

King Hall 1051

Chapter 1051: Zhuo Yue Wakes Up!

"Tweet tweet tweet..."

The bald little Phoenix saw Mu Jinyu's skeptical gaze and became very displeased. Its scarlet eyes shifted from seeking credit to showing anger, grunting a few times before curling back into Jian Ruyan's arms, remaining silent.

It was very clever; upon waking up, it was initially excited and wanted to rush into the Cursed Soul Forest. However, it quickly realized they were already inside it. So, it ceased its struggle and continued to stay quietly in Jian Ruyan's arms.

"Come, my little darling, here's your reward."

Mu Jinyu, although uncertain if the previous retreat of the evil beings was due to this little creature, still smiled as he saw its displeasure, and handed over a few Fire Attribute Spiritual Medicines to its beak.

"Swish swish swish!"

The little Phoenix tilted its head, avoiding eye contact with Mu Jinyu, while its beak moved swiftly, snatching and consuming the Spiritual Medicines in no time.

"Tweet tweet!"

Afterward, it still didn't look back at Mu Jinyu, expressing its discontent with a few more grunts.

"Getting addicted to extortion, are we?"

Mu Jinyu found it both amusing and exasperating, but in the end, he refrained from punishing it and produced another dozen or so Spiritual Medicines.

Regardless of whether the retreat of those evil beings was caused by this little creature, since they were out of danger now, Mu Jinyu was happy to offer some Spiritual Medicines as a reward for lack of a better target.

The little creature quickly devoured the Spiritual Medicines, then wriggled out from Jian Ruyan's arms, landing on Mu Jinyu's shoulder and swaying to steady itself, before using its beak to groom his hair with a fawning expression.

"Keep calling out later on, so we stay safe all the way, okay?"

Mu Jinyu stroked the little Phoenix's bald head, smiling as he spoke.

"Tweet tweet tweet..."

It chirped a few times in agreement.

Thus, all the way ahead, the little creature's cries were constant.

Interestingly, with its continuous calls, Mu Jinyu, riding the Bi Fang Cauldron, encountered several areas that made his heart race, feeling more dangerous than those controlled by Ji Ran with the Demon God Tower.

He speculated in his heart; it might genuinely be extremely dangerous evil beings at a true Unity Realm Stage level.

However, they remained stationary in their domains, never crossing over to confront these uninvited guests.

This reassured Mu Jinyu quite a bit.

"Uh..."

At this moment, Zhuo Yue, who had been unconscious, groaned, opened his eyes, and regained consciousness.

"I'm not dead?!"

Upon waking and hearing the tweeting bird, Zhuo Yue looked up to see Mu Jinyu, Wen Rou, and Jian Ruyan, and asked instinctively in a moment of daze.

"Of course." Mu Jinyu nodded.

"Alas, thank you, young friend, for saving my life, but alas..."

Discovering he wasn't dead, Zhuo Yue felt a heaviness settle over him. After all, he had dedicated his life to his iron fists, and now with his arms broken, he felt half-crippled, bringing a desire to retire to his heart.

But as he sighed this halfway, he suddenly looked down to find his arms... still there...

In a daze, Zhuo Yue looked up at Mu Jinyu and the others with emotional excitement and some disbelief, waving his arms, "My... my arms, how are they fine?"

Mu Jinyu laughed, "That's because you were just under that old thing's illusion technique earlier. In reality, you weren't injured. He just wanted to scare you to death in the illusory realm."

"Is that so?" Zhuo Yue was stunned by Mu Jinyu's explanation, then instinctively twisted his arms a bit.

His arms were indeed fine, making him believe Mu Jinyu's words.

Though his fingers and shoulders still had a faint ache, Zhuo Yue didn't think much of it, assuming it was phantom pain.

Seeing Zhuo Yue believe his words, Mu Jinyu secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

He wasn't trying to deceive Zhuo Yue; it's just that matters of life and death are best not shared with outsiders.

If he had to explain how he helped regenerate his limbs, he'd surely have to disclose that he used Supreme Divine Medicine on him.

But such a claim wouldn't be as convincing as the illusory realm explanation.

After all, who would willingly give away Supreme Divine Medicine to a friend met only a few times between lives?

"Hey, where is this place..."

Recovered after his arms' return, Zhuo Yue finally calmed down. Then he noticed they were flying inside a cauldron-like Magic Treasure, sparking his curiosity and prompting him to extend his Divine Sense.

Seeing the eerie scene outside the Cursed Soul Forest, he was stunned, his complexion turning pale from a previously ruddy hue.

"This place can't be the Cursed Soul Forest, can it?"

He murmured to himself, looking up at Mu Jinyu with hopeful eyes, "Don't tell me we've entered the Cursed Soul Forest?"

Mu Jinyu nodded helplessly and sighed, "Yes, to avoid the pursuit from that old thing, I was forced to enter the Cursed Soul Forest."

"Ah!!" Zhuo Yue couldn't help but scream in terror, constantly muttering, "How could this happen... how could this happen..."

Mu Jinyu, not understanding why Zhuo Yue was so frightened, was about to explain that with the little Phoenix around, the Cursed Soul Forest seemed less dangerous...

Zhuo Yue suddenly looked up at Mu Jinyu, his tone somewhat out of control as he questioned, "No, didn't you kill Ji Bufan just like that? Even though Ji Ran was at a False Merged Path Realm level, given your strength, he shouldn't have been able to force you in here?"

Mu Jinyu knew Zhuo Yue's emotions were a bit off, ignoring his tone and sighing, "Because he had a Treasured Item, the Demon God Tower, I couldn't fight him!"

"De... Demon God Tower?!"

Hearing Mu Jinyu's response, Zhuo Yue was once again dumbfounded.

Having mixed in the Kunlun Ruins for years, he naturally knew the fame of this Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure.

Unexpectedly, it was in Ji Ran's hands, so it's no wonder Mu Jinyu was forced into the Cursed Soul Forest.

Seeing Zhuo Yue's stunned expression, shifting from heavenly to a hellish demeanor, Mu Jinyu frowned and asked, "What's wrong with you? Although we entered the Cursed Soul Forest, which holds deadly threats, isn't it a bit too much to react this way? We've already ventured deep, but with this little chick here, we've encountered no danger..."

"You just came to the Kunlun Ruins not long ago, you don't understand..." Zhuo Yue said, shaking his head dumbfoundedly.

He then explained how the Cursed Soul Forest curses all intruders, along with their friends and family, bringing them unexpected deaths.

This is truly killing everyone related to the Nine Tribes!

Though Zhuo Yue ventured alone in the Kunlun Ruins, it didn't mean he had no friends there, or relatives in Huaxia...

How could he accept such a cruel curse?!

He'd rather have been awake back then, choosing to take his own life outside the Cursed Soul Forest than go in with Mu Jinyu!

"A curse involving all friends and family?!"

Mu Jinyu, hearing Zhuo Yue's words, felt his heart race several times, almost leaping out of his throat, rendering him speechless.

He didn't expect the Cursed Soul Forest to be that terrifying.

But soon enough, he forced himself to calm down.

Since they're already in, there was no turning back from an unwelcome truth.

He now only hoped that the bald little Phoenix on his shoulder could also dispel this unfathomable Curse Force!

Chapter 1052: End of the Road, Encountering an Immortal Scene!

"I'm still alive now, so the Curse Force shouldn't affect others, right?"

Mu Jinyu frowned and murmured, even though he had many worries in his heart, at this moment, no matter how worried he was, he couldn't leave the Cursed Soul Forest for the time being, so he didn't need to think too much about all this.

"Clang!!"

At this moment, the Bi Fang Cauldron emitted a slight tremor, suspended in mid-air.

Mu Jinyu came back to his senses, extending his Divine Sense, discovering that the Bi Fang Cauldron had arrived in front of a marshland.

In front of him, the marshland appeared in a dark purple hue, exuding an extremely unpleasant stench of decay. Every now and then, purple bubbles emerged from the Poison Marsh Pond, then burst, transforming into wisps of purple smoke that dissipated into the air.

Amidst the boiling bubbles, one could vaguely see numerous remnants floating and sinking within the Poison Marsh Pond.

This place was shrouded with a great ominous presence and evil aura. When the Bi Fang Cauldron autonomously floated ahead, it was blocked as if truly trapped in the Poison Marsh Pond and unable to move forward.

"We're almost at the place where the Soul Shatter Grass grows; how could there be such a Poisonous Swamp?"

Mu Jinyu gazed at the marsh ahead, a trace of apprehension in his eyes, increasingly doubting how Hua Yunfei obtained the information on the Soul Shatter Grass.

Having entered the Cursed Soul Forest and encountered places like Ghost Trees and desolate graves of ferocious and ominous nature earlier, those with strong abilities should have had the chance to get through, but within this Poison Marsh Pond, Mu Jinyu felt an immense danger lurking within, as if a ferocious beast was hibernating inside, ready to engulf the heavens and the earth at any moment!

He felt that even formidable figures at the Unity Realm Stage entering that Poison Marsh Pond might not have a good chance of making it out alive.

Who exactly was able to return alive with information about the Soul Shatter Grass?

Could it really be something Hua Yunfei made up!

Mu Jinyu's heart was pounding.

"Whoosh..."

A chilling breeze blew, bringing with it strands of purple mist from within the Poisonous Swamp.

With a "crackle," a nearby Demon Evil Ghost Tree instantly turned to dust, disappearing into the purple mist and chilling wind.

"Boom!!"

The Bi Fang Cauldron similarly suffered from the purple mist's erosion, causing its body to tremble and emit dazzling scarlet light around it.

With several sizzles, the strands of purple mist were instantly incinerated completely.

"It looks very dangerous; should we still go in?"

Wen Rou turned her head to look at Mu Jinyu, her pretty face full of worry.

Though they had rushed through many forbidding places earlier, encountering places like desolate graves, mass graves, ancient temples, etc., the Little Phoenix's cries suppressed a surging demonic aura.

Allowing them to pass through unscathed.

But this Poisonous Swamp ahead wasn't so easily managed; no matter how much the Little Phoenix called, could it really part the waters of the Poison Marsh Pond for them?

"We've come this far; it would be a shame not to go in."

Hearing Wen Rou's words, a trace of hesitation flashed across Mu Jinyu's face, but then it turned firm again.

He knew it was dangerous inside, but compared to others, he felt he had some confidence in getting through.

After all, his Life Source Energy not only could resurrect the dead and heal the wounded, but also made him immune to all poisons.

The toxic miasma ahead seemed extremely potent, but he felt it might not harm him.

Moreover, the Mystical Little Tree that had been concealed within his Sea of Consciousness might also save his life.

Thus, he dared to consider taking a risk.

Then, Mu Jinyu reassured Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan, and with the plucked-feathered Little Phoenix, ventured out of the Bi Fang Cauldron alone.

He held the plucked-feathered Little Phoenix in his right hand, extending his left hand towards a wisp of the purple mist blown by the chilling wind!

In this moment, his heart raced rapidly, feeling as if it was about to leap out of his throat.

Inside the Bi Fang Cauldron, Wen Rou, Jian Ruyan, and Zhuo Yue watched him intently, their eyes filled with concern.

"Sizzle!!"

The purple miasma corroded Mu Jinyu's left arm, causing his left sleeve to turn to dust instantly, while his arm started to decay, revealing white bones within the decaying flesh.

Mu Jinyu had chosen to touch the purple mist with his left arm to prepare for cutting it off himself in case he couldn't neutralize the miasma, then use Life Source Energy to regenerate the limb, thinking it was no big deal.

As Mu Jinyu's left arm began to decay, he swiftly activated the "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art," channeling Life Source Energy throughout his body.

"Sizzle!!"

Mu Jinyu's entire body glowed with brilliant green light, making his figure appear as if sculpted from jade, his skin radiant and translucent.

Then, the strands of purple miasma were expelled from his left arm into the air.

His decayed left arm quickly returned to its original state.

"As expected!"

Mu Jinyu felt a surge of joy, the confidence in his eyes becoming more and more intense.

"Though I'm no longer completely immune to all poisons, I can still expel the invading poison gas. If I continuously channel the 'Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art,' I might barely manage to disregard the toxic miasma."

Mu Jinyu murmured to himself, his eyes sparkling.

Afterward, he turned to look at the Bi Fang Cauldron behind him, signaling them to wait for his return. Holding the innocently-faced plucked-feathered Little Phoenix, he strode towards the Poisonous Swamp.

The Poisonous Swamp was the most dangerous area they'd encountered in the Cursed Soul Forest so far, with no similar living Ghost Trees or evil beings from desolate graves around. The Bi Fang Cauldron's

light could block the strands of purple mist, allowing them to stay temporarily at the front of the Poisonous Swamp.

So Mu Jinyu felt assured taking the plucked-feathered Little Phoenix along into the Poison Marsh Pond.

"Sizzle sizzle!!"

Mu Jinyu, holding the plucked-feathered Little Phoenix and fully activating the "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art," was also safeguarding it as he boldly walked within the Poisonous Swamp.

Along the way, large areas of toxic miasma floated by, being incinerated clean instantly upon contact with the radiant green light around Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu brought the Little Phoenix along into the Poisonous Swamp not only because he felt the Little Phoenix had been somewhat strange on this trip, potentially bringing good fortune, but also because the little creature had eagerly wanted to rush inside.

This behavior was peculiar even before they entered the Cursed Soul Forest, as if there was something inside it desperately desired!

Thus, Mu Jinyu wanted to know if anything besides the Soul Shatter Grass was within the Poisonous Swamp.

After careful consideration, he ultimately decided to bring it along.

"What is that..."

After walking for about ten minutes in the Poisonous Swamp while holding the plucked-feathered Little Phoenix, Mu Jinyu took another step and witnessed an expansive and transformative change before his eyes.

In front of him was no longer a Poison Marsh Pond with sinking and floating bones, but a vast, purified land.

Fairy grass was blooming, flowers of immortality blossoming, brilliant light and clouds beautifully cascading, and behind the green plains were towering mountains. On these mountains stood numerous palatial structures, with countless waterfalls cascading down like the Nine Heavens Galaxy in reverse.

Crane calls resonated as dozens of Cranes flew across the sky, presenting an immortal paradise scene.

Chapter 1053: Suspected Demon Eye!

"How could there be such an immortal scene within the Poison Marsh Pond?"

Mu Jinyu looked at the scene ahead, which resembled an immortal realm, with a shocked expression, his eyes filled with disbelief.

Then, he vigorously stimulated his Life Source Energy, wanting to ascertain whether he had unknowingly fallen into an illusion due to the poisonous miasma.

Soon, Mu Jinyu realized that he had not been poisoned and thus hallucinating; the immortal scene before him was likely real.

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

The bald little phoenix struggled endlessly in Mu Jinyu's arms, wanting to jump out and dash into the immortal realm ahead.

But because Mu Jinyu held onto it tightly, it couldn't break free no matter how hard it tried, so it eventually began to emit mournful cries.

Mu Jinyu snapped back to reality from his shock, looking down at the bald little phoenix, pondering if it kept wanting to enter because there's something inside it needed.

But why would such a beautiful scene of palace-like landscapes appear within this Poison Marsh?

Could it be... this is the yin giving rise to yang, life growing from death?

Mu Jinyu suppressed his inner shock, then held the little phoenix and stepped forward toward the immortal realm.

As he stepped from the Poison Marsh Pond into the green land where the fairy grass was blooming, he remained very alert, afraid that this Immortal Land contained even more terrifying poison gas.

However, as half of his body reached this Immortal Land, the green light on the right side of his body stabilized, and no longer emitted the sound akin to mosquito extermination, while the left side of his body that was still in the Poison Marsh flickered with green light, constantly emitting sizzling sounds, still resisting the encroaching Poison Marsh.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu gritted his teeth and stood entirely in this Immortal Land.

Suddenly, the brilliant green light bursting from his body stabilized, no longer reacting fiercely against the Poison Marsh.

Mu Jinyu gazed at the beautiful scene ahead, feeling dreamy and surreal, unable to resist glancing back at the Poison Marsh, which remained sinister, emanating infinite fierce and evil energy.

Clearly, it's just one foot away, yet ahead is as splendid as heaven, while behind is like boundless hell, a wrong step, and it would lead to a bottomless abyss!

Taking a deep breath, Mu Jinyu then retracted his gaze, holding the little phoenix, stepping forward.

Soon, Mu Jinyu saw numerous Spiritual Medicines along the way, mostly at the Second and Third Stage, occasionally encountering Rank Four Spiritual Medicines.

Rank Four Spiritual Medicines are exclusive to Unity Realm Stage experts. Seeing them, Mu Jinyu, except for initially cautiously trying to pick them, then frequently stopped to pick them, gaining immensely along the way.

The only pity is that he didn't find the remaining seven Spiritual Medicines he needed among them, not even the Soul Shatter Grass.

"Is the Soul Shatter Grass here, or did I go to the wrong place?"

Mu Jinyu somewhat suspected he might have come to the wrong place.

But even so, this journey wasn't in vain.

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

All the way, the bald little phoenix chirped, urging Mu Jinyu to hurry.

Now seeing Mu Jinyu stopping again to pick Spiritual Medicines, it, which had just quieted, started straggling in Mu Jinyu's arms again, expressing protest and dissatisfaction.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu was equally worried about Wen Rou and the other two outside the Poison Marsh Pond.

After all, the Bi Fang Cauldron had been refined through his Blood Refinement, Elemental Refinement, and Soul Refinement, belonging to his exclusive weapon, others would find it difficult to control.

Initially, the vast amount of True Yuan he left could enable the Bi Fang Cauldron to operate automatically, likely protecting them, but with time, once the True Yuan he left runs out, they might be in danger.

Thus, seeing the little phoenix urging, Mu Jinyu hesitated, decided not to stop and pick Spiritual Medicines anymore, prepared to quickly explore this place, find what the little phoenix was looking for, and then hurry back.

Hurrying all the way, Mu Jinyu finally released the bald little phoenix, letting it lead the way ahead, then followed the little creature, bypassing the numerous Immortal Halls standing on the mountains, arriving at a subsequent valley.

The valley before his eyes wasn't large, probably as big as two football fields, the temperature inside was pleasant, Mu Jinyu walking inside felt warm.

Unlike the outskirts of the Immortal Land, perhaps due to being too close to the Poison Marsh Pond, the air became somewhat chill.

But as he approached the inner valley, the temperature inside gradually rose, as if reaching the top of a volcano.

Even Mu Jinyu began to feel overly hot, sweating profusely, his clothes soaked with sweat.

Mind you, with Mu Jinyu's physique, even if he arrived at an actual volcano, he wouldn't feel any discomfort, yet coming here, he started feeling unwell.

"Could it be... there's a Demon Phoenix with more intense Phoenix Bloodline inside?"

Mu Jinyu speculated in his heart.

If that's the case, it wouldn't be hard to understand why he began feeling overwhelmed.

After all, how terrifying Phoenix True Fire is, coupled with him coincidentally cultivating the Wood Element Technique, forming the Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Body, rightly restrained by the other.

If he hadn't consumed a Phoenix Saliva Grass, which subtly allowed his physique to circulate with a kind of Fire Spirit Power, he arguably wouldn't have been able to come here.

"If it's indeed the case, should I continue following the little one inside?"

Mu Jinyu thought hesitantly and apprehensively.

The little phoenix lost the memory of being refined by him, still regarded him as a kin, but ultimately, he consumed the Phoenix Saliva Grass, still carrying the Phoenix Nest and Phoenix Tree, if there really is an ancestor-level Great Demon Emperor inside, he's afraid he would leave his life here.

As Mu Jinyu hesitated,

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

The leading little phoenix, noticing he hadn't followed, looked back dissatisfied, chirped a few times, urging him to hurry up.

Mu Jinyu hesitated, thinking he probably wouldn't be so unlucky, right?

Ultimately, he still stepped forward, catching up with the little one.

Following the little phoenix into the valley, shortly, Mu Jinyu followed the little phoenix, arriving at the valley's end.

There's nothing here, the temperature was extremely high, causing his skin to turn bright red, as if burned.

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

The little phoenix chirped a few times, bouncing around, drilling into a mountain cave on a cliff.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu could only follow inside.

Walking along the dark cave for about five minutes, finally a trace of light appeared ahead, indicating that the exit should be in sight.

Mu Jinyu became invigorated, having reached this point, he couldn't possibly retreat, hurriedly followed up with big strides towards the exit with the little phoenix!

Step out, and everything is bright, the light is so strong it almost dazzles one's eyes.

Mu Jinyu instinctively squinted his eyes, then his body swayed, nearly fell.

After stabilizing his body, he found that the deep cave led to a cliff.

At this moment, he's standing on the cliff, having just stepped out, almost directly jumped down.

Looking down, Mu Jinyu was suddenly shocked.

He saw below the abyss was actually a Purple-Black Poison Marsh, but unlike those encountered outside, the marsh here boiled like lava!

"Chirp chirp!"

The little phoenix stood on the cliff, dared not jump down, bounced around the mountain wall, chirping anxiously.

"Boom!"

As the little one's cries rang out, two oil-green light clusters suddenly lit up from the boiling purple-black lava below!

Bright and splendid like the blazing sun, defying one's gaze.

Mu Jinyu dared not look more, hurriedly turned away, felt a great shock, it seemed to be...

Two eyes?!

Chapter 1054: 9 Dragons Locking the Phoenix!

"Is that... an eye?"

"What creature's eye is it? A phoenix's eye?"

"But why is it a ghastly green?"

Mu Jinyu felt his mind was a muddled mess, unable to comprehend what kind of existence lay beneath the purple-black magma!

"Screech!"

At that moment, a piercing bird's cry echoed.

Then, under Mu Jinyu's terrified gaze, the purple-black magma at the bottom of the abyss began to boil fiercely, as a massive object slowly rose from the magma.

In no time, the purple-black magma slid off completely from the object, revealing its true form.

It was indeed a phoenix!

Its entire body was over ten zhang long, and if you count the length of its wings, it should be over twenty zhang!

But what made one's scalp tingle was...

This phoenix had long been dead, its massive body devoid of life, only icy coldness and death.

Yet it remained indestructible and eternal!

Its once radiant, glorious phoenix feathers had turned from bright red to purple-black, exuding a chilling aura.

Its cold eyes appeared ghastly green, embodying endless resentment, unwillingness, and despair!

It had been dead for an unknown number of years, devoid of life, its wings never moved, its massive body somehow being lifted by a mysterious force!

"Is this a dead phoenix? Or a fallen demon phoenix?"

Mu Jinyu saw this scene, his scalp almost bursting, feeling at a loss.

"Chirp chirp chirp!"

The little phoenix, upon seeing this, changed its calls from joyous eagerness to frightened panic, with a hint of helplessness.

Clearly, it hadn't expected the phoenix bloodline it sensed here to be such a bizarre and terrifying existence.

"Screech!"

Silently, a tyrannical cry echoed like thunder throughout the world.

Even Wen Rou and the other two outside the Poison Marsh Pond were filled with doubt and uncertainty.

"What happened inside?"

"Was that cry just now coming from the Poison Marsh Pond?"

"Could it be... the little phoenix encountered some opportunity?"

Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan discussed with uncertainty. t

Instinctively, they dismissed bad thoughts, choosing to discuss more positively.

After all, even if Mu Jinyu truly encountered danger with the little phoenix inside, their abilities were too weak to even enter the Poison Marsh, making rescue impossible, rendering anxiety useless, so it was better to hope for the best.

Yet, their hearts were filled with deep unease.

After all, the shrill cry didn't sound like the little phoenix gaining an opportunity, but rather... encountering danger!

And as the tyrannical phoenix cry echoed through the Cursed Soul Forest!

The small mounds in the deserted graveyard Mu Jinyu and others encountered collapsed inward, flattening the land, making it completely indistinguishable from its original mound-covered state.

And the demon evil ghost trees wandering in the perimeter all shuddered their branches a few times, and several withered trees couldn't withstand the inexplicable energy current, shattering with a boom!

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Perched on the precipice, Mu Jinyu was unaware of everything happening outside, and even if he knew, he had no time to ponder.

At this moment, he faced the gigantic approaching body of the fallen demon phoenix, feeling the terrifying force and curse force filled with despair, unwillingness, and resentment, with no resistance rising in his heart!

It was too terrifying!

The intense impact defied description.

Like a mortal walking on the road, suddenly a runaway plane was plummeting directly at your head!

The helpless feeling of awaiting death almost suffocated him.

"What to do? Is this the terrifying source of the Cursed Soul Forest? Who killed it back then, preventing it from achieving nirvana even in death? How can I stop it from coming?"

Mu Jinyu racked his brains, yet found he seemed to possess no ability to resist.

Neither the "Green Emperor's Wood Emperor Art," nor the "Dragon Transformation Scripture," or the "Killing Character Secret Technique" could empower him to contend with this supreme existence.

And even the mystical little tree in his mind remained dormant, as if suppressed, or unwilling to help until his imminent death, making it impossible for Jinyu to pin all his hopes on it.

Finally, Mu Jinyu thought of something that might barely contend with it!

With a flip of his hand, his palm revealed a small jade vial full of restrictions.

If Divine Sense could penetrate it, it might see the dozen ferocious and aggressive little dragons inside.

It was the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison Mu Jinyu extracted after repairing the fractured Dragon Vein at Yinlong Mountain!

Last time, encountering the demon phoenix of Demon Emperor level in the Demon Beast Mountain Range during Tribulation Transcendence, he had considered using the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison!

But due to the demon phoenix being disturbed by a Heavenly Tribulation, making it difficult to act, he didn't use it, opting instead to directly refine the demon phoenix into the present bald little phoenix.

And now, facing the even more terrifying fallen phoenix, Mu Jinyu had no confidence that the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison could deal with it, but he had no better options.

He could only try!

"Pop!"

Seeing the enormous body getting closer to him and the little phoenix while thick waves of death and resentment aura spread out, Mu Jinyu hurriedly uncorked the vial and hurled it out!

"Bang!"

The jade vial flew out, but didn't manage to hit the fallen demon phoenix's body; with three zhang distance left, an inexplicably powerful energy destroyed the vial entirely.

Not a trace of powder remained.

"Roar!"

And at that moment, with the destruction of the vial, the imprisoned Dragon Resentment Evil Poison roared in fury, transforming into nine ghostly black evil dragons!

They had no Spiritual Wisdom, seeing the fallen phoenix, they launched straight at it.

"Roar!"

"Screech!!"

The formless Dragon Resentment Evil Poison was intangible, and back then Mu Jinyu managed to capture it thanks to the Mountain Protection Array; now, it charged through the bizarre curse of the fallen demon phoenix, entering its dead body...

The nine ghostly black evil dragons drilled into the fallen demon phoenix's corpse, behaving like eels through tofu, incessantly burrowing while voraciously absorbing the boundless death, resentment, and evil qi within...

Causing the nine evil dragons to grow from the size of eels to over nine zhang each!

Now, the nine evil dragons, once mere wriggling maggots within the demon phoenix's corpse, became the scene of a "Nine Dragons Locking Phoenix" battle!

For a while, dragon roars and phoenix cries echoed endlessly!

Chapter 1055: Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend!

"Tweet, tweet, tweet..."

The little phoenix's cries were low and dejected as it looked at the Nine Dragons Locking Phoenix before it, its eyes vacant.

Mu Jinyu also felt extremely tense, uncertain if this Dragon Resentment Evil Poison could truly deal with the Fallen Demon Phoenix.

At the same time, he felt a sense of unease; even if the Nine Dragons could finally strangle the Fallen Demon Phoenix, would he still be able to retrieve the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison afterward?

Or would the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison, after dealing with the Fallen Demon Phoenix, turn around and backstab him?

'Should I take this opportunity while they are fighting each other and leave here?'

This thought emerged in Mu Jinyu's mind.

He really wanted to leave here quickly with the little phoenix while it was still safe.

But he was also a bit worried.

The Fallen Demon Phoenix had always quietly floated in this magma, making the Cursed Soul Forest a dangerous place, but if the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison dealt with the Fallen Demon Phoenix, would it quietly remain in this valley?

Or would it escape the Cursed Soul Forest and recklessly grow stronger through slaughter outside?

If he just fled the scene like that, wouldn't it be too irresponsible?

As Mu Jinyu hesitated, undecided whether to leave or stay,

"Roar!"

Several dragon roars erupted simultaneously, with power enough to shatter mountains and rivers. The cliffs around them suddenly fractured, large chunks of stone walls falling from the mountain, accompanied by countless stone fragments, all plummeting into the magma below!

At this time, the Nine Dragons Soul Lock had already determined a winner!

The nine dark and sinister dragons formed from the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison were each nine zhang and nine chi long, extremely large, and wrapped in a layer of purple-black demon fire, making them appear even more sinister.

This demon fire was clearly not their innate divine skill but rather something they morphed into after devouring the Fallen Demon Phoenix's origin source!

The Fallen Demon Phoenix bound by them, with various resentment, evil, and death auras being swallowed from its body, also transformed from purple-black to golden-red, each feather glowing with brilliant golden light, appearing extraordinary and majestic.

As if a true Divine Phoenix had descended.

The only pity was...

The other side seemed to have lost its sentience entirely, becoming a mere corpse!

After the nine dark sinister dragons devoured the death and grievance auras of the Divine Phoenix, their roars shook the heavens, shattering large parts of the mountain wall as if they truly had physical forms.

Then, they turned their dragon heads, glaring with endless resentment at Mu Jinyu.

With eighteen pairs of resentful dragon eyes fixed on him, Mu Jinyu felt a tingling on his scalp.

Inwardly, he acknowledged the dire situation — the scenario he had always feared had indeed come to pass.

They truly intended to devour their master!

"Roar!"

Suddenly, another dragon roar rang out, earth-shaking and heaven-piercing, yet unlike those of the Nine Evil Dragons filled with endless malice and resentment. It was full of supreme authority, righteousness, and peace.

As if a true Divine Dragon was chanting!

Above Mu Jinyu's head, a massive golden divine dragon, a hundred zhang long, soared into view, born with five claws and reverse scales, extremely majestic and awe-inspiring!

It was the Five-Clawed Golden Dragon Soul Mu Jinyu had forged by channeling the Dragon Vein Qi Luck from the Kunlun Ruins during the Hidden Dragon Conference!

However, since the end of the Hidden Dragon Conference, Mu Jinyu, no matter how hard he tried, couldn't find this Dragon Soul within his body, let alone make it appear outside.

Having departed from the Dayan Dynasty, while traveling through various countries to the Chu Kingdom, Mu Jinyu heard from locals' discussions that the Dragon Vein had shifted to the Heavenly Sword Faction.

Staring in a daze at the Divine Dragon Soul above him, Mu Jinyu felt both astonished and overjoyed.

He had thought, from the roadside discussions, that his Dragon Soul had transformed into a Dragon Vein, taking root in the Heavenly Sword Faction.

To his surprise, the Divine Dragon Soul he had forged in battle had always been within him!

Sensing he was in danger, it had also taken the initiative to strike!

"Roar!"

Nine dragon roars echoed in unison, and the Nine Evil Dragons immediately abandoned the temporarily parasitic Divine Phoenix corpse, roaring as they charged at the Divine Dragon!

"Roar!"

The Divine Dragon let out an endless majestic dragon chant, followed by ten thousand zhang of golden light, dragon qi surging.

Facing the provocation from the resentment evil aura birthed from the unfulfilled Dragon Veins, being the main Kunlun Dragon Vein itself, how could it let them act wild?

Just a single mighty dragon roar, and the Nine Evil Dragons were immediately rendered motionless.

Despite their raging resentment, they couldn't take a step, let alone lunge at the Divine Dragon Soul to taint its divine glow!

'So, they had been targeting this Dragon Soul within me all along?'

Seeing this scene, Mu Jinyu realized that even if he had fled, the Nine Evil Dragons would have still pursued him after dealing with the Fallen Demon Phoenix.

Because within him lay not only the Dragon Soul forged from the Dragon Vein Qi Luck but also Dragon Blood within his bloodline!

They could never let him go!

Then, fearing any further delay might cause complications, Mu Jinyu quickly retrieved a jade bottle covered with various forbidden runes from his Storage Bag, uncorked it, and pointed its mouth towards the Nine Evil Dragons!

"Collect!"

Despite the Nine Evil Dragons' desperate struggles and immense resentment, they were ultimately absorbed into the jade bottle like specks of dust being vacuumed away.

"Pop!"

After retrieving the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison, Mu Jinyu hurriedly sealed the bottle again, while etching more Restrictions onto it to prevent the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison from escaping.

"Roar!"

Dragon roars rang again, and the Divine Dragon's silhouette above Mu Jinyu, upon seeing the Nine Evil Dragons dealt with, burst with splendid golden light, coiling through the air before returning to Mu Jinyu's body.

Engrossed in etching the Restrictions onto the jade bottle, Mu Jinyu didn't notice this.

"Finally done."

For five full minutes, Mu Jinyu inscribed nine hundred ninety-nine Restrictions onto the jade bottle, no longer fearing the escape of the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison.

Then, Mu Jinyu's eyes shot divine light, penetrating the jade bottle's surface, observing the scene inside.

Inside the jade bottle, the Nine sinister dragons were gone, replaced by a mass of dark light liquid, exuding strands of evil energy, as though it were alive, slowly squirming within the jade bottle.

"What is this?"

At that moment, Mu Jinyu noticed the dark light liquid sometimes manifesting a hideous dragon head, other times transforming into a venomous, sinister phoenix head...

"How did it also take on the phoenix's shadow?"

Mu Jinyu stared blankly at the dark liquid, which, after forming a phoenix head, suddenly collapsed, reverting to a pool of light liquid!

"It seems to have strengthened significantly after absorbing the death and resentment aura of the Fallen Demon Phoenix..."

A hint of wariness flickered in Mu Jinyu's eyes.

"I'll have to be more careful in the future. If it absorbs too much demon beast origin source and no longer maintains only its dragon form, perhaps even the Dragon Soul won't be able to suppress it."

Mu Jinyu cautiously stored away the jade bottle.

Initially, seeing the Divine Dragon silhouette was enough to suppress the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison, preventing it from turning against its master, Mu Jinyu had intended to use it as a powerful weapon.

It seems this is still not feasible unless absolutely necessary; the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison remains unusable.

"However, it's no longer merely a poison of resentment born solely from the severing of a Dragon Vein. It shouldn't be called Dragon Resentment Evil Poison anymore, it should be..."

"Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend!"

Chapter 1056: The Demon Phoenix Reappears!

After renaming the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison, Mu Jinyu finally looked up.

But he couldn't see the Divine Dragon Soul.

He was puzzled for a moment and muttered, "Did it return to my body again? But why can't I find it? Forget it, I'll ignore it for now..."

Mu Jinyu shook his head slightly, choosing not to concern himself with it for now, then turned his gaze to the massive Divine Phoenix Corpse floating in front of him!

It was strange, even though the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison had left, it still floated in mid-air and did not fall into the magma below!

"Something's wrong, it seems like it was originally drawn here by the Little Phoenix's call?"

Mu Jinyu realized that the Fallen Phoenix was not enraged because he intruded into its territory intending to kill him.

It lacked any Spiritual Wisdom, and only rose from the magma when the Little Phoenix cried out.

Though the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison had devoured all its resentment and evil Qi, restoring its former divine might, it didn't mean its Origin Source would dry up and turn to dust.

Perhaps it needed to do something for the Little Phoenix before it could truly rest in peace?

Mu Jinyu speculated, then used his foot to nudge the bald Little Phoenix clinging tightly to his pant leg!

"Go! Play with your ancestor!"

Mu Jinyu nudged the bald Little Phoenix, urging it softly.

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

The Little Phoenix, nudged a few times by Mu Jinyu, snapped out of its panic, still clutching Mu Jinyu's pant leg firmly, looking up at him with large eyes filled with timid fear, which made it very endearing.

"Go quickly, why are you holding onto me at such a golden opportunity!"

Watching the expression of the bald bird, Mu Jinyu said in a mixture of exasperation and amusement.

He knew that the Divine Phoenix should be no longer dangerous and probably had great fortune waiting for it to reap.

If Wen Rou were here and this little thing hesitated to approach, he would let Wen Rou inherit the Divine Phoenix's legacy instead.

Then this little creature would regret it so much that its intestines would turn green and purple!

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

After being urged a few more times by Mu Jinyu, the Little Phoenix finally let out a few plaintive cries, released its claws from Mu Jinyu's pant leg, and timidly walked step by step toward the floating-in-mid-air Divine Phoenix Corpse, which was radiating with compelling divine light!

As Mu Jinyu watched the Little Phoenix approach, the anticipation in his eyes grew even stronger.

He was very curious about what sort of fortune awaited the little creature.

As the Little Phoenix approached step by step, the Divine Phoenix Corpse suddenly erupted into an even more blazing golden red light!

It was like a scorching sun, dazzling so much that Mu Jinyu's eyes hurt, forcing him to avert his gaze quickly!

And within the divine light that Mu Jinyu could no longer see, the Little Phoenix was enveloped, feeling extremely comfortable and subconsciously flapping its little wings a few times.

Soon after, it realized, turning pale, thinking it was about to fly off the cliff into the magma below, only to discover in a daze that it could fly.

Instantly, the little creature was elated, flapping its little wings joyously as it flew around the Divine Phoenix Ancestor's corpse.

"Puff puff puff!!"

At this moment...

Several strange sounds were heard.

The Divine Phoenix slightly opened its beak, spitting out nine drops of crimson-gold blood.

These nine drops of blood emanated limitless Phoenix Qi, incredibly exceptional, as if forged from crimson gold, yet not solid; sometimes resembling a resting phoenix, other times a soaring phoenix, and occasionally a fighting phoenix...

These were the Divine Phoenix's last nine drops of Essence Blood, which also contained their Phoenix clan's Divine Arts inheritance.

Because its Phoenix Bloodline concentration was high, incomparable to ordinary Demon Phoenixes, the inheritance fragments imprinted in its blood were more complete than those of other Demon Phoenixes.

After meeting its demise, it did not want the inheritance to be completely lost, always waiting for a kin to receive these nine drops of inheritance Essence Blood.

After countless years, it finally awaited this bald Little Phoenix.

Though the other's Phoenix Bloodline was very thin, if it had Spiritual Wisdom, it would probably reject it outright, but now it lacked Spiritual Wisdom; even with the other's Phoenix Bloodline being shockingly low, it still expended its inheritance Essence Blood.

As these nine drops of crimson-gold inheritance Essence Blood were expelled, the Little Phoenix, which had been flying around the Divine Phoenix Corpse, suddenly paused, much like a mouse detecting the scent of cheese or an old cat catching the scent of a mouse, staring intently at the nine drops of blood.

This innate craving made it forget everything, forget fear...

It chirped a few times, unable to contain itself, rushing forward to swallow all nine drops of inheritance Essence Blood.

"Boom!!"

As the Little Phoenix consumed the inheritance Essence Blood, its bald body erupted with radiant flames!

And then, piece by piece, beautiful and resplendent feathers grew from its body.

Transforming it from an awkward bald bird into a Divine Bird with the Phoenix godly form!

All over its body, the feathers were radiant, each one like a sword, bursting with colorful light, appearing extremely majestic and extraordinary, without any of the previous bald bird's comical appearance.

"Swoosh!"

As the Divine Phoenix's nine drops of inheritance Essence Blood were devoured by the Little Phoenix, the Divine Phoenix Corpse floating in mid-air, now void of any resentment, evil Qi, or inheritance Essence Blood, lost all power, disintegrating immediately and scattering with the wind.

The Divine Phoenix entirely dissipated, and the blazing golden light it had emitted also vanished.

Squinting, Mu Jinyu gazed over to see a Little Phoenix, standing where it was, about the size of a hawk or falcon, with every feather shimmering with colorful brilliance, looking extraordinarily majestic and uncommon.

"Oh, it grew feathers? Seems like it got quite a bit of benefit."

Mu Jinyu mused to himself.

He had long suspected that the reason the Little Phoenix never grew feathers might have been because he forced it into Nirvana Transformation, and not having eaten the Phoenix Saliva Grass, led to some Innate malnutrition.

This made Mu Jinyu feel quite guilty, so he had always generously fed various Fire Attribute spiritual medicines to it like rice.

Hoping it could recuperate Elemental Qi soon and transform into a true Demon Phoenix form.

Unfortunately, despite consuming numerous Third Stage and Rank Four spiritual medicines, the Little Phoenix still didn't grow a single feather, making Mu Jinyu uncertain.

But now, seeing it suddenly grow so many feathers, Mu Jinyu realized it must have attained an astonishing fortune for it to change so dramatically in an instant!

As time gradually passed.

The Little Phoenix's body hadn't grown much bigger, but the brilliant golden light emanating from it became increasingly intense.

Faintly, it also began to give Mu Jinyu a feeling of being unable to stare directly at it.

And its Cultivation, advanced from having no foundation to racing all the way to the Fanxu Realm!

Which is equivalent to the level of a Third Rank Demonic Beast!

It was just nine Minor Realms away from its once Fanxu Realm Great Perfection state.

It's imaginable how much benefit it gained from those nine drops of Divine Phoenix Essence Blood!

Chapter 1057: Repaying Kindness with Enmity!

"Caw!"

No one knew how long had passed when suddenly, the little phoenix, which had kept its eyes closed, opened them abruptly, letting out an earth-shattering cry!

The divine light that erupted from its eyes was like two sharp swords, piercing Mu Jinyu's eyes, making them sting as if on the verge of shedding bloody tears.

The phoenix's cry was startling, causing a tumult among the studies in the abyss below, as if ready to erupt.

Just as Mu Jinyu was joyously observing the change in the little phoenix's strength.

He suddenly heard the little phoenix let out another cry filled with anger, then it flapped its wings at Mu Jinyu, attacking with ferocity.

Its demeanor was not that of a pet awakening to greet its master.

More like it had encountered a mortal enemy, rushing furiously to kill him!

"Hm?!"

Mu Jinyu was taken aback by the sight.

Then his face turned stern.

"Rebellion, rebellion, the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison devoid of wisdom dared to bite the master, and now you, little thing, dare to revolt too!"

Mu Jinyu raised his hand, forming a Giant Elemental Qi Palm in the air, tightly gripping the charging little phoenix.

"Vile human, you destroyed my path and dared to keep me as a pet while I was unconscious, I'll fight you to the end!"

The little phoenix struggled desperately within the Giant Elemental Qi Palm, shouting continuously.

Mu Jinyu even heard a young, feminine and tender voice.

Although lovely and moving, it was icy cold, tinged with hatred and resistance!

Completely devoid of the warmth of a Fire Phoenix, more like the cold aloofness of an Ice Phoenix!

Upon hearing the little creature's voice, Mu Jinyu was momentarily stunned, then a wry smile appeared on his face.

Originally, he had thought that this little creature was possessed by remnants of the Demon Phoenix's consciousness, daring to bite the master, preparing to eradicate this rebellious creature.

But now, hearing the familiar grit of its voice, Mu Jinyu understood that it was likely this little creature had recovered its original memories.

It remembered how after successfully transcending tribulation, it was forced by him to undergo Nirvana and rebuild, destroying its cultivation!

While having regained its original memories, it also retained the memories of being raised as a pet with them during this period.

What a humiliating life this was?

Imagine being a Great Demon King of the Demon Beast Mountain Range, with unparalleled cultivation, yet treated as a pet.

And if that wasn't enough, it didn't even have a single feather, truly resembling a plucked chicken.

During this time, constantly being teased about being a bald chicken while being fed, was an even greater insult!

No wonder it seemed to bear a mortal grudge against him as soon as it awoke, rushing in ferociously!

"Hey, hey, hey, I may have wronged you, but I haven't mistreated you during this time. I've fed you well, just let you inherit the Divine Phoenix's legacy, how could you still want to fight me desperately?"

Mu Jinyu sighed, looking helplessly at the little phoenix in the Giant Elemental Qi Palm gnashing its teeth at him.

"Bah, you destroyed my cultivation for no reason and kept me as a pet while I was unconscious, I must kill you, vile human!"

The little phoenix became even more furious, shrieking persistently!

Mu Jinyu sighed helplessly: "What do you mean I destroyed your cultivation without reason? Clearly you initiated the Beast Tide attack on the Demon Slaying City first, I had to go see the situation in the Demon Beast Mountain Range after resolving the Beast Tide, and you shouted for a fight, was forced by me into the Bi Fang Cauldron, can you still blame me for that?"

"I originally intended to roast your Phoenix egg and eat it, if not for pity, would I have kept you alive so long, even let you regain memory?"

"Who knew you would repay kindness with revenge, it seems I indeed raised an ungrateful bird!"

Mu Jinyu shook his head and sighed.

"I... repaying kindness with revenge?!"

The little phoenix was so angry hearing Mu Jinyu's words that blood essence surged all over, white smoke rising from its head.

Having just regained memories, being inarticulate, how could it argue more than Mu Jinyu?

Thus, it could only grit its teeth, wanting to fight to the death with Mu Jinyu!

"I'm telling you if you keep being so ungrateful, not acknowledging me as master, I won't be nice anymore."

Mu Jinyu was rather impatient with the ruckus from the little phoenix, he still needed to check up on Wen Rou and the others, having no time for further nonsense.

"You actually want me to acknowledge you as the master? Go die!"

The little phoenix shrieked, swearing never to obey!

Mu Jinyu's expression turned completely somber, glaring coldly at the little phoenix, said: "I've said all the good and bad, if you still don't retreat, then the long-awaited phoenix feast begins today!"

Saying this, Mu Jinyu manipulated the Giant Elemental Qi Palm to compress inward, trying to crush the little phoenix to death!

Though a pity, having just inherited the legacy of the Divine Phoenix, it would already be turned into food!

But, if it couldn't be used by him and sought revenge instead, Mu Jinyu could only toughen his heart.

As the Giant Elemental Qi Palm compressed inward, the little phoenix felt suffocated, incapable of struggle.

At this moment, it truly sensed the threat of death!

This time, it understood clearly, if it died under the Giant Elemental Qi Palm, there would be no chance of Nirvana and rebuilding.

It was incredible, facing Mu Jinyu, how pathetically powerless it was, filled with resentment.

As vitality within dwindled bit by bit, the joy from receiving the Divine Phoenix Blood legacy vanished, leaving only resentment.

Having just gained great fortune, how could it resign to death like this!

After futile struggles.

The little phoenix understood Mu Jinyu's intent to kill was strong, it appeared despondent, sighed: "Wait... wait... I have something to say..."

"What's left to say..." although Mu Jinyu said that, he paused his actions.

Compared to a phoenix feast, the living little phoenix was evidently more valuable.

If possible, Mu Jinyu still wanted to fully subdue this little creature!

The little phoenix stared mournfully at Mu Jinyu, said softly: "I... surrender..."

"Hum, you refuse a toast only to drink punishment." Mu Jinyu felt somewhat amused by this, shook his head and said.

The little phoenix felt ashamed and annoyed, puffing up again: "However, I won't acknowledge you as master, I will follow that little girl!"

"Little girl?"

Upon hearing this, Mu Jinyu knew it wanted to continue following Jian Ruyan?

Before, although it frequently had Jian Ruyan take care of it, in truth, it was closer to him, just that he didn't have the time to care for it, only allowing Jian Ruyan, the only one who could approach, to look after it.

But now it was the opposite, distancing from him, harboring resentment, willing to follow Jian Ruyan instead.

"Fine, first I'll place restrictions on you, so you won't escape next." Mu Jinyu said, laying numerous restrictions on the little phoenix, preventing escape.

After setting up restrictions, he dispersed the Giant Elemental Qi Palm gripping the little phoenix.

Upon being freed, the little phoenix immediately flapped its wings, rushing at Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu noticed its lack of malice, knowing its power was restricted by him, let it approach, curious what it intended.

The result was...

The little phoenix indeed didn't aim to kill Mu Jinyu, but used its sharp beak to incessantly peck at Mu Jinyu's head.

"Hey hey hey, weren't you refusing to acknowledge me as master? Why get so affectionate like this!"

Chapter 1058: Lustrous Immortal Realm!

Mu Jinyu was running with his head down like a frightened rat, dodging Little Phoenix's frenzied pecks, while simultaneously retaliating with words.

Finally, he couldn't take it anymore, and with a large hand, he grasped Little Phoenix tightly.

"Keep pecking me, do you believe I'll unleash Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend to peck you?!"

Mu Jinyu threatened fiercely, clutching Little Phoenix.

Under this threat, Little Phoenix finally yielded.

Afterward, Mu Jinyu did not delay anymore, holding Little Phoenix with a large hand, swiftly leaving the valley, then stepping through fertile land covered with Yao grass, hurrying towards the Poison Marsh Pond outside the Immortal Realm.

During this time, he didn't even cast a glance at the Immortal Hall Divine Threshold standing high on the mountain.

He had been here for about an hour; the True Yuan left within the Bi Fang Cauldron was insufficient to activate the Defensive Prohibition, he had to hurry back to check on Wen Rou and the others' safety.

As for the countless Spiritual Medicine inside, and that unexplored Immortal Threshold, he wasn't in a hurry to explore them, he'd bring Wen Rou and the others later.

Soon, Mu Jinyu took a step, walking out of this land reminiscent of an Immortal Realm, his body radiating a sudden burst of blue light to resist the corrosion of poison.

Then, Mu Jinyu felt something was amiss, he had only half of his body stepping out of the Immortal Realm, why was his whole body resisting the corrosion of poison?

The other half of his body was still within the Immortal Realm, it shouldn't be corroded by poison at all.

Unable to comprehend, Mu Jinyu turned around to look, and was dumbfounded.

Behind him was still the Poison Marsh Pond bubbling with purple-black poisonous bubbles, where was the lush, Yao grass-covered, Immortal scenery?

"How could it disappear?"

Mu Jinyu said dazedly, then took a step back.

Trying to see if the Immortal Land activated an Illusion Array isolating his sight, but in fact, he was still within this Poison Marsh Pond.

But after stepping back, Mu Jinyu still didn't perceive the aura of the Immortal Land.

He instantly knew, that Immortal Realm had something peculiar, either one can only enter it once in a lifetime, or once someone goes in, upon leaving it would depart from its spot, appearing elsewhere.

"Doesn't matter, later I'll bring Wen Rou and the others to explore it and find out."

Mu Jinyu collected his thoughts, shook his head forcefully to dispel random thoughts, grabbed Little Phoenix, and rushed out.

Soon, Mu Jinyu strode out of the Poison Marsh Pond, seeing an ancient, unadorned bronze Great Cauldron standing on the void outside the Poison Marsh Pond.

"Phew..."

Mu Jinyu saw Wen Rou and the other two safe within, exhaled lightly, and then with Little Phoenix in hand, stepped in, rushing into the Bi Fang Cauldron.

"Little Mu, you're back, how was it, did you find the Soul Shatter Grass?"

"Brother Mu, are you okay?"

"Eh, how did this little guy grow feathers?"

Seeing Mu Jinyu return, Wen Rou and the others also breathed a sigh of relief, then asked.

Mu Jinyu shook his head and said, "Didn't see the Soul Shatter Grass, probably because I didn't delve deeper?"

Saying that, he lifted the struggling Little Phoenix in his hand, and said with a smile, "As for how this guy grew feathers, that's a long story..."

Soon, Mu Jinyu briefly narrated his experience after entering the Poison Marsh Pond, encountering a mysterious Immortal Realm, then entering and meeting countless Immortal Palace Divine Thresholds, finally at the end of a valley, encountering the Fallen Demon Phoenix.

"So this little guy absorbed the Divine Phoenix Essence Blood and finally started growing feathers?"

Jian Ruyan, hearing the story, was somewhat astonished, not expecting things to turn out this way, this little guy unexpectedly encountered another kind of fortune.

However, Little Phoenix with grown feathers indeed looked much more appealing, the previous bare-chicken image, she really had been enduring a sense of humor while taking care of it.

Now she genuinely wanted to hold Little Phoenix in her arms and take good care of it!

Mu Jinyu sighed, "Not quite yet, after it absorbed the Essence Blood, it actually regained its memory, knew I refined it to Nirvana, and upon awakening, wanted to devour its master, fought fiercely with me, had I not been stronger, I'd have been killed by this ungrateful whelp."

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

The Little Phoenix, already passed into Jian Ruyan's arms, chirped in dissatisfaction upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words!

"Ah? So this..."

Jian Ruyan, hearing Mu Jinyu, paused, then looked down at Little Phoenix nestled in her arms, feeling like holding a hot potato, a sliver of worry flashing across her eyes.

If this little guy harbors thoughts of revenge, it wouldn't be good to keep it around.

Mu Jinyu said, "Don't worry, it won't acknowledge me as its master after regaining memory, but is willing to stay by your side. I set several Restrictions on it, I don't think it can cause much trouble."

"Alright." Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Jian Ruyan relaxed.

At this time, Zhuo Yue, after listening to Mu Jinyu's story, was contemplating while frowning, now his brow relaxed slightly, uncertainly said, "Brother Mu, you just said, you all walked out of the Immortal Realm, and the Immortal Realm automatically vanished?"

"Yes, not sure whether it flew away or if it can only be witnessed once in a lifetime."

Mu Jinyu sighed regretfully.

Inside, he only picked several dozen Spiritual Medicine while following Little Phoenix, ultimately letting the uncontrollable Dragon Resentment Evil Poison absorb Phoenix Poison, transforming into Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend. His gains were far less significant than Little Phoenix's.

Pity, this little creature ultimately turned against him, making his loss significant.

And that Immortal Hall Divine Threshold, he didn't manage to enter, which he felt was a great pity.

Zhuo Yue pondered and nodded, said, "If my guess is correct, that should be the legendary Lustrous Immortal Realm."

"Lustrous Immortal Realm?"

Mu Jinyu, hearing the name, paused slightly, unclear about its significance, waited silently for Zhuo Yue's explanation.

While Jian Ruyan seemed to vaguely recall some rumors, her expression slightly changed, showing regret and loss.

Zhuo Yue did not hold back, continued, "Lustrous Immortal Realm, as the name suggests, is a place like Immortal Realm, but its entrants, upon exiting, can never enter it again. It is as beautiful as glass, but very fragile, like an ephemeral illusion flower, breaking at a touch, hence called Lustrous Immortal Realm!"

"It is said within its Immortal Hall Divine Threshold, there's a legendary Immortality Method, understanding it can ascend and transform, some say within there's startling Immortal Pill, consuming it can instantly reach Divine Ninth Level Hedao, matchless in this world!"

"In essence, it's a place that stirs much imagination, but few can truly have the chance to enter!"

Zhuo Yue, concluding, said in a regretful tone.

"What?!"

Mu Jinyu, upon hearing Zhuo Yue's tale, was furious, his eyes fixed on Little Phoenix, which looked somewhat guilty in Jian Ruyan's embrace, wishing to pluck its feathers and boil them for soup!

Originally when entering the Lustrous Immortal Realm, he wanted to first explore the Immortal Hall Divine Threshold standing atop the peak, but because Little Phoenix kept crying, he had to forgo the idea and followed Little Phoenix to the valley.

But ultimately, this little thing gained incredible fortune.

His harvest in comparison was utterly insignificant!

Truly felt the urge to teach this little creature a lesson!

Chapter 1059: Yinming Ghost Ape!

Watching Mu Jinyu's eyes, as if about to shoot fire, fixed fiercely on him, the Little Phoenix transmitted with some guilt to Mu Jinyu:

"You can't blame me. I didn't know at the time that the Immortal Realm would eventually disappear. I was just eager to go over to where I was being called. Besides, after we left the valley, you could have checked those Immortal Halls again; it was your choice to leave!"

Mu Jinyu was left speechless.

He could only console himself in his heart, well, whatever, this little thing belongs to me anyway, so its benefits are my benefits too...

Then, unwilling to give up, Mu Jinyu maneuvered the Bi Fang Cauldron, slowly gliding into the Poison Marsh Pond.

Although Zhuo Yue said that the Lustrous Immortal Realm might have already left the Cursed Soul Forest, he still wanted Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan to try and see if they could spot that Lustrous Immortal Realm.

As they entered the Poison Marsh Pond with the Bi Fang Cauldron, they were immediately engulfed by a large swath of poisonous gas, which was far more intense than when Mu Jinyu ventured alone.

Therefore, Mu Jinyu eventually forced the Little Phoenix to exert itself as well, extracting its Phoenix True Fire and attaching it to the exterior of the Bi Fang Cauldron to jointly resist the poisonous miasma!

The Little Phoenix's power was a bit lacking, currently only at the First Layer of the Fanxu Realm, but with wood aiding fire, and with the support of Mu Jinyu's Life Source Energy, the Phoenix True Fire burned even more fiercely and vigorously.

Making the Bi Fang Cauldron seem like a mini sun, invulnerable to the surrounding poisonous miasma!

Everything proceeded very smoothly.

Mu Jinyu maneuvered the Bi Fang Cauldron, successfully arriving at the place where he initially saw the Lustrous Immortal Realm.

"Did you see the Lustrous Immortal Realm?"

Mu Jinyu hovered the Bi Fang Cauldron without getting too close, fearing that if they entered the Lustrous Immortal Realm directly, he and the Little Phoenix would be left outside.

If so, who knows if there might be hidden dangers within those Immortal Halls?

Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan are only at the Divinity Transformation Realm, and although Zhuo Yue has the Fanxu Realm prowess, it's not very high; if there's real danger, he might not be able to protect the two of them alone.

Thus, Mu Jinyu's purpose in coming over was not to find the Lustrous Immortal Realm and then let them explore inside.

But to first confirm whether there was still a hidden Lustrous Immortal Realm here, so that in the future, when Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan became stronger, he could protect them in exploring again.

"No..."

Wen Rou, Jian Ruyan, and Zhuo Yue all widened their eyes, scanning the area but could only see the vast Poison Marsh Pond, without a trace of that paradise-like sacred ground.

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's inquiry, they all shook their heads powerlessly.

"Sigh..."

Mu Jinyu sighed deeply, feeling quite regretful.

The Little Phoenix trembled at the regret in their voices, fearing that Mu Jinyu might vent his anger on it, so it intensified the Phoenix True Fire, pretending to be hard at work, as if oblivious to their conversation.

Mu Jinyu was too lazy to vent his frustrations on this little thing, frowning his brows as he maneuvered the Bi Fang Cauldron, continuing to move forward.

Amidst the uncertain journey of possibly still seeking the Lustrous Immortal Realm, Mu Jinyu suddenly focused his eyes, noticing a pile of white bones ahead, with a bizarrely shaped small purplish-black grass growing there.

This small grass, in the form of a human body, missed half a head, appearing quite eerie and terrifying.

But seeing it, Mu Jinyu's face showed a hint of elation.

As it was precisely his initial goal in entering the Poison Marsh Pond, the Soul Shatter Grass!

"So there is Soul Shatter Grass here!"

Mu Jinyu mused without haste to collect it, murmuring quietly.

"The qualification Hua Yunfei gave was indeed correct, but I wonder who that great person is, being able to venture deep into the Cursed Soul Forest. However, that person shouldn't have seen the Lustrous Immortal Realm, right?!"

"Back then, the Lustrous Immortal Realm shouldn't have migrated to this Poison Marsh Pond. Otherwise, if he had encountered it, I wouldn't possibly have encountered it just now."

Mu Jinyu muttered to himself a few words, then relaxed, turning to Wen Rou, Jian Ruyan, and Zhuo Yue, saying, "You stay inside the Bi Fang Cauldron, I'll take this little thing to check it out."

Although Soul Shatter Grass is not a Holy Healing Medicine, it is, in fact, a sinister poison, yet its quality grade is ultimately very high, and the environment where it grows likely has a beast or evil being safeguarding its maturation to then devour it at the right moment.

Therefore, Mu Jinyu couldn't just walk over boldly to pick the Soul Shatter Grass!

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

The Little Phoenix was very unhappy when Mu Jinyu called it a little thing, chirping a few times.

"Not pretending to be clueless now?"

Mu Jinyu cast a sidelong glance at it, and the Little Phoenix immediately fell silent.

Grabbing it by the neck, Mu Jinyu lifted it, carefully stepping out of the Bi Fang Cauldron without letting the poisonous miasma invade inside.

Then, with a solemn expression, Mu Jinyu cautiously observed the surroundings while inching closer to the Soul Shatter Grass!

"Chirp chirp chirp chirp..."

Just as Mu Jinyu was within a zhang from the Soul Shatter Grass, a strange shout rose from beneath the Poison Marsh Pond.

Soon afterward, Mu Jinyu saw a monkey shaped like an evil ghost, covered in pitch-black fur, ferociously approaching to attack him!

"Yinming Ghost Ape!"

In a moment of distraction, catching sight of the ghostly monkey's figure, Mu Jinyu's mind flashed, recognizing this monkey's identity.

Strictly speaking, the Yinming Ghost Ape isn't a Ferocious Beast or a Demon Beast, but a type of evil being.

Its birth necessitates a conglomeration of deadly qi, grievance qi, evil qi, and corpse qi to come into existence.

Furthermore, it possesses innate Divine Power with a strong Soul, its body harboring endless corpse poison, making it virtually unbeatable among peers.

The Yinming Ghost Ape before him, with Peak Fanxu Realm prowess, likely stayed around to wait for the maturation of the Soul Shatter Grass to pick and devour it. To a human, Soul Shatter Grass is a fatal poison, but to the Yinming Ghost Ape, it can shatter into endless fragments of consciousness, allowing it to genuinely birth its own intelligence.

By then, this Yinming Ghost Ape will be even more terrifying!

"Whiz!"

Mu Jinyu furrowed his brows and then flicked a finger, shooting a wisp of Sword Qi to fend it off.

"Creak creak creak..."

The Yinming Ghost Ape was slightly pushed back, leaping and flipping, disappearing from Mu Jinyu's sight in a few moves, swirling around them like a shadowy wind.

Looking for an opportunity to strike a deadly blow!

"Hmph!"

Mu Jinyu coldly snorted, then lifted the Little Phoenix he held by the neck, softly saying, "Little thing, it's your turn."

The Little Phoenix had been struggling in Mu Jinyu's hand, trying to escape his neck-grip. On hearing Mu Jinyu's words, it rolled its eyes, wishing it could turn around and peck his head open!

Mu Jinyu didn't mind its rebellious thoughts, slightly loosening his grip, while releasing some restrictions on it, then infusing Life Source Energy into the Little Phoenix's body!

"Screech!!"

The Little Phoenix, always waiting for a chance to counterattack, once given the opportunity, without hesitation flapped its wings, a terrifying sea of fire surged in all directions in a wild sweep!

"Croak!!"

The Yinming Ghost Ape that was racing around them was instantly hit by the raging sea of fire, causing black smoke to billow from its body, climbing into the sky like a smoke signal!

As bursts of black smoke soared skyward, the life force of the Yinming Ghost Ape continuously diminished, finally bursting with a boom, turning into ashes.

As for Mu Jinyu, of course, he bore the brunt, suffering not a light burn from the sea of fire.

Yet, at the critical moment, his entire body shined with brilliant scarlet light, resisting the Little Phoenix's Phoenix True Fire!

This was due to Mu Jinyu's unexpected cultivation of the Undying Phoenix Body after consuming the Phoenix Saliva Grass!

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After the restrictions on the Undying Phoenix Body and the Little Phoenix flared up again, the Little Phoenix finally ceased its struggle and was once again held by Mu Jinyu by the neck.

"Don't you know how to be gentle? You almost burned me to death!"

Mu Jinyu flashed with a blue light, using Life Source Energy to heal the burns, and then peeled off the dead skin. He then wove this Life Source Energy into a green robe and wore it, no longer appearing disheveled.

"Damn it, how could you have the Undying Phoenix Body? Did you... did you eat my Phoenix Saliva Grass?"

The Little Phoenix, being held by the neck by Mu Jinyu again, was already ashamed and annoyed, but then it remembered the crimson glow that Mu Jinyu had emitted earlier, resonating with the aura of the Phoenix clan. After pondering for a moment, it suddenly screamed.

"That was my battle reward, naturally I had to eat it. You couldn't burn me to death, so don't even think about rebelling in the future."

Mu Jinyu's tone was slightly smug as he spoke, ignoring the Little Phoenix's continuous screams, carrying it towards the Soul Shatter Grass.

The Yinming Ghost Ape was immensely powerful, whether in terms of body, soul, or cultivation, it was invincible in the same rank. Without the Phoenix True Fire that naturally restrained all evil spirits, Mu Jinyu would have had to expend a lot of effort to deal with that ghost monkey.

Now things were much easier.

He just got burned a bit by the little fellow, no big deal.

Mu Jinyu quickly reached the Soul Shatter Grass.

This time, without any accidents or interference, he easily picked the Soul Shatter Grass and carefully stored it in a Jade Box.

"Finally done, I can prepare to leave this ghostly place."

After stowing away the Jade Box, Mu Jinyu clapped his hands and got up from the ground, then returned to the Bi Fang Cauldron with the little Phoenix, who had given up resisting.

"Chirp chirp chirp..."

Back in the Bi Fang Cauldron, Mu Jinyu naturally released the grip, and the Little Phoenix immediately fled from his side, hiding in Jian Ruyan's arms, crying about his misdeeds!

Listening to the Little Phoenix's complaints, Jian Ruyan and Wen Rou, recalling the scene of Mu Jinyu returning with it by the neck, though they knew it harbored hostility, couldn't help but soften and said, "Can you stop bullying it in the future?"

Mu Jinyu glanced at the Little Phoenix and said amusedly, "It not bullying me would be good enough, what do you mean by me bullying it?"

"If I hadn't grabbed it just now, I bet it would have run away as soon as we left, and then I'd be at a huge loss."

Jian Ruyan frowned and said, "You didn't have to grip it by the neck, did you? You could have grabbed its wing."

"Do you think it's like catching a chicken?" Mu Jinyu retorted.

Had he grabbed the Little Phoenix's wings and lifted the restrictions, it would have regained mobility, flapping its Phoenix wings, and he would have had no hope of holding it with just one hand.

Then, ignoring the little fellow's complaints, Mu Jinyu maneuvered the Bi Fang Cauldron, leaving the Poison Marsh Pond!

Once out of the Poison Marsh Pond, Mu Jinyu didn't linger, passing through various dangerous places they had traversed before, slowly approaching the exit of the Cursed Soul Forest.

As they neared the exit, Mu Jinyu frowned and said, "I wonder if that cursed thing has really been cast upon us, it's such a nuisance!"

Zhuo Yue said uncertainly, "We haven't encountered any calamities so far, maybe it's because the Little Phoenix has been with us, preventing the curse from successfully taking hold?"

He wasn't too sure about this guess, especially considering the terrifying nature of the curse that endangered those around him.

Mu Jinyu frowned and said, "That's not right, during this period, I acted with the little thing several times, you guys didn't have any interaction with it, so I'm concerned that you might have been cursed during this time."

Having said that, Mu Jinyu turned his gaze to the Little Phoenix eating Spiritual Medicine in the corner.

Because Jian Ruyan hadn't defended it earlier, but instead advised Mu Jinyu to grab its wings in the future, it was now in a spat with Jian Ruyan, refusing to get close to her.

Mu Jinyu shouted to the little fellow, "Hey, little thing, put some fire on them."

The Little Phoenix heard Mu Jinyu's call and glanced up at him, initially reluctant to respond, but eventually, with a shift of its eyeball, grudgingly agreed.

Then, after Mu Jinyu released a small portion of its restriction, it chirped loudly, flapping its wings as flames rolled and blended, transforming into overwhelming fire heading towards the four of them.

Mu Jinyu shook his head and said, "I knew you had no good intentions, this little guy."

That said, he also neither dodged nor evaded, accepting the burns of the Phoenix True Fire.

After all, the restrictions released were limited, and the power of the flames wielded by the Little Phoenix was only around the First Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm. Though the fire was unusual, it couldn't harm Jian Ruyan and Wen Rou at the Fifth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm.

Much less Mu Jinyu and Zhuo Yue.

The Phoenix True Fire burned them for about three minutes.

Mu Jinyu continually watched Jian Ruyan and Wen Rou's situation.

They were fully resisting the roasting of the Phoenix True Fire, their cheeks flushed from the heat, sweat continuously rolling down their foreheads.

Mu Jinyu noticed, from time to time, wisps of black smoke escaping from the tops of their heads.

"This should be the so-called Cursed Soul Forest's curse, for sure it's insidious!"

After everyone was roasted by the Little Phoenix for more than an hour, Mu Jinyu saw that during the last half hour, not a wisp of black smoke escaped from Jian Ruyan and Wen Rou's bodies, and he felt relieved.

Once again restraining the Little Phoenix, preventing it from continuing to release fire and vent its discontent.

"Hoo hoo..."

After enduring the scorching of the Phoenix True Fire for over an hour, Wen Rou and Jian Ruyan were somewhat dehydrated.

Once liberated, they collapsed to the ground, gasping for air.

Mu Jinyu walked over, gave them water to drink, and let them recover a bit.

Once they all recovered.

Mu Jinyu didn't rush to immediately leave the Cursed Soul Forest!

After all, outside still waited a powerful entity that had forced them into the Cursed Soul Forest, Ji Ran!

They had been exploring the Cursed Soul Forest for five to six days, unsure whether that old fool was still outside.

If he was still there, what capability did he have to retaliate?

Mu Jinyu frowned, thinking should he have obtained a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure from the Lustrous Immortal Realm's Immortal Hall, he could definitely squish that old thing.

Yet, after wandering in the Cursed Soul Forest, all he got were dozens of Spiritual Medicines and the Soul Shatter Grass; all the benefits were taken by the Little Phoenix.

His cultivation did not improve at all.

Just like when they were first forced into the Cursed Soul Forest!

How would he confront Ji Ran, that old brute?

No, wait...

It's not that he hasn't had a major gain!

Mu Jinyu suddenly thought of how the Dragon Resentment Evil Poison, after absorbing the Phoenix Poison, transformed into Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend!

The upgrade of poison isn't what's crucial, the key is...

He seems to be able to temporarily control Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend with his Dragon Soul, without worrying about it going out of control after release, ultimately being unrecoverable!

"Let's try it, at worst I'll fail to handle that old brute and go back to the Cursed Soul Forest to find another exit!"

Mu Jinyu's eyes flashed as he finally made a decision, flipping his palm to take out the Jade Bottle containing the Dragon-Phoenix Resentful Fiend, deciding to head out and give it a shot.

The Little Phoenix, tucked away in a corner and heartbroken, saw Mu Jinyu pull out that Small Jade Vial, and its pupils shrank immediately. Its body instinctively shifted back several times before running back to Jian Ruyan's side.

It didn't dare throw a tantrum anymore.