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Chapter 1031: The Conference Ends, Heavenly Palace's Blessing!

The various changes in the Heavenly Sword Faction at the beginning made many disciples think that they had suddenly become enlightened, ecstatic with joy.

But after discussing with each other, they realized that this astonishing change was not because they had suddenly become enlightened.

There must be another reason!

Later, as Sect Leader Xie Chenkun announced the celebration of the entire sect, Mu Jinyu achieved outstanding results in the Hidden Dragon List, bringing the protection of the Dragon Vein Qi Luck to the Heavenly Sword Faction...

Only then did everyone understand, it was all thanks to Senior Brother Mu...

The reason Xie Chenkun's announcement did not state that Mu Jinyu took the first place was because although various signs indicated that Mu Jinyu should have won the first place in the Hidden Dragon Conference, unless there was conclusive news returned, it could not be directly declared.

Otherwise, if Mu Jinyu only achieved second place, and they prematurely announced that Mu Jinyu had won first place, wouldn't it embarrass him!

In the residence of the Inner Sect disciples at Tianlan Peak.

Two ordinary disciples were dumbfounded upon hearing the news.

These two were the former Outer Sect disciples who informed Mu Jinyu about the Hidden Dragon Conference when he first joined the Heavenly Sword Faction and did not understand the situation in the Kunlun Ruins.

Mu Jinyu rewarded them with a bottle of Fine Elixirs, although in the end, due to the importance of the matter, Xie Chenkun exchanged those Fine Elixirs from them with other benefits.

Now, they have long been Inner Sect disciples of the Heavenly Sword Faction and know that the ignorant Outer Sect disciple of the past is now the Senior Brother Mu they look up to.

Yet they never expected that the jest saying, "If you could achieve a good ranking in the Hidden Dragon Conference, it would benefit the entire Heavenly Sword Faction..."

That offhand remark turned out to be prophetic!

He actually brought such astonishing benefits to the Heavenly Sword Faction!

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Far away in the Dayan Dynasty, Mu Jinyu was still unaware of the various astonishing changes discovered by the Yan Kingdom and the Heavenly Sword Faction.

After both the Secluded Dragon Platform and Ascending Dragon Platform collapsed, a massive surge of dragon qi was completely devoured by the True Dragon Soul above his head.

From then on, the entire Dayan Dynasty was left with only a trace of dragon qi.

This was due to Ji Changxin achieving some results in the Hidden Dragon Conference.

Otherwise, the Dayan Dynasty would have long been devoid of dragon qi!

The Hidden Dragon Conference was over.

"Roar!!"

The Five-Clawed Golden Dragon, after consuming the last bit of dragon qi, roared to the heavens, then its whole body emitted a golden light, which converged before its form shrank from a hundred meters long continuously.

Until it shrank to over a meter, it surreptitiously entered through the Heavenly Spirit Cover of Mu Jinyu and merged into his body.

No longer to be viewed by outsiders.

"Pop!"

At this moment, the golden light protective shield on the Hidden Dragon Square, formed by dragon qi, could no longer be maintained and shattered like glass hit by a stone with a loud crash.

"Hmph!"

Chu Xingyun, seeing this, snorted coldly, and with a brilliant movement technique, darted a hundred miles, racing towards and fleeing beyond the Dayan Imperial Capital!

"Chase!"

"Kill!!!"

"His life must be taken!"

"Blood for blood!"

As soon as Chu Xingyun fled, a group of people appeared behind him, pursuing relentlessly!

Most of these people chasing him were previous senior figures of a noble family whom Chu Xingyun had bloodily slaughtered for the One-Sword Manual, taking advantage when they were absent for important matters.

Each of them possessed the strength between the Eighth Level of the Fanxu Realm and Ninth Layer, and even a few were terrifying beings at the Unity Realm Stage!

Over the years, they had never abandoned their goal of slaying Chu Xingyun!

This also explained why Chu Xingyun dared not enter the Dayan Imperial Capital when the Hidden Dragon Conference was about to begin.

And it was also the reason why Chu Xingyun only arrived at the Hidden Dragon Conference at the last moment.

Just to avoid their pursuit!

Another part of these people were senior elders from various major noble families that Chu Xingyun schemed against before the Hidden Dragon Conference started.

When those Heaven's Pride disciples died, unable to represent their noble families and sects to seize dragon qi, they were extremely furious. Eventually, through various clues, they learned that the culprit was the defiant Chu Xingyun!

Hence they also joined the ranks to hunt down Chu Xingyun.

After Chu Xingyun and the others started their chase and escape, Xuanyuan Qianqiu, Lingxiao, Ji Changxin, and others looked at Mu Jinyu with complex expressions before bidding him farewell and leaving.

While Gu Rulong indicated through voice transmission that the Supreme Elder and others of his Dragon Elephant Sect wanted to meet him after he finished his affairs...

Already having absorbed the benefits of dragon qi into his body, Mu Jinyu's eyes showed a flicker of interest upon hearing Gu Rulong's voice transmission.

He was also intrigued by the Dragon Elephant Sect, so he agreed.

Then Gu Rulong also took his leave.

As Gu Rulong departed, Mu Jinyu suddenly recalled, didn't they say that those in the top ten of the Hidden Dragon Conference could obtain decent rewards?

Why did they leave so quickly?

Did they not want those rewards?

At this moment, Mu Jinyu suddenly realized, seemingly because his True Dragon emerged too early, the Hidden Dragon Conference had seemingly not competed long enough before it ended.

Strictly speaking, aside from him as the first place, and Ji Changxin, who was clearly second, the others couldn't seem to distinguish who was better in ranking.

After all, the original ranking in the Hidden Dragon Conference was based on the Hidden Dragon List, but the Secluded Dragon Platform couldn't even hold thirty-six people at that time!

If they fought tooth and nail for the benefits of ranking third to tenth, wouldn't it be too embarrassing?

Moreover, Mu Jinyu also remembered that the information he previously gathered about the Hidden Dragon Conference said the top ten rewards weren't too great; their Hidden Sects and Super Clans could easily obtain them, and the best reward was the Heavenly Palace's Blessing.

So it seemed quite normal that Gu Rulong and Ji Changxin, knowing well that they couldn't achieve the Heavenly Palace's Blessing with all the glory overshadowed by himself, simply left.

Just as Mu Jinyu was pondering when the Heavenly Palace's Blessing would appear...

Two men dressed in black robes, concealing their appearances, quietly approached Mu Jinyu.

"Congratulations, Young Hero Mu!"

"Young Hero Mu, would you mind stepping aside for a word?"

As they spoke, seemingly worried that Mu Jinyu might not recognize their status, they took out a token from their sleeve, seemingly made of gold and jade.

On it were two large characters.

Heavenly Palace!

It was indeed someone from the Heavenly Palace!

Mu Jinyu's eyes grew sharp, thinking, speaking of Cao Cao, and there he appears!

Just as he was wondering when someone from the Heavenly Palace would come looking for him, they arrived.

"Alright."

Mu Jinyu glanced at the Heavenly Palace Token a few times, not hesitating much, directly nodding in agreement.

Although he had some apprehension towards the Heavenly Palace organization, his initial goal was to seize first place and attract the attention of the Heavenly Palace to solve the soul seizing after-effects.

Now that they had come looking for him, how could he refuse?

Chapter 1032: Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture?!

Dayan Imperial Capital, a palace hidden underground.

This palace is incredibly magnificent, with carved dragons and painted phoenixes, resplendent and opulent. Though built underground, the presence of numerous luminous pearls and other treasures embedded in the ceiling keeps the palace as bright as day.

At this moment, in a room within the palace, more than a dozen people are watching the True Dragon competition of the Hidden Dragon Conference through the Profound Light Mirror.

As the competition concluded and the True Dragon was revealed, the expressions of these people varied. Some were sighing, some shaking their heads, some were disdainful, and some were resentful...

"An excellent invincible seed, whether it's True Yuan, strength, speed, soul, Intent Domain, Domain, Path of slaughter... all surpassing the same generation. It can be brought into the Heavenly Palace, adding another layer of assurance to our plan!"

Suddenly, a person sitting at the front, whose appearance was indistinguishable under a black robe, spoke.

His voice was equally bizarre, making it impossible to tell if it was male or female.

As this person spoke, although everyone had different expressions, in the end, they all agreed!

"Agree!"

"Agree!"

Simply because the one speaking was none other than the Vice Palace Master, a figure second only to one and above thousands...

It is said that his strength has reached the Eighth Level of the Unity Realm Stage, a true master of the Kunlun Ruins.

As long as the Heavenly Palace Master doesn't appear, he represents invincibility!

And the people behind the Vice Palace Master are not only high-ranking figures of the Heavenly Palace but also representatives of various top-grade forces of the Kunlun Void.

Among the sect representatives are: Dragon Elephant Sect, Lingxiao Sword Sect, Myriad Forms Sect, Carefree Gate...

Among the family representatives are: Chen Family, Xuanyuan Family, Wang Family, Ye Family...

The major figures from the top forces of the Kunlun Ruins all have different identities within the Heavenly Palace, revealing the terrifying nature of this organization!

The reason they displayed disdain or resentment towards Mu Jinyu's performance in the Profound Light Mirror was none other than Mu Jinyu's sudden rise, stepping on their younger generation!

Preventing Xuanyuan Qianqiu and others from winning the Dragon Head Leader!

Therefore, they naturally don't like someone like Mu Jinyu, who is a commoner with no force behind him.

Were it not that those who died in the Hidden Dragon Conference were also commoners like Ye Wushuang and Li Zhexiong, if Xuanyuan Qianqiu, Chen Huaiyu had also died at Mu Jinyu's hands...

Even if the Vice Palace Master decided to invite Mu Jinyu to join the Heavenly Palace, they certainly wouldn't agree easily!

"Alright."

After the others agreed, the Vice Palace Master took out a black jade slip and tapped it a few times gently.

Afterward, those present saw two men in black steps forward before Mu Jinyu in the Profound Light Mirror and took him away.

"You all may leave now."

After seeing Mu Jinyu being taken away, the Vice Palace Master spoke to the crowd.

"Yes."

Everyone responded respectfully and then left the room.

The Vice Palace Master, on the other hand, sat there gently knocking on the table, quietly waiting for Mu Jinyu to arrive.

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When Mu Jinyu decided to leave with the two people from the Heavenly Palace, he just glanced at Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, then shook his head slightly and left.

Suspecting that Jian Ruyan might also be from the Heavenly Palace and deliberately trying to avoid it, Mu Jinyu naturally refrained from talking to them, lest Jian Ruyan be discovered by people from the Heavenly Palace.

Jian Ruyan understood his intention, so she quietly left the vicinity of Hidden Dragon Square with Wen Rou.

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Following the man in the black robe around, Mu Jinyu soon arrived at the palace beneath the Dayan Imperial City.

Looking at the palace built below, incredibly magnificent and opulent, he muttered to himself, 'It's named the Heavenly Palace, yet it's built underground. It should be called the Underground Palace instead.'

Soon, Mu Jinyu stood outside a room on the highest floor of this palace.

"Knock, knock, knock!"

A man in a black robe stepped forward and gently knocked on the wooden door made with top-grade Spirit Wood.

"Let him come in."

A strange voice quickly sounded from within the room, devoid of emotion.

The two men in black turned and left without a word.

Mu Jinyu felt slightly uneasy, sensing an inexplicable eeriness.

But considering the situation of Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, he had no choice and finally mustered the courage to open the door.

"Creak."

As the wooden door opened, a chilling and sinister aura immediately poured out from the room.

Even though Mu Jinyu now possessed a cultivation of the Seventh Layer of the Fanxu Realm and his physical body had been refined to the power of the Seven Images, with exceptionally vigorous Qi-Blood, he couldn't help but feel an icy chill that pierced through his bones.

This was because the opponent's strength was too powerful, coupled with practicing Yin Attribute cultivation techniques, so even an inadvertent leak of a trace of Dao Rhyme was unbearable.

As goosebumps rose on Mu Jinyu's skin, the black-robed man sitting with his back to him seemed to notice Mu Jinyu's discomfort.

Suddenly, the cold, piercing aura vanished without a trace.

Feeling much better, Mu Jinyu even started doubting if the discomfort moments ago was merely his illusion.

Mu Jinyu, in a state of wonder, looked up to see the person inside the room.

There was only one person, also dressed in a wide black robe, making it impossible to distinguish age or gender, sitting with their back to him.

"Young man, welcome to the Heavenly Palace."

As Mu Jinyu was assessing the person in the black robe, they turned around to face him.

Mu Jinyu saw an elderly face full of wrinkles, like sun-dried orange peel.

The elder looked at Mu Jinyu with a hint of appreciation in their eyes, directly getting to the point: "You should have heard of the rules of the Heavenly Palace's Blessing, right?"

Mu Jinyu nodded.

The elder smiled and said, "If you're willing to join the Heavenly Palace, whether it's a Heaven Rank Technique, a Secret Heavenly Rank Art, or even any enemy you can't handle, the Heavenly Palace can help you resolve them."

Mu Jinyu noticed that the elder didn't waste words, so he directly asked, "I want to ask, it's said the Heavenly Palace has various Forbidden Secret Techniques not available outside and complete versions of techniques that are incomplete outside. Is it true?"

"It's true." The elder nodded and casually said, "Just like the 'Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art' you're cultivating, our Heavenly Palace's Scripture Pavilion has the complete 'Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture'! It is the most authentic of the Five Emperors' Ancient Scriptures! Apart from our Heavenly Palace, no one else in the world has the complete version."

Upon hearing the elder's casual words, Mu Jinyu's heart skipped a beat.

'Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture'!

Indeed, based on his findings from the 'Dragon-Elephant Prison Suppression Technique' and 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture,' he deduced that the 'Green Emperor's Wooden Palace' might have a more complete 'Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture,' which proved to be correct.

This Heavenly Palace indeed possessed the 'Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture.'

And that the elder could recognize his cultivation technique at a glance was indeed terrifying!

In an instant, Mu Jinyu's desire for the 'Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture' made him want to agree to the elder's offer, the desired Heavenly Palace's Blessing, his longing was just that!

But he ultimately restrained himself.

Then, Mu Jinyu solemnly asked, "I don't want that... what I want to know is, does the Heavenly Palace have a solution for the aftereffects of the Soul Snatching Secret Technique!"

Chapter 1033: Finally Obtaining the Soul Snatching Resolution Technique!

Mu Jinyu got straight to the point, asking directly without any probing: does the Heavenly Palace possess a Soul Snatching Secret Technique, and then asking about a resolution method.

He knew that since the old man admitted that the Heavenly Palace contains many Forbidden Secret Techniques lost to the outside world, it surely has a Soul Snatching Secret Technique as well.

After all, the Soul Snatching Secret Technique has not entirely been lost to the outside world; even Huaxia has it.

"A solution to the aftereffects of the Soul Snatching Secret Technique?"

The old man, upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, had a flash of surprise in his cloudy eyes and said, "You actually know about the Soul Snatching Secret Technique..."

After speaking, the old man fell into contemplation, and after thinking for a while, he spoke, "The aftereffects of the Soul Snatching seem to be due to the incompatibility between the body and the soul, rendering one unable to continue cultivation?"

"If it's such a resolution method you're seeking, I seem to recall there being a method that allows the Soul Snatcher to perfectly match the body they've seized..."

After speaking, the old man raised his head and cast a peculiar glance at Mu Jinyu.

Wondering if Mu Jinyu might be occupying a body taken by soul snatching?

If so, his domineering performance wouldn't be so impressive; it would be attributed to the original owner of the body!

In that case, he wouldn't want to accept Mu Jinyu into the Heavenly Palace.

But that couldn't be right; if he was occupying a body taken by soul snatching, then he wouldn't have been able to receive an infusion of Earth Pulse Dragon Qi at the Hidden Dragon Conference and advance from the Sixth Layer to the Seventh Layer of the Fanxu Realm!

Mu Jinyu frowned upon hearing the old man's words.

This resolution method was merely the most helpless choice; he didn't want Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan's bodies to permanently swap unless necessary!

The optimal solution he wanted was, of course, for Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan to perfectly switch their souls back to their original bodies!

And at the same time, it wouldn't damage their cultivation talent! Or reduce their life spans!

The Technique of Soul Seizing would severely reduce the lifespan of the body seized.

Suppose Wen Rou could originally live to be a hundred years old; after soul seizing and swapping bodies with Jian Ruyan, the body she obtained might only allow her to live to be fifty or sixty!

At that time, Jian Ruyan's body would decay.

This was one of the reasons Mu Jinyu was so eager to rush to the Kunlun Ruins, to find a solution to the aftereffects of soul snatching.

Thus, Mu Jinyu frowned and hesitated, recounting Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan's situation to the old man.

"Is there such a manipulation?"

The old man, upon hearing Mu Jinyu's story, learned that Jian Ruyan had instinctively soul-snatched the friend at her side upon near death. Then Mu Jinyu acquired divine medicine to heal her severely injured body, subsequently having the friend soul-snatched Jian Ruyan's body, allowing both to survive by swapping bodies, and was immediately taken aback.

Such manipulation was unexpected, and the old man stayed stunned for a while before furrowing his brows as well.

"You mean you wish to find a method for them to swap back their bodies without any soul snatching influence, not shortening their lifespan due to soul snatching again?"

The old man asked in a slightly helpless tone.

"Is there...?" Mu Jinyu asked with a sheepish smile.

"I'm not sure either; you wait here first while I check some records to see if such an incident has happened before and if there was any resolution..."

The old man sighed helplessly, then got up and instructed Mu Jinyu before his body surged with a gray glow and swooshed out of the room.

Mu Jinyu watched, his eyes narrowing.

This is a genuine Teleportation Technique.

Not to be confused with his high-speed movement creating an illusion of teleportation.

Mu Jinyu, using the masterful "Fleeting Light Shadow," could mimic teleportation with his form, but here, if he wanted to teleport to another place, he would have to break the room, creating a human-shaped hole.

Because that was not true teleportation but an illusion created by high speed.

But the old man's step out of the room without damaging it at all proved it to be true teleportation!

It made Mu Jinyu envious of the numerous secret techniques in the Heavenly Palace!

In the tedious wait, Mu Jinyu glanced several times at the old cluttered cabinet nearby, wondering what was inside, but in the end, forced himself to restrain his curiosity.

Even though the old man wasn't there, it was still wrong to mess with someone else's things, no matter if he might later have irreconcilable conflicts with him over Xiang Mantang!

Finally, after waiting for half a day.

A flash of faint light swept by.

The old man returned to the room once again.

The old man returned, looking at Mu Jinyu with satisfaction, and then said, "It turns out there are quite a few eccentrics like your friend in the world; indeed, several such incidents have happened before, and great minds have devised solutions!"

"Really?" Mu Jinyu couldn't help but stand up excitedly when he heard the news.

The old man suddenly sighed, "Although there are solutions, they're not perfect. First, after swapping back, it would still be like the initial soul seizing, leading to another reduction in lifespan. You are now eighteen; your friends are presumably around twenty; the initial soul seizing would have reduced your friend's lifespan to fifty-six! After swapping back, they would likely only live to thirty or forty..."

"What?!"

Mu Jinyu was stunned by the old man's words.

The old man continued, "Moreover, that's just one drawback; the second is that another soul seizing won't be as effortless in terms of cost as the first, allowing the soul to exit the body and possess another with ease!"

"Because after soul seizing, the soul becomes tainted within the other's body, gradually assimilating, making it difficult to budge again, requiring many extremely rare Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures to stir the soul once more, allowing another soul exit."

"And since you wish for mutual body swap, the cost would be greater—requiring two sets of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures."

"The person who devised this Soul Snatching Resolution Technique preserved his friend's body, thus only using one set of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures, yet it took him over ten years to gather them all!"

"So..."

The old man said, raising his head to look at Mu Jinyu, "Do you still want to use this Soul Snatching Resolution Technique?"

Mu Jinyu frowned deeply, feeling quite disheartened.

If Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan swapped back to their bodies and both could only live another twenty years or so, they might as well stay as they are, at least living to fifty or sixty!

Yet, the painstakingly found resolution method was to be dismissed, leaving Mu Jinyu very unwilling.

The old man sighed and persuaded, "You probably have no ideas left, do you? Perhaps you should ask for something you need more, like the 'Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture.'

"No!"

Mu Jinyu snapped out of it, abruptly raising his head to look at the old man, "Didn't you mention the earliest Soul Snatching Resolution Technique, the one where the soul adapts to the body seized, allowing them to cultivate again?"

"Are you sure you insist on this secret technique?" The old man inquired in a somber voice seeing Mu Jinyu's determination.

"Yes." Mu Jinyu nodded.

"Fine." Seeing this, the old man waved his hand, and two jade slips floated before Mu Jinyu.

"This is..."

Mu Jinyu was taken aback.

Could it be that the solution to the aftereffects of soul snatching has both upper and lower volumes?

The old man explained, "Given the obscurity of this secret technique, I'll provide both solutions; you can decide which to choose."

Chapter 1034: The Choice of 2 Women!

In the end, Mu Jinyu accepted these two ancient jade slips.

He decided to ask Wen Rou and the others later, about their own path choices.

In the duel with Li Zhexiong, Mu Jinyu's My Way State of Mind reached the Completion Stage; though he was unwilling and reluctant, he wouldn't decide for them.

Everything was up to their own wills.

"Take this token, from now on you are the rudder master of the Yan Kingdom branch of the Heavenly Palace..."

After Mu Jinyu took those two jade slips, the old man tossed out a token similar to those held by the men in black robes earlier, seemingly made of gold and jade, of unknown material.

Under the old man's requirement, Mu Jinyu had to place a strand of his divine sense into the token.

According to the old man, this is a requirement to join the Heavenly Palace and it won't pose any threat to his life.

If the token holds a strand of divine sense, and Mu Jinyu meets an unexpected demise, the token breaks, allowing the Heavenly Palace to know the reason for his death and avenge him.

Furthermore, if the Heavenly Palace has tasks, they can directly issue them to him through the token.

No matter how much the old man assured him, Mu Jinyu still wouldn't fully trust his words.

He believed if he ever wanted to leave the Heavenly Palace, expressing such an intention might lead them to use the divine sense in the token to kill him!

However, Mu Jinyu still did it in the end.

Firstly, to obtain the Soul Snatching Resolution Technique, having come this far, he couldn't just give up.

Secondly, the mystical little tree in his Sea of Consciousness had helped him multiple times, and he believed that if the Heavenly Palace tried to harm him through this strand of divine sense, it likely wouldn't succeed.

Even though there was an element of gambling, for Wen Rou's sake, Mu Jinyu didn't mind betting on it.

After Mu Jinyu left, the old man clasped his hands behind his back, smiled faintly, and said: "An interesting young man."

After saying that, he let the matter go and took out an ancient beast skin map, frowning as he pondered over it.

This beast skin map, crafted from the skin of some unknown ferocious beast, bore the imprint of the path, surpassing the effect of the Enlightenment Tea Mu Jinyu consumed at that time.

On the beast skin, unknown creature's blood was smeared, creating a bizarre and mysterious image.

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Mu Jinyu left the underground palace.

Soon, he arrived at the agreed location at the inn where he previously stayed, to meet Wen Rou and the others.

"Knock, knock, knock!!"

After lightly knocking on the door, Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan immediately opened it.

"How did it go?"

Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan looked up at Mu Jinyu, their beautiful eyes filled with anticipation and nervousness.

Though they had adapted to their new bodies over nearly half a year, if given the chance, they would prefer to switch back, feeling somewhat awkward otherwise.

Furthermore, under these circumstances, their cultivation had become slow, unable to assist Mu Jinyu much, instead burdening him.

Mu Jinyu, with a furrowed brow throughout his journey, sighed and said: "I've obtained two solutions from the Heavenly Palace, but neither is very good. You can decide for yourselves..."

As he spoke, Mu Jinyu handed out the two jade slips.

Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan each took one jade slip, pressing it against their foreheads, and let their divine senses pour out to view them.

Wen Rou's jade slip detailed a method to thoroughly refine and take over the new body, whereas Jian Ruyan's slip involved shaking the soul and sending it out again to return to the old body...

They quickly finished reading, then exchanged the jade slips to view each other's. After both jade slips were read, their brows furrowed tightly, revealing disappointment and reluctance.

Neither solution was particularly good.

The first method required them to essentially swap bodies entirely.

While the second method allowed them to reclaim their bodies, it diminished their cultivation talent and significantly shortened their lifespan.

Even if they didn't mind the side effects, the various Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures necessary for the second solution were not easily obtained.

The records indicated that the creator of the method had taken a full ten years to gather the required Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures.

To swap bodies, needing two sets of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures, didn't mean just twenty years to gather.

Given that one type of Heavenly Material and Earthly Treasure may take a hundred to a thousand years to mature.

Finding one doesn't guarantee the same luck in later decades with the rare Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures.

This increased the difficulty significantly.

Seeing their furrowed brows, seemingly preferring the second method but hesitating due to the difficulty in obtaining the Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures, Mu Jinyu said: "Though the second method isn't particularly difficult, don't forget my Life Source Energy can accelerate the maturation of herbs."

"Hmm?!"

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan's eyes lit up.

They remembered that his cultivation of the Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art inherently possessed the ability to control all wood, and to accelerate the maturity of spiritual medicine.

With the mystical little tree's assistance, his Green Emperor True Yuan transformed into Life Source Energy, further enhancing the power to bring the dead to life, and whiten bones — naturally making the maturation of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures more effective than Green Emperor True Yuan.

If they weren't looking for mature Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures, but instead half-mature ones or even spiritual medicine seeds, with the Life Source Energy, could they not also become mature Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures?

This way, the difficulty of the second method would be greatly reduced.

With Mu Jinyu's Life Source Energy assisting, if they chose the second method to swap souls, reducing life span from fifty to sixty years to thirty to forty years, his help could probably add another ten years, allowing them to live around fifty years.

Only ten years shorter than the first method.

No longer hesitating too much, Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan chose the second method.

Compared to reclaiming their own bodies, ten years of lifespan didn't seem as important now.

"Alright then, we'll need to start preparing to find these Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures."

Mu Jinyu wasn't surprised by their choice, having anticipated it. He nodded slightly after hearing their decision.

"Wait a moment..."

Jian Ruyan furrowed her brows slightly and began to ask Mu Jinyu about his journey through the Heavenly Palace, questioning in detail.

Mu Jinyu knew of her experience at the Heavenly Palace, but unsure if she had fled from it, he didn't conceal anything from her, answering truthfully.

"So you could have chosen the stronger Heaven rank technique, the Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture?!"

Jian Ruyan listened to Mu Jinyu's account, her expression changed slightly and her gaze became complicated.

"It's nothing. Since the Heavenly Palace has this technique, I'll eventually have a chance to acquire it. Meanwhile, the Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art is sufficient for my current cultivation needs. Right now, the urgent matter is solving the aftermath of your soul seizing."

Mu Jinyu said softly, showing no concern for missing the advancement with the top heavenly rank grade technique.

Jian Ruyan felt guilty but furrowed her brow again, saying: "It's odd. If he could discern your cultivation technique at a glance, why couldn't he notice your other secrets like the Life Source Energy..."

Chapter 1035: The Dragon Elephant Sect Visits!

Jian Ruyan knew the terrifying nature of the elder, and how sharp those eyes were.

She wasn't surprised that Mu Jinyu's mystical little tree hidden within the Sea of Consciousness wasn't discovered by the other party.

But she was rather surprised that Mu Jinyu's cultivation technique was recognized.

What surprised her even more was since the other party could recognize the "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art", how could they not differentiate between Green Emperor True Yuan and Life Source Energy?

Or perhaps the other party had recognized it, but simply didn't say anything?

This kind of speculation made Jian Ruyan feel even more worried inside.

Mu Jinyu shook his head in response to Jian Ruyan's inquiry, saying, "Probably not many wood spirit root cultivators in the Heavenly Palace, none capable of cultivating the 'Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art', so he couldn't see the difference between Green Emperor True Yuan and Life Source Energy?"

"That might be the reason, but it's also possible he recognized it but didn't say it. Either way, you better be more cautious in the future..."

Jian Ruyan couldn't figure out the real reason either, ultimately reminding Mu Jinyu with concern.

"Mm, I understand." Mu Jinyu nodded gently.

After Jian Ruyan's reminder, Mu Jinyu also became more vigilant about the Heavenly Palace and the Vice Palace Master.

Mu Jinyu then set aside the first soul-snatching resolution technique and picked up the jade slip of the second method chosen by both Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, pondering where in the Kunlun Ruins he could find the Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures mentioned within.

He felt quite regretful that if the soul-snatching resolution technique didn't require so many Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures, he wouldn't need to expend mental strength searching everywhere.

Now, after obtaining the resolution method and allowing Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan to return to their bodies, he could infiltrate the Heavenly Palace to find the truth behind the Xiang family's past disaster...

Or he could leave the Kunlun Ruins early and return to Huaxia, so Gu Xiyan and Su Zijin wouldn't have to worry.

"Hmm?"

Suddenly, Mu Jinyu remembered Jian Ruyan's reminder, his eyes narrowing sharply.

Since the elder may have recognized that he possessed Life Source Energy but continued to act unaware, did he also know Jian Ruyan was by his side, thus deliberately giving him this resolution method?

This was also a possibility.

After all, with the Heavenly Palace's enormous influence in the Kunlun Ruins, he hadn't disguised Jian Ruyan's appearance much while traveling from the Yan Kingdom to various countries. Maybe the other party was already aware of Jian Ruyan's return?

And because the other party had other intentions towards Jian Ruyan and himself, they actually had a better resolution method but specifically gave him this most mentally exhausting method.

Unable to leave the Kunlun Ruins nor explore the situation in the Heavenly Palace.

Thinking this, Mu Jinyu became even more vigilant towards the Heavenly Palace and the elder.

He knew this suspicion could be scaring himself, but it was not impossible and he must not be careless in the future.

"Knock knock knock!!"

At this moment, a knocking sound came from the door.

Mu Jinyu's expression shifted; he extended his Divine Sense beyond the door to see several people standing outside.

Leading them was someone Mu Jinyu knew, Gu Rulong, with whom he had made an appointment after the Hidden Dragon Conference.

Behind Gu Rulong were those several middle-aged men of impressive presence, with vigor and vitality—a high-ranking group from the Dragon Elephant Sect, he assumed.

Mu Jinyu had nothing to fear and signaled Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan to return to their room before he opened the door.

"Brother Mu, sorry to disturb you."

With the door opened, Gu Rulong saw Mu Jinyu and smiled apologetically.

He was concerned that since Mu Jinyu left the Heavenly Palace but did not meet at their agreed location, he might simply leave without bothering, so he hurriedly came over to seek him out.

"No problem, I was about to go find you."

After nodding to Gu Rulong, Mu Jinyu nodded to the group behind him and waved them in, "Come, let's talk inside."

"Excuse us."

Gu Rulong said as he led the elders into the living room.

Mu Jinyu served them tea but didn't ask about their visit, maintaining a calm demeanor.

But one of them, with a flat cut, seemed quite restless and couldn't help asking directly: "Hey, little friend, how did you temper your physical body like that? Are you cultivating the 'Dragon-Elephant Prison Suppression Technique'?"

The question drew a slightly discontent glance from an imposing man, filled with vigor and resembling a powerful flood dragon.

However, he didn't reprimand, understandably waiting eagerly for Mu Jinyu's response.

"Yes, why?"

Mu Jinyu paused his tea-making, looking at them with puzzled eyes, "Isn't the 'Dragon-Elephant Prison Suppression Technique' a common body refinement method in Kunlun Ruins? Is it related to your Dragon Elephant Sect?"

"Did you come here intending to cripple my cultivation body and forbid me from practicing the 'Dragon-Elephant Prison Suppression Technique' in the future?"

Gu Rulong trembled and hastily waved his hands, "No, no, no, we didn't mean that, just wanted to know..."

His words were cut short when the dignified middle-aged man signaled him to stop.

Gu Rulong immediately fell silent.

The man continued, "I am Long Chen, the leader of the Dragon Elephant Sect; let's be straightforward. We came here to ask if you are cultivating the 'Dragon-Elephant Prison Suppression Technique' or the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture'?!"

Mu Jinyu, discerning the other's strong presence, possibly a Unity Realm Stage expert, knew there was a Heavenly Palace branch nearby and was unafraid.

Smiling faintly, Mu Jinyu replied, "The technique? So what? The scripture? So what?"

Long Chen's eyes shimmered like brilliant stars, "If it's the technique, you must have a divine body; I'll invite you to Dragon Elephant Sect and teach you the supreme body refinement method, 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture,' which could soon forge a true dragon's physique."

"If it's the scripture... I'd need to know your source before deciding!"

Mu Jinyu chuckled, "Alright, truly straightforward, I won't deceive you then, I'm cultivating the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture'."

"Knew it!"

Mu Jinyu's admission evoked complex gazes from the people present from Dragon Elephant Sect, including Gu Rulong.

There was bitterness, retrospective contemplation, and resignation...

Mu Jinyu found it intriguing, starting to speculate on the truth.

Long Chen's eyes sparkled, "How did you acquire it?"

Mu Jinyu answered, "I destroyed a sect called the Blood Sword Sect and found it in their Scripture Pavilion."

"Blood Sword Sect?"

"Why such an unheard-of sect?!"

"This doesn't make sense..."

"Makes sense now. No wonder we couldn't find any clues..."

Hearing Mu Jinyu's response, the Dragon Elephant Sect members appeared understanding and murmured.

Chapter 1036: Dragon Elephant Sect's Past!

Mu Jinyu listened to their whispered discussions, and he matched them with his own suspicions, clearly understanding that the truth was more or less the same.

He had long suspected that the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture" was not the unique skill of the Blood Sword Sect, but rather looted from the Scripture Pavilion of a sect they destroyed a thousand years ago.

So this "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture" was of dubious origin and completely different from the common "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Technique".

No wonder the elders of the Dragon Elephant Sect would make such a fuss about it.

However, Mu Jinyu had nothing to fear.

After all, even if the sect destroyed by the Blood Sword Sect was a branch sent out by the Dragon Elephant Sect and retained part of the Dragon Elephant Sect's inheritance, by destroying the Blood Sword Sect, he had avenged them.

And if the ancestor of that sect was a traitor from the Dragon Elephant Sect, then by finding clues for them, he was also doing them a favor.

In any case, he ultimately stood with reason on his side.

"Good..."

Long Chen regained his usual demeanor and smiled, asking, "Brother, can you return the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture' to our Dragon Elephant Sect? It is the supreme scripture stolen by traitors from our sect in the past."

"Indeed."

Upon hearing Long Chen's words, Mu Jinyu immediately knew his suspicions were correct.

Then, he nodded slightly and said, "I can. I promise that besides me and your Dragon Elephant Sect, no one else in the world will cultivate the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture'."

"That's not the kind of return I meant..."

Hearing Mu Jinyu's promise, Long Chen appeared somewhat embarrassed and then explained, "I mean, I want to obtain the inheritance jade slip of the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture'... to restore what our Dragon Elephant Sect lacks..."

"Hm?!" Hearing this, Mu Jinyu looked at Long Chen with a strange expression, "Restore what is missing?"

Was it that the current version of the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture" in the Dragon Elephant Sect was incomplete, while the version he had was complete?

But, isn't the Dragon Elephant Sect supposed to be the main sect? Even if a traitor stole the cultivation technique inheritance jade slip, it shouldn't have resulted in an incomplete inheritance.

Unless, the inheritance jade slip stolen by the traitor was the core of the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture", engraved with Daoist imprints, only comprehensible but not replicable?

With the matter out in the open, Long Chen was no longer embarrassed to continue. He sighed and explained the whole story to Mu Jinyu:

"A few hundred years after the traitor stole the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture', a great upheaval occurred in our Dragon Elephant Sect, leading to the loss of the core of our cultivation technique. Therefore, we have been searching for the traitor's whereabouts, hoping to restore our sect's inheritance."

"Unfortunately, for hundreds of years, we have been unable to find any traces, thinking that the traitor did not establish a new sect after leaving the Dragon Elephant Sect, thus completely severing the inheritance of the Dragon Elephant technique..."

"It was fortunate that you, brother, appeared and displayed a physique far superior to the descendants of the Dragon Elephant Sect. We guessed that you might have obtained the complete inheritance, which is why we ventured to ask."

Mu Jinyu nodded understandingly after hearing this and said, "So that's the case, but..."

"But what?"

The members of the Dragon Elephant Sect, upon hearing Mu Jinyu's hesitation, thought he intended to exploit the opportunity. Their hearts tightened, fearing he would demand a high price to restore the Dragon Elephant core.

Shaking his head, Mu Jinyu said helplessly, "But, I cannot return the inheritance jade slip to you, because the day I comprehended the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture', the jade slip shattered completely..."

"How could this be..." The members of the Dragon Elephant Sect exclaimed in disbelief at Mu Jinyu's words, looking very upset.

"Just say it, what will it take for you to return the Dragon Elephant Sect's inheritance..."

Someone deduced that Mu Jinyu intended to exploit the situation, unwillingly saying.

Shaking his head, Mu Jinyu replied with a somewhat helpless tone, "I'm not trying to exploit the situation, the inheritance jade slip truly was destroyed."

"He's not lying..."

At this point, Long Chen sighed deeply, appearing much older, and lamented.

"Sect Master, you..."

The members of the Dragon Elephant Sect looked at Long Chen with doubt and uncertainty, not understanding why he was so sure.

Long Chen explained, "Back then, the traitor did not have remarkable talent or comprehension. He struggled to make progress in cultivating the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Technique' and believed it wasn't his fault, but rather because the current elder wouldn't transmit the Supreme Heart Technique to him. So, he found a chance to steal an inheritance jade slip, which allowed for a single comprehension of the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture'. Once comprehended, the jade slip would shatter to prevent it from being leaked."

"Our predecessors searched for him for many years without success, thinking that the traitor either comprehended it and didn't establish a new sect or died, resulting in the severance of the inheritance. Upon hearing Brother Mu's words, I thought perhaps he established a sect, but it remained unknown!"

"Now, it seems, the traitor lacked the comprehension to understand the Dragon Elephant Core. The inheritance jade slip eventually fell into Brother Mu's hands after a thousand years, where no one else could fully comprehend the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture'."

After speaking, Long Chen sighed deeply, saying, "What a pity, this was a jade slip allowing for a single comprehension, alas... I initially thought the traitor had comprehended the Dragon Elephant inheritance and passed it on, but unfortunately not!"

He had genuinely believed moments ago that Mu Jinyu had the traitor's comprehension of the Dragon Elephant inheritance and had created a jade slip for unlimited comprehension after a hundred years, but now, his hopes were dashed.

Shaking his head and sighing, Long Chen looked at Mu Jinyu, saying, "Brother, after you reach the Unity Realm Stage and can articulate all that you've learned, could you return the Dragon Elephant Sect's inheritance to us?"

Top-grade inheritances, cultivation techniques, and divine skills imbued with Dao Rhythms cannot be easily transferred to others once learned.

One cannot accurately articulate the core Dao Rhythms of the cultivation technique, which would be incomplete.

Others who learn it risk falling into madness.

Only upon reaching the Unity Realm Stage, where all great Dao merge into one, can one easily articulate various learned truths.

That's why, after Mu Jinyu spoke the truth, Long Chen believed him immediately.

According to the records of the Dragon Elephant Sect, the traitor's talent was indeed unlikely to have reached the Unity Realm Stage or left behind an unlimited comprehension transfer jade slip of the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture".

More likely, the traitor received the one-time inheritance jade slip but could not comprehend it and finally, after a millennium, it fell into Mu Jinyu's hands.

Therefore, Long Chen could only plead with Mu Jinyu to return the complete version of the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture" to their Dragon Elephant Sect after advancing to the Unity Realm Stage.

With Mu Jinyu's talent, he is estimated to easily break through to the Unity Realm Stage in a few decades without much effort!

This is obviously much more feasible than continuing to search in the vast Kunlun Ruins for whatever Dragon Elephant legacy might still exist.

Chapter 1037: Evolving Dragon Elephant Origin!

"After you reach the Unity Realm Stage, will you return it to us?"

Mu Jinyu heard Long Chen's words, pondered for a moment, and then said, "Let me try, I'll deduce it, to see if you can directly touch the ancient scripture's core origin."

"No need, without reaching the Unity Realm Stage, you cannot deduce the core origin." Long Chen shook his head and sighed.

"Try it, there's no loss, if successful, you won't have to wait for several years, and I won't need to visit you specifically." Mu Jinyu insisted.

Behind Long Chen, several elders of the Dragon Elephant Sect couldn't help but laugh at Mu Jinyu's words.

This guy's talent is absurdly high, reaching the late stage of the Fanxu Realm at just eighteen; perhaps in a few years, he will reach the peak of the ninth layer of the Fanxu Realm!

They believe this!

But merging paths is so difficult; many among them have cultivated for two or three hundred years, still stuck at the peak of the ninth layer of the Fanxu Realm, unable to take that last step of merging paths and solidifying the pill for over a hundred years.

One can see how difficult this step is, that only those with invincible talent may cross it in their lifetime.

Mu Jinyu wanting to achieve merging paths in a few years is indeed a bit like a daydream!

If they were told he'd achieve merging paths in twenty years, they'd barely believe it.

But in a few years... even ten years, they don't believe!

In comparison, Mu Jinyu wanting to directly deduce the core inheritance origin of the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture" to return this body refinement ancient scripture to them, though it seems absurd, it doesn't seem so comical.

Nevertheless, since Mu Jinyu insists on deducing it for them, they don't mind watching the Hidden Dragon List's top laughable attempt.

"Alright, then give it a try."

Long Chen didn't hold out much hope, but seeing Mu Jinyu insist, and them having a request of him, he nodded and agreed.

Mu Jinyu, with sharp divine sense, naturally sensed the expressions of the elders behind Long Chen change as he offered to deduce.

That hint of mockery and ridicule was clear to Mu Jinyu.

But he was too lazy to argue with these people.

Ants can never understand why the Divine Dragon can soar the sky, overlooking all beings.

He did not wish to argue with them, only wanting to return the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture" sooner, and no longer have ties with the Dragon Elephant Sect.

"Alright."

Mu Jinyu acknowledged, raised his hand, and threw out dozens of top-quality Spirit Stones, setting up an absolute defensive prohibition, making his room possess unbreakable power.

So when deducing the Dragon Elephant origin next, he wouldn't destroy his room or the entire inn!

Long Chen and the Dragon Elephant Sect higher-ups saw Mu Jinyu casually set up a high-level prohibition, their expressions slightly changed.

They truly didn't expect Mu Jinyu, at eighteen, to have the cultivation of the Fanxu Realm and have refined his body to the power of the seven images, which is not humanly possible.

Yet he even had the mind to research formations and prohibitions...

What on earth is this talent!

Compared to Mu Jinyu, they seemed to have lived for ages to no effect.

Mu Jinyu finished setting up the defensive prohibition, then with a slightly serious expression, addressed Long Chen, "Dragon Sect Master, pay attention..."

Upon speaking, Mu Jinyu's eyes suddenly emitted dazzling divine light, sparkling mightily, like fiery eyes, intimidating and unapproachable!

Then his hands began slowly moving, as if practicing Tai Chi, forming a peculiar stance.

"Roar!"

As this stance was formed, suddenly, Long Chen and all the Dragon Elephant Sect members jumped up from their seats excitedly, watching intently at the phantom behind Mu Jinyu.

Behind Mu Jinyu, a fierce-looking Demon Elephant appeared, its long trunk seemingly able to smash the void, emanating endless terrifying primitive energy.

Making everyone feel as if they were amidst the ancient primitive era.

Then, a magnificent five-clawed Golden Dragon appeared, as if binding prey like a snake, constraining the primitive Demon Elephant.

The Dragon Elephant entwined, forming a very strange pattern, finally transforming into a grand diagram.

The entire Dragon Elephant Diagram exuded a profound and mysterious path wisdom!

"This is..."

Long Chen was incomprehensibly excited, tears and snot almost flowing, saying, "The core origin of the 'Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture'!"

"Thud!!"

"Thud!!"

The elders behind him were overly excited, gazing devoutly at the Dragon Elephant Origin, as if seeing a deity.

Finally, they couldn't help but bend their knees, kneeling before Mu Jinyu, repeatedly bowing while mumbling:

"Ancestors bless us, we have finally found the Dragon Elephant Origin..."

"Ancestors bless us, reclaiming the Dragon Elephant Origin, hope for the revival of the Dragon Elephant Sect..."

"..."

"Huff... hiss..." Mu Jinyu gently breathed, his face pale.

With his seventh layer of the Fanxu Realm, forcibly revealing the top-grade cultivation technique's origin for public view was quite exhausting.

Luckily, his Life Source Energy continually healed his wounds.

Otherwise, he might have been crushed by the backlash of the Dragon Elephant Diagram!

"Dragon Sect Master, hurry..."

Mu Jinyu gasped again, weakly urged Long Chen.

"Alright, alright..."

Long Chen, upon seeing the Dragon Elephant core origin, was tremendously excited, almost stunned, hence forgot to record the core origin immediately.

Hearing Mu Jinyu's reminder, he quickly responded, then abandoned all distractions, focused on observing the Dragon Elephant Diagram behind Mu Jinyu.

Afraid Mu Jinyu couldn't hold on, losing the strength to maintain it, letting the Dragon Elephant Diagram dissipate directly.

If Mu Jinyu couldn't deduce it again, he'd truly want to die.

If hadn't seen the Dragon Elephant Origin, he could patiently wait decades for Mu Jinyu to breakthrough to the Unity Realm Stage, but having seen it, how could he have the patience to wait long?

Luckily, Long Chen, as Dragon Elephant Sect Master, had deeply pondered on the incomplete "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture", thus didn't need to memorize other profound mysteries within the Dragon Elephant Diagram.

Just needed to remember the mysteries he hadn't mastered.

This became much simpler for him.

In three minutes, Mu Jinyu was finally struggling, sweat dripped from his forehead, his body quivering slightly, he called out, "Dragon Sect Master, hurry, I can't hold on..."

"Alright, alright, sorry for the trouble..."

Long Chen responded to Mu Jinyu's shout, apologetically.

In fact, at two minutes and thirty seconds, he had already completed his mastery of the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture", but he feared missing something, hence checked for another thirty seconds.

During those thirty seconds, he ensured his version was complete.

So upon Mu Jinyu's call, he didn't let Mu Jinyu continue the check.

"Huff..."

Mu Jinyu heard Long Chen's response, exhaled relievedly, no longer persisted.

In an instant, the Dragon Elephant Diagram behind him vanished.

Leaving the few elders behind Long Chen returning to their senses, looking dejected and lost.

Chapter 1038: Opening the Door of Convenience!

However, when they thought about how the sect master had already mastered the Dragon Elephant Origin, their spirits lifted, and they immediately felt much better.

Long Chen was already a powerful figure at the Unity Realm Stage. Since he had regained mastery over the Dragon Elephant Origin, completing the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture" within the sect should be no difficult task.

Soon, they too would be able to grasp the complete "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture."

"Brother Mu, are you alright..."

Long Chen's face was full of excitement, unable to hide his emotions. However, as he observed that Mu Jinyu looked even weaker after dispelling the Dragon Elephant Diagram, Long Chen became worried. He quickly retrieved a blackish elixir from his storage bag.

This elixir was called the Great Power Dragon Demon Pill, a divine pill refined from the essence of a Demon Emperor level Flood Dragon.

Taken daily, with consistent use, it could grant even ordinary people the power of a Flood Dragon!

However, with the scarcity of ferocious beasts containing Flood Dragon bloodline in Kunlun Ruins, especially at the Demon Emperor level, the Dragon Elephant Sect had very few Great Power Dragon Demon Pills in stock.

If it weren't for Mu Jinyu's current weakness due to helping to restore their Dragon Elephant Sect's cultivation technique, Long Chen wouldn't have been willing to give this pill to Mu Jinyu to restore his energy.

But at this moment, he did not hesitate at all, quickly feeding the Great Power Dragon Demon Pill to Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu initially wanted to refuse, as he could swiftly recover to normal with the help of Life Source Energy by operating the cultivation technique.

But Long Chen did not give him the chance to reject, pushing the pill into his mouth as soon as he opened it.

Soon the pill's power dissolved, rushing down Mu Jinyu's throat like seventy-two tiny True Dragons.

Mu Jinyu was startled but soon relaxed.

He wasn't worried that Long Chen would feed him poison. Even if the other party truly intended to repay kindness with enmity, with Life Source Energy within him, he was immune to all poisons and had nothing to fear.

Soon, Mu Jinyu sensed that as the power of the Great Power Dragon Demon Pill dissolved, his Qi and blood began to boil, continuously flowing into his body, making it even stronger.

He vaguely felt the pill was pushing him towards achieving the Power of the Eight Symbols!

But ultimately, he didn't succeed.

Still, Mu Jinyu felt quite satisfied.

"Thank you, Dragon Sect Master."

Mu Jinyu opened his eyes, stood up from the ground, and said to Long Chen with a smile.

Long Chen sighed, "Don't, Brother Mu, please don't say thanks in front of me. It is I who should be thanking you for helping us complete the core of the Dragon Elephant Sect. A mere small pill is nothing..."

The elders behind Long Chen heard their sect master's words, and their expressions became somewhat strange.

What do you mean by a mere small pill? They didn't have many of the Great Power Dragon Demon Pills left in the Dragon Elephant Sect. Even the sect master's son couldn't get one for body refinement, for Long Chen never relented.

Even Gu Rulong, as the top lineage heir, hadn't had many.

It was only because the Hidden Dragon Conference was approaching that the sect master reluctantly gave one to Gu Rulong for him to achieve a good performance for the Dragon Elephant Sect.

And yet the sect master now says it's just a mere small pill.

He certainly knows how to talk nonsense!

But when everyone thought about how Mu Jinyu helped them complete their core inheritance, compared to that, the Great Power Dragon Demon Pill truly seemed trivial.

Long Chen expressed his gratitude to Mu Jinyu for a long time, eventually feeling that one Great Power Dragon Demon Pill was insufficient to repay Mu Jinyu's kindness, considering it just a compensation for Mu Jinyu's Essence, Qi, and Spirit.

So, he waved his hand, and suddenly various dazzling items appeared on the ground.

Some were top-quality spiritual treasures, some supreme delicacies, others rare spiritual materials, or even peerless divine iron...

The sight made Mu Jinyu's head spin.

The elders of the Dragon Elephant Sect changed their expressions, but ultimately said nothing.

Long Chen disregarded them, cheerfully and generously saying to Mu Jinyu, "Brother Mu, see if there's anything here you need? Take what you want. Although it's not enough to repay your kindness, it can at least express the thanks of our Dragon Elephant Sect..."

"This..."

Mu Jinyu hesitated at these words.

He had revealed the core origin of the "Dragon Elephant Prison Suppression Scripture" to Long Chen, intending not to have excessive entanglements with the Dragon Elephant Sect by returning it to them and ending the matter.

But unexpectedly, they were so courteous, which made him a little uncomfortable.

He hesitated but decided against getting too involved with them, intending to refuse outright.

Then, as his gaze moved away from those treasures on the ground, he suddenly noticed some extremely rare spiritual medicines.

And these few spiritual medicines were exactly among the ten or so kinds needed to help Wen Rou and the others recover their bodies...

It truly felt like finding something without much effort!

Mu Jinyu rejoiced inside.

Originally, he was thinking how long it would take to collect these spiritual medicines; now, having obtained five such medicines without any trouble, it almost cut his time in half.

Mu Jinyu suddenly felt lucky he hadn't brushed off the Dragon Elephant Sect, waiting to return their inheritance after breaking through the Unity Realm Stage.

If he had decided so, he probably wouldn't have obtained these five spiritual medicines, and collecting them later would definitely cost him much time.

Thus, without much hesitation, Mu Jinyu waved his hand and grabbed those five spiritual medicines!

"Thank you, Dragon Sect Master. I happen to need these few spiritual medicines, so I will shamelessly accept them." Mu Jinyu held the five spiritual medicines and respectfully said to Long Chen, his tone full of gratitude.

Seeing this, Long Chen felt no unease.

Because his previous words were not mere courtesy.

Even if Mu Jinyu took away all the treasures on the ground, he wouldn't say a word.

At most, he'd avoid contacting someone as greedy as Mu Jinyu in the future.

Furthermore, judging by Mu Jinyu's tone, he wasn't lying.

Considering the five spiritual medicines he took, while three were extremely precious, the other two, although also rare and hard to find, weren't particularly useful. Therefore, Long Chen didn't mind much.

Mu Jinyu accepted these five spiritual medicines and conversed with Long Chen and the others for a long time before they finally bade farewell and left.

Before leaving, Long Chen repeatedly invited Mu Jinyu, saying that if he had free time, he should visit the Dragon Elephant Sect.

Mu Jinyu readily agreed, saying he'd visit the Dragon Elephant Sect when he had free time.

But he knew he definitely wouldn't have such time soon, as he still needed to expend significant effort to find the remaining seven rare spiritual medicines.

"Ah, if every hidden sect and super clan in Kunlun Ruins could be as accommodating as the Dragon Elephant Sect, then I'd probably find all these spiritual medicines in no time."

After seeing Long Chen and the others off, Mu Jinyu turned over the five spiritual medicines in his hand, feeling compelled to lament.

Chapter 1039: Iron Fist Zhuo Yue!

"Did we really get five spiritual medicines just like that?"

"It seems like, gathering all these spiritual medicines isn't too difficult after all!"

Soon after, Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan stepped outside and, upon learning that Mu Jinyu had already acquired the five required spiritual medicines, they exclaimed in amazement.

Mu Jinyu chuckled, "It's not that simple. This is because the Dragon Elephant Sect is a top-grade force of the Kunlun Ruins, and their Sect Master allowed me to choose from their treasure vault. Otherwise, how could I acquire so many at once?"

"You think it's simple, then first we must have other hidden sects and super clans open their doors and let us choose freely from their vaults, only then can it be called simple!"

Wen Rou's face grew bitter upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, "Indeed, it seems that collecting all these spiritual medicines is really difficult."

"Let's take it step by step. For now, I'll mature these five spiritual medicines and split them into two."
Mu Jinyu shook his head.

These five spiritual medicines are not all mature. Some weren't mature when picked, discovered unexpectedly by the Dragon Elephant Sect, who feared that returning ferocious beasts guarding the medicine might steal them, so they were harvested early.

For them, harvesting early just slightly reduces the potency, and it's no big deal.

But to Mu Jinyu, immature spiritual medicines might just lead Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan's body swap to fail, so he can't use these medicines directly.

Since his Life Source Energy has a ripening effect, with just a simple effort, there's no reason not to take action.

Soon, Mu Jinyu matured the three unripe spiritual medicines with Life Source Energy, making their potency equal to naturally matured ones.

Then, Mu Jinyu took out the seeds and bases of the spiritual medicines, preparing to cultivate a second batch.

Cultivating from seed or base to maturity requires much more Life Source Energy than merely ripening.

Mu Jinyu spent a full three days in cycles of catalyzing, resting, cultivating, and continuing to catalyze...

Finally, he transformed the five variably matured spiritual medicines into ten fully matured ones!

"Whew... finally finished..."

Mu Jinyu opened his eyes, exhaling deeply as he looked at the ten mature spiritual medicines before him, with a look of contentment in his eyes.

"You worked hard; let me wipe your sweat."

Noticing this, Wen Rou's beautiful eyes showed a hint of heartache as she hurried forward to wipe Mu Jinyu's sweat.

Jian Ruyan, sitting aside, also looked at Mu Jinyu with some emotion.

Half a day later.

Mu Jinyu, along with Jian Ruyan and Wen Rou, checked out and left the inn.

Though the Hidden Dragon Conference had been over for three days, the discussions on the streets remained intense.

Some people greatly admired Mu Jinyu, finding him impressive for suppressing peers at eighteen, defeating opponents in their strongest domain, making him their idol.

Others deeply resented Mu Jinyu, believing that his appearance was why Ji Changxin couldn't win the Hidden Dragon Conference, causing the Dayan Dynasty's mighty Dragon Qi to dissipate and shift to the small Yan Kingdom, making their future cultivation much harder.

Many harsh words were spoken against Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu did not concern himself with such opinions.

Those who rely only on external aid, complain daily, and don't strive for improvement, aren't even worth a second glance from him.

Additionally, some people, though dissatisfied with the loss of Dragon Vein Qi Luck by Dayan Dynasty, didn't complain or speak foully as the former.

They decided to leave Dayan Dynasty, heading to Yan Kingdom, now rooted by the Dragon Vein, to continue their cultivation there.

There were many such individuals.

Historically, after each Hidden Dragon Conference, when the Dragon Vein shifted locations, they would follow it to continue cultivating elsewhere.

"Hehe..."

Mu Jinyu chuckled lightly, deciding to leave Dayan Imperial City.

However, he hadn't made a final decision yet, whether to first return to Yan Kingdom to have a look or casually roam nearby, to see if he could find the last seven spiritual medicines he needed.

"Buzz!!"

At this moment, Mu Jinyu's Heavenly Palace Token suddenly quivered slightly.

Mu Jinyu knew this was someone from the Heavenly Palace sending him a message.

Just like sending a text message.

Thus, Mu Jinyu extended his Divine Sense into the token, promptly receiving a message.

A message containing the whereabouts of three spiritual medicines.

The sender was Hua Yunfei, an insider Mu Jinyu won over before coming to the Hidden Dragon Conference.

Three days earlier, after obtaining the Soul Snatching Resolution Technique, Mu Jinyu sent the data for twelve spiritual medicines needed to Hua Yunfei, asking him to use the channels of the Heavenly Palace, and his Hua family's connections, to search for these spiritual medicines.

Three days later, Hua Yunfei finally found the whereabouts of three spiritual medicines, sending detailed information to Mu Jinyu.

However, what made Mu Jinyu's expression turn sour was...

In the three pieces of information Hua Yunfei sent, two spiritual medicines were already acquired by Mu Jinyu through the Dragon Elephant Sect...

Only one piece of information was usable.

"Damn."

Mu Jinyu cursed and then sent a message to Hua Yunfei, canceling the search for the five spiritual medicines.

Being completely under Mu Jinyu's control, Hua Yunfei dared not refuse any of his requests, agreeing wholeheartedly.

"Soul Shatter Grass..."

Mu Jinyu contemplated the spiritual medicine information sent by Hua Yunfei, muttering softly.

The second solution provided by the Heavenly Palace's Vice Palace Master involved breaking and rebuilding, using poison to counter poison.

The name of the Soul Shatter Grass itself indicated it wasn't a soul-nourishing spiritual medicine but a "poison" used for the annihilation of souls!

Ordinary people wouldn't dare ingest it, as it would utterly obliterate their souls!

The creator of the second solution was bold and meticulous, realizing that after Soul Seizing, the soul would gradually integrate with the new body, making it hard to dislodge with ordinary means.

Only by using extreme measures, employing a poison with the effect of soul shattering and spirit-cutting, to poison counter poison, unhinge the soul, then supplementing with other spiritual medicines to nurture the soul, and escort it back to the original body of the soul snatcher!

Could it truly succeed in swapping bodies again.

This is why the Soul Shatter Grass, though rare, few dared approach it to prevent their souls from being annihilated. Even having a lead wouldn't cause an uproar!

Thus, Hua Yunfei could swiftly obtain the Soul Shatter Grass clue.

"Alright, decided, I'll not return to Yan Kingdom yet, but go to Chu Kingdom, Yanyu City..."

Mu Jinyu said to Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan.

The two women naturally had no objections.

Seven days later.

Mu Jinyu, accompanied by Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, had already left Dayan Dynasty and entered Chu Kingdom.

On a broad avenue capable of accommodating ten horse couriers in parallel, Mu Jinyu rode a carriage towards Yanyu City.

"Kill!"

"Don't let him escape!"

"Zhuo Yue, if you have the guts, don't run!"

"..."

Upon hearing the shouts behind the carriage, Mu Jinyu's expression shifted, whispering, "Zhuo Yue..."

Mu Jinyu was quite familiar with the name Zhuo Yue.

Back when he killed Ye Wushuang's disciple Ye Chen, to guard against Ye Wushuang, he specifically examined the Divine Rankings list.

He learned about Li Zhexiong, Yu Shenfeng, Zhuo Yue, and others.

Zhuo Yue, ranked third in the Huaxia Divine Rankings.

Known as Iron Fist Zhuo Yue!

"Is it him?" Mu Jinyu curiously muttered.

Chapter 1040: Mass Slaughter!

Just as Mu Jinyu was speculating whether the Zhuo Yue being pursued behind him was the third on the Huaxia Divine Rankings...

A sudden, intense sound of breaking through the air came from behind.

A young man with a bare torso, his body as strong as a dragon, dashed past their carriage without any pause.

He showed no intention of using their presence to block the pursuit from behind.

Mu Jinyu leaned against the carriage, extending his Divine Sense, and upon seeing the young man's appearance, his expression slightly shifted.

The person being pursued was indeed the former third-ranked on the Divine Rankings.

Iron Fist Zhuo Yue.

His cultivation had reached the Sixth Layer of the Fanxu Realm.

Judging by cultivation alone, he seemed to be faring better in the Kunlun Ruins than the first and second on the Divine Rankings, Li Zhexiong and Yu Shenfeng.

"An old acquaintance who didn't drag others into his troubles. I wonder why he's being pursued; perhaps I should inquire and see if it can be resolved."

Mu Jinyu murmured and then prepared to step down to ask the pursuers why they were chasing Zhuo Yue.

Did Zhuo Yue cause some major trouble, or did he randomly find a treasure and they wanted to kill him to seize it?

However...

Just as Mu Jinyu had the intention to inquire, but before he could act.

He saw part of the pursuers continue to chase Zhuo Yue relentlessly, while another part stopped, murder in their eyes, and charged at the carriage, swords brandished!

"Kill!!!"

"Those in my way will die!"

Listening to their shouts for slaughter, Mu Jinyu's expression instantly darkened.

Not even sparing bystanders, it's apparent that their intent to kill and seize is far greater than the possibility of Zhuo Yue causing trouble!

They intend to kill to silence, to continue covering their tracks!

"Die!"

In a swift thought, Mu Jinyu uttered a gentle shout, and the pale green Green Emperor Domain unfolded instantly, enveloping all of these people!

"Ah!"

Many let out screams of pain, but most couldn't even make a sound; their vitality was stripped away, meeting an untimely death!

This group dared to chase the Sixth Layer Fanxu Realm Zhuo Yue, so naturally, they weren't much weaker than him; almost every one of them was at the Fifth Layer of the Fanxu Realm!

Among them were also a few at the Sixth Layer!

Equivalent to Zhuo Yue!

With such depths, encountering an unremarkable carriage on the roadside, they wanted to kill to silence without wasting time to probe, which was quite normal.

After all, who would expect a strong one at the Late Stage of the Fanxu Realm to leisurely ride a carriage to enjoy the scenery on the way?

That's what led to their tragic deaths here.

Although most died without a trace or sound, some did let out screams that even those at the front chasing Zhuo Yue heard.

Initially, they assumed the people inside the carriage were slaughtered by those behind, ready to ignore it.

But some recognized voices from behind, familiar with their cries, which caused a few to have a change of face.

They suddenly stopped in their tracks, frowning as they looked back.

Only to witness an unbelievable scene.

The pursuers, with cultivation between the Fifth and Sixth Layers of Fanxu Realm, fell like paper figurines, toppled by a gentle breeze emanating from the carriage.

They could see at a glance that all these people were dead.

None survived.

That was no ordinary breeze; it was a Domain!

A powerful and special Domain!

Seeing this, the few left appeared more solemn, a trace of fear and unease flashing deep in their eyes.

They realized that perhaps they had unwittingly crossed paths with an immovable force.

"Senior, we..."

They opened their mouths, preparing to explain something.

"Haha, that fool actually came running back!"

"Kill!"

"Don't let him get away again!"

At this time, those relentlessly pursuing Zhuo Yue did not realize the anomaly behind, shouting excitedly.

Inside the carriage, Mu Jinyu naturally saw the reason for their excitement.

Zhuo Yue, who had previously put some distance between them, suddenly came running back.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu thought to himself, Zhuo Yue's desperate fleeing, there's no reason for him to return without cause.

So...

He must have noticed the trouble involving them, and thus returned to fight a path for escape?

That seemed the only explanation.

The reality wasn't much different from what Mu Jinyu speculated.

While being chased, Zhuo Yue, flying forward without a glance back, had naturally noticed the leisurely carriage on the roadside.

From inside the carriage, he sensed an obscure aura, feeling there might be a strong presence inside, though he wasn't sure...

Truthfully, he did consider using them to block the pursuers behind him.

But finally, he thought, if they weren't unbeatable strong, wouldn't it implicate innocent people?

That's why he rushed past the carriage, without stopping.

But soon after, because of his uncertainty regarding the carriage, he paid more attention to the situation behind him and shockingly discovered that the pursuers had indeed targeted the carriage!

This meant during his escape, many passersby were likely slaughtered by these pursers!

This was something he could not accept at all, hence he turned back to aid them!

"Not bad."

Mu Jinyu complimented, and then the Green Emperor Domain expanded, instantly enveloping those who had stopped to explain, taking their lives away!

Following this, the Green Emperor Domain, like the shadowy robe of death, continued silently forward, sweeping towards the excited pursuers waiting for Zhuo Yue's self-destruction!

At this moment, the group ahead finally had those with sharp Divine Sense notice something amiss.

It was too quiet behind.

And Zhuo Yue's expression as he charged forward was so strange, shocked yet joyous?

These people instinctively looked back, seeing a stream of green light slowly rushing towards them.

Like a raging sea wave, just as they were about to cry out in alarm, the wave engulfed them.

"Hiss hiss!!!"

Nearly thirty Mid-Stage Fanxu Realm pursuers, thus all met their end!

In front, Zhuo Yue unconsciously halted, his eyes gazing dazedly at the scene.

He truly did not expect the presence inside the carriage to be so powerful, removing the formidable pursuers who had him fleeing desperately, as if pulling weeds.

"Third on the Divine Rankings, Iron Fist Zhuo Yue?"

In his stupefaction, Zhuo Yue saw the carriage curtain lifting, and a handsome, tall youth emerged, looking up at him with a smile.

Hearing this familiar yet utterly unfamiliar title, Zhuo Yue was momentarily drawn back to the days of contending with various Divine Realm powerhouses in Huaxia!

Figures like Li Zhexiong, Yu Shenfeng, Ye Wushuang, and others flashed through Zhuo Yue's mind silently.

"Who are you?"

After a while, Zhuo Yue came back to his senses, looking at Mu Jinyu with surprise and doubt, speaking uncertainly.