressions of the six beings were filled with absolute shock. When the Revered Dragon was at the Peak Divine Transformation Realm, he was able to survive after taking ten palms from the Old Bear. If this demon successfully breaks through to the Half-Step Void Refinement Realm, perhaps he would be stronger than Kun Mo!

"Then, what about this Evil Cold Worm..."

"The Evil Cold Worm and Lu Bei's head will belong to us, the Dragon Burial Ocean City. Does anyone have any objections?!" Qing Xuan's eyes suddenly turned grim.

"No!" The six of them immediately cupped their fists respectfully with their heads beaded with cold sweat.

"Very well!"

Qing Xuan nodded his head. If the members from these six clans were unable to see the gist of things, he would not mind returning to Ocean City and bring someone to wipe out all of them.

Judging from the tone of the seven individuals, it seemed like they thought Ning Fan was an easy prey as none of them placed the latter in their eyes at all.

Xi Ran was injured whereas Ning Fan was poisoned. Based on common sense, any one of the clans would have the capability of killing the two of them.

As Qing Xuan's eyes glanced through Xi Ran, they were immediately blazing with lust.

This lady's cultivation level isn't weak. Besides, her appearance is perfect. She is just excellent to be a human cauldron!

When his gaze landed on Ning Fan, he made a step forward, releasing his wild and arrogant aura and commanded with a harsh tone.

"Little junior, it should be this old man giving you a last chance. Hand over this lady and kill yourself here and save me from wasting my effort in killing you. In that manner, I will keep your demon soul intact so that you can return to samsara! Hehe. In this life, it's unlucky for you to have offended someone you shouldn't have. If you behaved yourself a little more, you might still have the opportunity to restart the path of cultivation in your next life..."

When Qing Xuan's words fell upon the other six clan elders' ears, they started to criticize him within their hearts.

This Qing Xuan was really cunning. Although it was not difficult for him to capture the both of them with force, he knew that he might suffer some injuries. Therefore, he uttered those words to persuade Lu Bei to kill himself. Usually, no one would choose to commit suicide. However, this time, Qing Xuan guaranteed that he could ensure Ning Fan's remnant soul to have a chance of entering samsara. To anyone who could not possibly escape death, it was without a doubt a tempting offer.

But when Xi Ran heard Qing Xuan's words, she found it difficult to hold her laughter and let out a stifled laugh.

A Mid Divine Transformation Realm expert whose qi isn't even on par with that Gui Nu is so bold enough to utter those words and request Lu Bei to kill himself?

Xi Ran suddenly realized that there was not any more laughable joke than what she had just heard.

“Should I close my eyes...” Xi Ran gently asked.

“Just close it. These flies are really irritating... Three breaths are up!”

Ning Fan had given these unrelated forces three breaths to make up their minds. However, if they insisted to poke their noses into this matter, Ning Fan was not going to be merciful on them.

Taking a step forward, the Star Sea suddenly shook, producing thousands layers of sea waves deep underneath the ocean.

Cracks began to spread from beneath Ning Fan’s feet towards every direction. That single step he made crushed Qing Xuan’s Mid Divine Transformation Realm aura, causing the latter to cough up blood while crazily retreating backwards. He almost fell down from his green sea cloud and was completely petrified.

My aura force was crushed by this man with just a single step?

I, a dignified Mid Divine Transformation Realm expert, was injured by this man with just a single move?

“This old man remembers now. I’ve seen your face before! It’s from the pursuit order issued by the Li Kun Palace in the past! Impossible! How could the two people we are pursuing be the exact same person?! Ah!”

Before Qing Xuan could finish his words, Ning Fan consecutively took another eight steps without pause.

Each of the steps he made created rifts in heaven and earth. Every one of the steps he made was as if he was stomping on the Sea of Consciousness of the seven Divine Transformation Realm experts, making all of them feel agony!

In just an instant, his nine steps transformed into a sword. A heaven-startling sword formed from the great momentum emerged and its sword cry reverberated into the sky. The area within ten thousand li* (500m per li) was basked in the light emanated by the sword!

Roar

Each of the sea beasts emitted terrified roars. The next moment, all seventy thousand sea beasts perished!

The Divine Transformation Realm experts from the six clans could no longer suppress their fear, allowing it to show on their expressions. The sword of great momentum was intangible. Something shapeless and bodiless like that was extremely difficult to parry at all. The only thing they could do was to flee! However, although the six of them were fast, the speed of the sword light was even faster. When the sword light penetrated through their body, a massive sword aura came out from their collective skeletons. Their facial expressions were frozen and the next moment, they were turned into minced flesh as they crumbled into pieces!

“Ah!”

Qing Xuan yelped. His horsetail whisk broke and his sea cloud collapsed!

Facing that sword of great momentum, his heart had a feeling that he was facing certain death. Gritting his teeth, he moved his finger and turned it into a sword, chopping his own head off.

Whoosh

With his separate head, he fled away. As for his demon body, it was turned into shreds of meat in the next moment.

Even though he managed to run away with his head, the expression on his face did not have the slightest hint of calmness. Only terror filled his face!

That man is Lu Bei?!

That man IS the person who has gotten the poison of the Evil Cold Worm and on the verge of dying?!

What kind of joke is that?! This person killed Early Divine Transformation Realm experts with just nine steps. His power is too high and too deep to even measure. He is at least at the Late Divine Transformation Realm or even at the Peak Divine Transformation Realm!

“Cutting his own head to flee? There are really all sorts of strange demonic techniques in this world... Seal!”

With a finger, he performed the Heaven Sealing Technique. Blood-red lines entangled the remaining body part of Qing Xuan, sealing its movement.

Ning Fan got on the Golden Flame Chariot. At the next moment, he appeared right beside Qing Xuan. He bent his five fingers into the shape of a claw and grabbed his head in his hands.

Qing Xuan was horrified and felt deep regret.

What is that technique? Sealing my movements with ease by just using a finger? Even the city lord of the Dragon Burial Ocean City would not be able to display such a powerful technique!

Afterwards, this savage man will search my soul and memories and eventually kill me. Before that, I must try my best to keep my life!

“Lo-Lord... Please spare me! I know about the biggest secret of the Dragon Burial Ocean City! I know where the ‘ancestor blood’ is hidden! This secret can never be found through searching my memories and soul. As long as this Lord does not kill me, I’m willing to bring the Lord to obtain that item and even help you plot against Revered Dragon!”

“Ancestor blood?”

Ning Fan’s eyes sparkled and stopped what he was about to do. Without much contemplation, he inserted a demon seal on the remnant head of Qing Xuan.

The strength of his restrictive spell filled Qing Xuan with despair. Probably, he would not be able to escape from Ning Fan's manipulation for the rest of his life. However, he did not dare to resist. It was because planting a demon seal onto him meant that Ning Fan would not kill him for the time being.

"Lead the way. We'll head to the Dragon Burial Ocean City!"

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Along the journey to the south, Qing Xuan had divulged every secret about the ancestor blood after a series of interrogation and torture. He did not dare to conceal any bit of information.

Beneath the Dragon Burial Ocean City was where an ancient dragon's skeletons were buried. The dragon's bones were already weathered by wind, completely diminishing their usefulness. However, the marrows within its bones contained two drops of ancestor blood!

Beyond all doubt, that dragon must be one of the personages at the same level as an old ancestor of the dragon race when it was still alive.

It was because of these two drops of ancestor blood that Zang Long¹, who was also known as Revered Dragon, was able to gain such tremendous power and enabled him to fight the old bear when he was still just at the Peak Divine Transformation Realm.

Today, Zang Long was hiding somewhere in the city, going through his secluded meditation to refine the ancestor blood and break through to the Half-Step Void Refinement Realm.

Qing Xuan was the only person who knew the exact location where he had gone into seclusion. It was not at any of the places in the city. In fact, he was residing inside an Immortal Abode's Treasure!

Without Qing Xuan as the guide, it would certainly be difficult for Ning Fan to discover where Zang Long was hiding on his own!

That was also one of the reasons why Ning Fan did not immediately end Qing Xuan's life. To him, the man still was useful to him.

Ancestor blood was something that could not be seized or robbed from others. Other than the inheritance from one's ancestor, it could only be obtained through diligent self-cultivation. These two drops of ancestor blood, however, were an exception among exceptions. Perhaps it was because of the power of the Celestial Emperor which shaped this Star Sea or the abnormal landscape around the Ocean City that allowed them to be passed down.

Ning Fan was the possessor of the Fu Li Demon Bloodline. Although the two drops of ancestor blood could not directly enhance the strength of his demon bloodline, they could bring quite a few benefits to him.

Besides, even if there was not the existence of the ancestor blood, Ning Fan would also destroy this Dragon Burial Ocean City anyway. The sole reason for that was because the Dragon Burial Ocean City had taken action against him!

When one is pursued and hunted, one shall return the favor with complete retaliation. The best way to do it is undeniably eliminating those powerful forces like Dragon Burial Ocean City, making the other minor forces know their places. In that manner, none of them would be audacious enough to find trouble with me.

The slaughter has already begun. Be it a single person or ten thousand people, all of them shall die. Since I've destroyed thousands of troops belonging to Zang Long and captured Qing Xuan, there is certainly no turning back between me and the Dragon Burial Ocean City.

"How many experts are there in the Dragon Burial Ocean City?!"

"Other than the city lord being a Peak Divine Transformation Realm expert, there are still three elders at the Late Divine Transformation Realm. I'm the trusted follower of city lord. Therefore, I was appointed to become the vice city lord. Apart from that, there are seven Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts whose power is on par with mine. As for Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivators, there are fifteen of them with four being the newly-captured captives..."

"Captives?"

“Mm. I suppose you must have noticed this: there have been lots of outsiders intruding the Star Sea recently. However, no one knew what’s the cause of it... The four of them were all captured by the city lord when they broke into our Dragon Burial Ocean City by accident. They were then planted with demon seals and kept in the city, taking up positions as guards in the city.”

Facing Ning Fan’s question, Qing Xuan did not have the guts to conceal any information. With only his head, he displayed a secret technique to reconstruct his demon body of star spirit. Sadly, his cultivation level regressed to the Early Divine Transformation Realm.

After all, it was something that could not be helped. Being able to keep his life safe from Ning Fan’s hands was already considered fortunate. It was just unavoidable to experience a decline in his cultivation level to recover himself.

At this moment, Qing Xuan finally understood how terrifying the white-robed young man standing in front of him truly was.

Unfortunately, that realization was a little too late and agonizing.

As the vice city lord of the Dragon Burial Ocean City, Qing Xuan had no other choice but to betray his city in order to save his own life.

After everything had quieted down, Qing Xuan had another more depressing finding: Ning Fan might be powerful, but he showed no signs of camouflaging his cultivation level. Apparently, he was truly just an Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator.

“This person might be strong and is able to kill me as easily as pinching an ant to death, but his cultivation level is just at the Early Divine Transformation Realm. I wonder if he could win against the city lord... Since I’ve been planted with a demon seal by him, if he dies, I will die too. Hai... The city lord was already capable of receiving ten palms from the old bear. Today, I guess his power must have greatly increase again... If this person is defeated by the city lord, what should I do...”

Sigh

Qing Xuan heaved a deep sigh. When he lowered his head and noticed the Golden Flame Chariot beneath his feet, his facial expression immediately burnt with passion.

This chariot is really fast! Its speed has already attained the level of a Void Refinement Realm expert!

This Lu Bei truly deserves to be the ferocious man who could escape from Kun Mo's pursuit with such speed. Since Kun Mo was unable to catch up with him, I believe the city lord would not be able to as well. Perhaps he might not be an opponent to the city lord, but it would not be an issue for him to run away.

"Fine. I shall just follow him all the way to the dark. I just feel sorry for my family members. I wonder if they would be killed by the city lord to vent out his anger..."

The Golden Flame Chariot seemed to have transformed into a ray of extremely fine delicate golden thread, moving one hundred thousand li* (500m per li) in the Star Sea in every instant. Within a short period of time travelling in such terrific speed, the Dragon Burial Ocean City was already close. Upon seeing the city, nervousness immediately overtook Qing Xuan. Columns and columns of battle chariots were slowly seen moving around the city.

Dragon Burial Ocean City was a neutral force which did not side with any other forces. As for its city lord, the venerated Zang Long was once notoriously known for his viciousness. However, as he was busy getting ready to break through to the Half-Step Void Refinement Realm as of late, he rarely had contact with the world. Despite that, his fearsome prestige still lingered around.

The defense outside the city was strict and tight. At one hundred thousand li* in the northern part of the city, there were one hundred thousand sea beasts standing guard with seven silver chariots.

Each of the seven battle chariots stood a Divine Transformation Realm being. Three of them wearing star armors were at the Mid Divine Transformation Realm.

As for the other four who wore an overcoat sewn with marten's fur, they were all Early Divine Transformation Realm experts. Each of them wore an angered look. In spite of their anger, none of them dare to speak up.

“Feng Han, step forward!” One of the Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts indifferently ordered with a face cold like an iron bar.

“Yes... I wonder if there are orders from General Mu Nan...” A young man whose face carried some bruises moved forward, lowering his head and cupping his fists at the elderly man. His eyes revealed a hint of pent-up rage.

If there is any demon cultivator from the Second World present at the scene, they would find out that this young man who was swollen with restrained anger and forced to lower his tone when speaking was actually General Feng Han from the Feng Yun Tribe!

“You knew what the business is and you still dare to deliberately ask?! The city lord has given one month to consider. Today is the last day. Have you made up your mind?!”

“I, Feng Han, don’t dare to leak the cultivation method of my Feng Yun Tribe. I hope General Mu Nan could have mercy on me!” Feng Han gritted his teeth and replied. One month ago, he and three other generals from the same tribe as him had intruded the Dragon Burial Ocean City. However, all of them were assaulted by the ferocious beasts within and captured.

Among the four of them, other than Feng Han, the others were all Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts. However, when facing the powerful attack from the city lord, all of them were defeated almost instantaneously. The demonic technique of ancestor blood performed by the city lord had overly frightening power. With just a single move, all three of the Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts immediately suffered a decline in their cultivation level, regressing to the early stage. As for Feng Han who had activated his secret technique just in time, he avoided the attack with a speed that even Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts found difficult to catch up with, preventing his cultivation level from regressing below the Divine Transformation Realm.

After the four of them were held captive, they were turned into demon slaves of the Dragon Burial Ocean City. To Feng Han and his comrades who had high pride and arrogance, it was literally the biggest humiliation in their entire lives.

However, if it was not because the city lord was interested in Feng Han’s cultivation method, the four of them would not have the chance of surviving up until this day.

One month! The city lord had given Feng Han one month to consider handing over his cultivation method. By doing so, he and his other comrades could be spared. If he is stubborn and insists on keeping it to himself, Zang Long could only search his memories and soul by force. Although it might not be the complete part of the cultivation method, that was the best way to get it out of Feng Han's head.

Throughout the month, Feng Han had been hesitating and struggling. However, after discussing with the other four generals, they had reached a conclusion: the secret technique of the Feng Yun Tribe must never be exposed.

"How dare you! If you don't hand over the cultivation method, you will certainly die!" Mu Nan's eyes turned cold.

"As a general, why would I fear death?!"

Feng Han took another step forward. He had had enough humiliation for the past one month. Today, he would no longer tolerate it any longer!

"Hmph... Seems like your backbone is quite sturdy. But this old man has my own means to make you spit out your cultivation method... Speaking of which, that Lu Bei of Luo Yun who has stirred up trouble in the Star Sea seems to have come from the same place as yours. I wonder how many more days it would take the vice city lord Qing Xuan to capture him back so that you will have one more friend to accompany you on your journey to hell!" Mu Nan changed the topic with threatening words.

But he had never expected that his threat would make Feng Han's angry eyes to gradually turn calm and that calmness was replaced with blazing enthusiasm in the next moment.

"Qing Xuan won't be able to capture Lu Bei!" Feng Han stood up arrogantly, laughing with his face facing upwards. He already had the intention of dying.

"How impudent! Is the name of the respected vice city lord something that can be directly called out by a mere demon general like you?! However, I'm quite surprised that you have such interest in Lu Bei. According to my knowledge, at the world where you came from, there are nine large forces. Your Feng Yun Tribe is the third strongest force. As for Lu Bei, he originated from the force which was ranked the seventh. Besides, I heard that he's just an Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator. In other words, his power would at most be at a similar level as yours. Furthermore, he has already been afflicted with

the poison of the Evil Cold Worm. It's only a matter of time before his combat power completely depletes... To kill you, I will need three breaths! To kill that Lu Bei, however, I won't even need three breaths!"

Mu Nan fluently talked about his findings towards the Second World. Upon hearing his words, Feng Han's face turned grim and ferociously glared at the other three generals behind him. Immediately, one of the demon generals who seemed to have yet to sober up lowered his head and revealed a look of remorse.

"It's my careless mistake leaking it out after I was drunk... However, I didn't blurt out too much..."

Without a doubt, the information about the Second World was inadvertently divulged by that drunk general.

Feng Han took a deep breath in. Since the matter had already been exposed, it would be pointless to continue accusing whose fault it was. Looking at Mu Nan firmly and determinedly, Feng Han uttered word by word confidently.

"You can kill him? Impossible! He won't even need a single finger to kill you!"

"Hmph! I'm really eager to see what kind of Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator won't need a single breath to kill me! As for you, since you've infuriated me, I shall search your soul and memories right away to shut you up now and forever!"

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Mu Nan's body suddenly disappeared. In a stream of smoke which Feng Han found difficult to notice clearly, Mu Nan immediately emerged in front of him and reached out his large hand, clutching his head.

This strike was a strike that contained Mu Nan's rage. As such, its destructive power was of course not something that should be underestimated.

That speed of his hand was too fast, making Feng Han who had already suffered grievous injuries unable to avoid it at all.

“I’ll die!”

Feng Han’s eyes displayed a hint of regret. No. He was not afraid of dying. He just detested that as a demon general, he was not able to die in a battlefield but in the hands of a weak underling instead.

However, before his hand could even touch Feng Han’s head, his movement came to a sudden pause and his face was filled with shock.

Somewhere far away in the north, a ray of golden line with a long golden-fiery trail was dashing straight towards them.

The golden ray had caused the sea water beneath it to boil and churn. However, what was strange about it was that the continuous flow of purple cold qi being emitted by the chariot froze the sea water after it boiled.

In that bizarre scene where the sea water boiled and froze at the same time, the Golden Flame Chariot rushed towards the city.

Mu Nan and the other three Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts were astonished while noticing the abnormal phenomenon and immediately uttered with a cold menacing tone.

“You! Stop right there!”

However, that golden chariot was too dazzling. Its momentum was too domineering. It showed no signs of stopping at all.

The only response they got was a blood-curdling voice which echoed out from the chariot.

“Anyone who blocks my path shall die!”

As if a ray of golden light, like a scorching sun that had exploded, the Golden Flame Chariot literally crashed against the demon troops. However, any sea beasts which stood before the chariot were all trampled and turned into minced meat!

The force of the collision from the chariot alone was already not any weaker than a Mid Divine Transformation Realm expert's strike!

“Stop that damn chariot!”

Mu Nan commanded. The other two Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts instantly took off and displayed their respective means to attack the golden chariot.

However, Feng Han and the other four captured generals did not initiate any attacks at the golden chariot. Instead, each of them hurriedly drove their respective chariots away and avoided it.

They knew who the person riding on the chariot was!

They knew Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts did not have the qualifications to block that chariot at all!

“Three Talents Sword Formation!”

Mu Nan and his two other comrades opened their mouths and disgorged a bone sword which emanated an extremely threatening qi.

Just as three rays of refined sword lights hit the golden chariot, they formed a formation diagram which was constructed with twelve layers of sword qi. Each layer was stacked together, creating a wall of formation light within the sea. After consecutively crashing through nine layers of them, only then did the golden chariot's momentum diminish. However, Mu Nan and his comrades did not feel good as all of them suffered a heavy resistance force which caused their five internal organs to feel excruciating pain.

Three of their eyes widened with amazement. The momentum of the Golden Flame Chariot was incredibly ferocious. Twelve layers of sword formations were already enough to parry a Late Divine Transformation Realm expert's strike. But this Golden Flame Chariot was able to break nine of them relying on just its momentum. In other words, if there was only one of them to block this chariot, he would definitely be put in a grievous state by it!

At this moment, they finally saw clearly the full appearance of the chariot.

They finally saw clearly the white-robed young man who emanated a tremendous Violent Qi with red light revolving around his body standing at the head of the chariot.

"He's Lu Bei? Hmm? Why is the vice city lord, Qing Xuan, also on this chariot..."

While Mu Nan's group was in the midst of hesitating, Qing Xuan had already turned into a green beam and rushed at one of them, piercing through his dantian without any hesitation.

The group of three were completely defenseless. They had never expected that Qing Xuan, who was their vice city lord would attack them. Although the person who was assaulted by Qing Xuan did not die immediately upon receiving the attack, his dantian was destroyed by that strike, causing his cultivation level to regress by a lot. In a flurry, he retreated and his eyes were filled with anger.

"Qing Xuan! You've betrayed the city lord! You traitor!"

"I don't want to die! This time, it's the city lord's fault. He should not have offended Lu Bei. He should not have given the order to seize his Evil Cold Worm!" Qing Xuan's eyes were determined and ferocious. He had decided to follow Ning Fan till the end. The only thing he regretted was that he did not manage to kill that person to show his loyalty to Ning Fan.

"A traitor shall be killed with no exception!" Mu Nan was greatly enraged. But at this moment, a stream of purple smoke flashed by. It was none other than Ning Fan. Instantaneously, he appeared before Mu Nan and placed his finger on his head.

The strength of his finger immediately caused the sea and mountains to collapse. The power he exerted was comparable to that of an expert who had Third Level of the Jade Life Body Refining Realm. Violently, he pressed against Mu Nan's head, directly shattering the latter's protective shield.

With just a finger, the mountains within the area of ten thousand li* (500m per li) crumbled. There was even a trace of void power encircling the tip of his finger which easily penetrated through Mu Nan's body, breaking into his Sea of Consciousness.

"This power...is so strong..." At this very moment, Mu Nan finally recalled Feng Han's words.

"You can kill him? Impossible! He won't even need a single finger to kill you!"

Feng Han did not lie to him. This Lu Bei might be an Early Divine Transformation Realm cultivator, but his body's strength was already more than enough to rival that of a Late Divine Transformation Realm expert's!

"It's no wonder Qing Xuan would choose betrayal... If I have the chance to beg for my life, I will also yield to..."

Before he could finish his words, he was already killed by Ning Fan, turning his physical body into blood mist.

Qing Xuan was stunned. He knew that the protective shield of Mu Nan's body was not weak at all. At least, among the Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts, no one was able to destroy it as easily as this. If Ning Fan was able to finish Mu Nan off with just a finger, didn't that mean that the power of his finger was comparable to that of a Late Divine Transformation Realm expert's?

Upon seeing that scene, Feng Han revealed a look of exhilaration. The man he was looking at was the Lu Bei from Luo Yun, the person whom he had driven the chariot for!

"Spare no one!"

As Ning Fan uttered that command, Stone Warrior and the other spiritual puppets as well as the refined corpse spread into all directions in light beams and commenced a large-scale bloodshed. When the black dragon exposed its Half-Step Void Refinement Realm aura force, the remaining two Mid Divine Transformation Realm experts could not help but feel respectful and fearful towards him.

“Please have mercy on us, my Lord. I, Wu Ya (Wu Yun), am willing to follow your battle chariot to attack the Dragon City! I will never dare to betray you for the rest of my life!”

At this moment, the two of them did not even possess the courage to flee. Before this, they hated and even teased Qing Xuan for his treacherous act. But when it was their turn to face it, only then did they realize how much courage one would require to face their death.

None of them was able to behave as heroic as Feng Han. None of them was brave enough to give up their lives for their honor as a demon general.

With a wave of his hand, Ning Fan planted two mental seals onto the generals. Afterwards, he pointed at the demon troops and ordered them with a commanding tone.

“Lead the way! Annihilate the Dragon City!”

In the Void Realm, Wei Xuan was establishing multiple layers of confusing formations, trying to delay the arrival of the outstanding beings from the Northern Heaven.

The matter in regards to the Star Palace had been reported by another deacon. As such, he had no choice but to resort to this method in order to slow them down. Luckily, the formation he established was just a maze of the Immortal Grade, not a formation for killing others.

Anyone who entered the maze by accident would not die. They would at most be temporarily trapped within the Void Realm.

“Ning Fan... This is the only thing that I can do for you...”

The formation was extremely complex. Usually, it was more than enough to entrap someone for six months.

However, what Wei Xuan had never expected was the appearance of three rainbow-colored rays which were travelling across the Void Realm in a hurry. Their speed was incredibly terrifying. Upon sensing their presence, Wei Xuan's eyes widened with shock.

"A True Immortal at the 'Shedding Void Stage'?! Why would such expert come to this place? Don't tell me that that person is also after the Star of the Celestial Emperor! Besides, there are something that's following her from behind. Don't tell me... they are Realm Beasts?! It's bad. I must hide. If I am seen placing formations here to plot against the outstanding beings from the Northern Heaven, I will definitely be in grave danger...I must flee!"

Wei Xuan took out a purple golden compass which helped one to traverse the Void Realm. In a flash, he directly teleported millions of li* (500m per li) away.

He might have run away, but the three shadows did not also remain.

The person in front was an angelic woman clad in a palace outfit. Her waist was extremely slim and she was well-endowed with ample bosom. Her face was shrouded with a veil, concealing her appearance. She wore a phoenix corona and a rainbow belt. Nothing on her body was not precious and rare. Every action she made was the complete representation of beauty, arousing amorous feelings within everyone who saw her. By looking at her presence, one would be able to tell that she must not have a lowly identity in the Four Heavens.

Her cultivation level was a little terrifying.

There were two ferocious beasts following behind her. Each of them was one hundred thousand zhang* big!

A ferocious beast with such strength would be sufficient to wipe out the nine worlds with ease!

"Detestable. I just want to sneak into the mortal world. Why would I be spotted by the Realm Beasts... Whatever. If I can obtain the Star of the Celestial Emperor, perhaps it would not be difficult to help Man

Er to sever the scarlet dragon¹ of her Gui Vein. She must have found it hard to deal with it all these years... Hmmph! If it isn't because I have to seal my own cultivation level to conceal anyone from sensing my presence, I won't have to be afraid of these beasts. Fine. The Star Palace should not be far from here. All it takes is just another teleportation... Ahhh!"

The beautiful woman suddenly let out a moan. Unprepared, she fell into the maze placed by Wei Xuan. All of a sudden, her countenance turned pale.

Just at this moment, the two Realm Beasts behind her let out howls together. Under the vibration of their howls, the woman's cultivation level regressed in a shocking speed and her internal organs experienced a sharp pain.

"Detestable. How dare you mere Realm Beasts seal my cultivation level... You are courting death!"

"Speaking of which, who the hell established a maze here to trick others, causing me to suffer injuries. If I discover who it is, I will definitely use all the forces of my Lost World Palace which consists of hundreds of millions of cultivators to hunt down that person!"

Although that woman was cursing and complaining with her mouth, her eyes were filled with seriousness.

It was unknown whether she could have the chance to take revenge on that person who established the formations.

It was because being trapped in a maze and attacked by two Realm Beasts at the same time in her current condition was rather fraught with grim possibilities...