

King Hall 1321

Chapter 1321: Snowfall in June! Oceans Frozen! Spiritual Energy Revives Once More!

Looking at the dragon soul, which had grown by half its size, Mu Jinyu felt both happy and slightly helpless.

He didn't intend for this to happen.

But it seems the dragon soul was originally formed from the dragon qi of the Kunlun Dragon Vein, so while aiding the Qinling Dragon Vein, it inevitably absorbed some dragon qi to strengthen itself.

Nevertheless, it's ultimately a good thing. Mu Jinyu wasn't about to complain about getting an advantage and say, "I didn't mean for this to happen!"

"Roar!"

Retracting the dragon soul, Mu Jinyu left the Inner Valley and went to find Gu Xiyan and the others.

Upon arriving at the office, Gu Xiyan, Mei Yinxue, and Mu Hongchen were all busy with their tasks and only looked up to greet Mu Jinyu as he entered.

"You're back? We still have some matters to handle, go ahead and sit down," Gu Xiyan glanced at Mu Jinyu and then lowered her head to continue speaking.

Mu Jinyu smiled and said, "Alright, I'm about to get busy too. I just came to let you all know that I'm going to seclude myself for about five to seven days, so you don't need to notify me about meals or anything."

"Oh, okay, I got it," Gu Xiyan answered without lifting her head.

Mu Jinyu looked at Mei Yinxue and asked, "Sister Mei, how are you doing with the 'Sword Scroll' I gave you a few days ago?"

Mei Yinxue looked up at Mu Jinyu, shook her head, and said, "No time, sigh. Your national martial cultivation plan has increased our workload so much that I hardly have time to study that cultivation technique."

"Alright then." Mu Jinyu forced a smile and took his leave after bidding them farewell.

After leaving the office, while Mu Jinyu was walking down the corridor, he noticed Zhou Yi was still inside a room teaching people alchemy.

However, there were only about a hundred or so people left, not as exaggerated as the more than five hundred people before.

The reason being, Mu Jinyu had previously agreed with Xia Ruochen to teach them alchemy on a weekend, and most students weren't attending school. That day, Mu Jinyu had Zhou Yi teach along with him.

But it wasn't a weekend anymore, so those students naturally had to be sent back to continue their schooling.

"Time to work on the pill furnaces."

Mu Jinyu withdrew his gaze and quietly slipped away before Zhou Yi noticed him.

Returning to the Inner Valley.

Mu Jinyu began to work tirelessly on the alchemy furnaces.

In the blink of an eye, five days passed.

After five days.

Mu Jinyu had crafted over six thousand alchemy furnaces in one go.

Based on the previous calculation where a little over a thousand alchemy furnaces could produce one million essence qi pills in a day, with over seven thousand furnaces, approximately seven to eight million essence qi pills could be made in a day.

That amounts to about 240 million essence qi pills in a month!

Although it's still not enough to provide one pill per person per month, it's getting closer to this goal.

"Huh?!"

Just as Mu Jinyu was about to craft more furnaces and then take a break, he suddenly felt something cool and icy on his face.

Opening his eyes slightly, Mu Jinyu wiped his face, feeling something chilly and soft—it was snow!

"Is it snowing?"

His eyes widened as Mu Jinyu looked up to the sky.

He saw the slightly dim sky with light snowflakes drifting down.

The ground of the Inner Valley was already covered with a thin layer of snow.

Seeing this scene, instead of feeling the excitement of the snow and wanting to build a snowman with Gu Xiyan and the others, Mu Jinyu felt an ominous foreboding rise in his heart.

"It's only June, and just a few days ago I celebrated Children's Day. How can it suddenly start snowing?"

Mu Jinyu's eyes were filled with suspicion as he muttered, "And this is still the south! Is the world about to change again?"

He muttered a few times to himself, but could no longer focus on crafting alchemy furnaces. He quickly got up, packed away the furnaces scattered all over the ground, and went to find Mu Hongchen and the others to inquire about the situation.

Soon, Mu Jinyu arrived at their office and saw Mu Hongchen and Gu Xiyan gathered together, all with serious looks, discussing something.

"Dragon Master, you're here. Have a seat, I was just about to inform you."

Seeing Mu Jinyu's arrival, Mu Hongchen, not surprised at all, as if expecting him, invited Mu Jinyu to sit down.

Mu Jinyu knew they were all putting aside their tasks to discuss the June snow, so he didn't directly question Mu Hongchen and instead took a seat in the empty space next to Yu Linglong.

Mu Hongchen didn't start from the beginning upon Mu Jinyu's arrival; she continued, saying:

"According to the latest report from the meteorological department, the anomaly isn't just occurring in famous mountains, but the entire Jiangnan Province is experiencing snow, and I suspect, the snowfall will begin nationwide soon. This change, I believe, isn't like the first dark turmoil's absolute end, but rather the continued changes from the earliest spiritual energy revival. Yet, with this change, quite a few people might perish..."

Upon hearing Mu Hongchen's words, Mu Jinyu's eyes flashed as he sensed the spiritual energy of Yinlong Mountain, realizing it was indeed more active than a few days ago, with its concentration constantly increasing.

"Is the spiritual energy revival about to commence again?" Mu Jinyu pondered inwardly.

Initially, when he came over, he was concerned that this abnormal snow in the southern June might result from the disruption of the Qinling Dragon Vein.

But it seems that's not the case, because if the Qinling had an issue, the climate would definitely shift, but it wouldn't cause the spiritual energy to become more active.

Mu Hongchen kept analyzing the present situation when suddenly a phone call came in. She took the call and, after listening for a few minutes, her expression grew grave. She hung up and, in a deep voice, said:

"The latest information has come in—the folded spaces of many famous mountains are now beginning to merge with the actual mountain ranges, expanding the area of the mountains several times, and the surrounding seas are starting to freeze."

"If nothing unexpected happens, in about a day, the ocean will freeze over, and the current light snow in various places will eventually become blizzards!"

As Mu Hongchen's words fell, the women all looked worriedly and whispered:

"If that's the case, how many people will die?!"

"How can ordinary people withstand this? Why would such a change suddenly occur?"

"..."

Mu Jinyu furrowed his brows, also speculating on the cause of this newfound spiritual energy revival.

Is it the hidden antagonist who stole dragon qi from the Qinling who did it?

According to his analysis, the various famous mountains spread across the globe are the formation base locking the Earth. After that formation base is shaken, causing the grand sealing formation to be

damaged, the spiritual energy originally drawn to operate the formation naturally isn't needed as much anymore, causing it to overflow.

This, in turn, leads to the spiritual energy revival.

And the first spiritual energy revival probably resulted from Xiang Mantang destroying a crucial formation base, causing damage to the operation of the grand sealing formation, which no longer required global spiritual energy extraction with each operation. The excess spiritual energy began to overflow, and then after some time, as the formation base wasn't further damaged, the spiritual energy revival halted, with the cultivated environment improved significantly, but it stopped there...

Without other accidents, the grand sealing formation may gradually collapse over time due to the damage to that formation base.

But such a change already occurring within just a year indicates possibly, yet another formation base has been destroyed by someone.

And for now, Mu Jinyu has no other suspect targets, other than the Qinling disruption, making the hidden player planning the Qinling Dragon Vein suspicious.

Chapter 1322: Summoning Friends to Seek Refuge! Preparing Ahead!

Mu Jinyu ultimately couldn't determine whether this Spiritual Energy Revival was man-made or accidental.

But he was clear that this time, many more might perish.

Therefore, instead of continuing to refine the Alchemy Furnace, he contacted Xia Ruochen, urging him to promptly send people to Yinlong Mountain to collect these more than seven thousand Alchemy Furnaces.

As severe winter descends, an ordinary person's physique cannot withstand this cold wave, and they can only freeze to death.

However, if they take Essence Qi Pills, they can significantly preserve their Essence Qi, greatly increasing their chances of survival.

Thus, although not enough Alchemy Furnaces capable of self-refinement have yet been forged, the process must be hastened, and the existing Alchemy Furnaces must be sent to Qinling to begin preemptive refining of Essence Qi Pills.

Xia Ruochen, upon receiving the call, was already troubled over how to withstand the impending blizzard. Upon learning that Essence Qi Pills might save ordinary lives, he immediately agreed.

After hanging up, Mu Jinyu said to Gu Xiyan and the others, "Now you should contact your family and friends and have them come to Yinlong Mountain first."

"Oh, okay..."

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Gu Xiyan, Xu Qingya, and Lin Qiaoxia all realized that it was indeed dangerous for their relatives and family outside, while in Yinlong Mountain, if they couldn't withstand the cold wave and were about to freeze to death, Mu Jinyu could still save them in time.

Hence, they each picked up their phones, starting to contact their family, relatives, and friends, urging them to quickly come to Yinlong Mountain to prepare for refuge.

While Gu Xiyan and the others were contacting their relatives and friends to come to Yinlong Mountain for refuge, Mu Jinyu said to Mu Hongchen, "Aunt Mu, contact Senior Yu, San Liu, and them, tell them to stop pursuing Fallen Splendor and Paradise Lost, and to return first."

"Alright." Mu Hongchen nodded in agreement and began to contact Yu Shenfeng and San Liu.

When Mu Hongchen started contacting Yu Shenfeng and the others, Mu Jinyu himself also took out his phone to contact Cai Zhengyan.

"Hey, Sister Cai, is it snowing over there yet?" Mu Jinyu asked.

"Yes, it is..." Cai Zhengyan's voice carried a hint of panic, saying, "So strange, it's only June. The sun was still hot days ago, but today it started snowing, and the riverside began to freeze. Is something going wrong again?"

After all, having survived the dark upheaval and the beast chaos, Cai Zhengyan's sensitivity remains high.

Moreover, the Rong City where she resides is a coastal city. It hadn't snowed for hundreds of years, yet now in the scorching season of June, snow and river freezing occur, even a fool knows there's an issue.

Mu Jinyu consoled, "Hmm, maybe there might be a problem. You should let Brother Guo and the others come to me first. It's a bit safer here. I'll send you the address in a bit."

"Yeah, alright..." Cai Zhengyan weakly agreed, then couldn't help but ask, "And the children at the welfare home, can they..."

Mu Jinyu, hearing this, also thought of this point, saying, "Hmm, no problem, bring whoever you can."

"Alright, I got it." Cai Zhengyan's tone relaxed quite a bit.

After saying a few more words, Mu Jinyu then hung up the phone.

Half an hour later.

Xia Ruochen personally came to Yinlong Mountain to receive the Alchemy Furnaces refined by Mu Jinyu.

This shows how important the task was considered by those at the top.

Mu Jinyu was planning to hand over the Alchemy Furnaces to Xia Ruochen and investigate the cause of the current Spiritual Energy Revival, or continue refining the Alchemy Furnaces, but he feared that if the furnaces couldn't operate normally there, the consequences would be severe.

Originally, if the furnaces couldn't self-operate, it might delay the distribution of Essence Qi Pills, which wasn't significant. But now, if the Essence Qi Pills are delayed just a few days in production and distribution, many might die!

Lives are at stake.

In the end, Mu Jinyu decided to make a trip to Qinling.

"Let's go, I'll take you there myself."

Mu Jinyu directly grabbed Xia Ruochen, soared into the sky, rapidly heading towards Qinling.

"Hu..."

The flying speed was so fast that Xia Ruochen and the others were startled, but finding themselves in the sky afterward, they relaxed quite a bit.

Over ten minutes later.

Due to the fast flying speed, Xia Ruochen couldn't clearly see the scenery below; he initially thought they were halfway there, but Mu Jinyu's flying speed suddenly paused, then descended.

The descent was much slower, and when Xia Ruochen looked down, despite the thin snow cover on the ground, he recognized it was Qinling!

"Are we here already?"

Xia Ruochen and the others were incredibly amazed.

Mu Jinyu, however, ignored their reactions and directly led them to the Folded Space within Qinling.

Upon entering, Mu Jinyu swept with his Divine Sense and then shifted to the location of the Divine Formation Disc.

At this time, over seven hundred cultivators from Great Xia Dragon Sparrow with Wood Spirit Roots had arrived here seven days ago and were taking turns channeling their True Yuan into the Divine Formation Disc to convert to a simplified version of Life Source Energy.

Nearby, a mountain-high pile of various Medicinal Herbs was already stacked.

These herbs were the main and auxiliary medicines for refining Essence Qi Pills.

However, a small portion of Spiritual Medicine wasn't material for refining Essence Qi Pills but consisted of higher-level Spiritual Medicine...

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu shot a look at Xia Ruochen, saying, "Recently, don't play any small tricks, all the Life Source Energy converted by the array must be used to ripen the Essence Qi Pills' medicinal materials!"

"I know..." Xia Ruochen replied, somewhat embarrassed.

Indeed, after acquiring the method of converting Life Source Energy, they initially focused on constantly ripening the Essence Qi Pills' medicinal materials, but later, finding that Mu Jinyu hadn't come to Qinling for inspection, and given that Essence Qi Pills were only useful for those at the Refining Essence into Qi stage.

Moreover, Xia Ruochen and their batch of high-level members were all at the Divinity Transformation Realm; naturally, they needed higher-tier Spiritual Medicine...

Thus, they inevitably harbored some cautious thoughts, designating a section not for ripening Essence Qi Pill materials but for ripening Spiritual Medicine they needed.

Originally, regarding these small actions, Mu Jinyu would turn a blind eye, provided they managed to distribute an Essence Qi Pill to the entire population every few days or a week, and he wouldn't bother with it.

But now, this sudden second Spiritual Energy Revival somewhat disrupted their plans, leaving them no time for elaborate arrangements.

Currently, it's unclear whether the batch of Essence Qi Pills' materials are enough, so how could Mu Jinyu continue allowing them to mess around?

After admonishing Xia Ruochen a few times, Mu Jinyu took from several Storage Bags, gradually extracting the specially crafted seven thousand Alchemy Furnaces for refining Essence Qi Pills.

"Boom, boom, boom..."

It took over ten minutes for Mu Jinyu to retrieve all these furnaces from the Storage Bags.

"Alright, now summon some people over here; it doesn't matter whether they have cultivation, but ensure they remember the various medicinal materials for refining Essence Qi Pills, then just throw the herbs into the furnace after it starts."

Mu Jinyu turned and instructed Xia Ruochen.

"Ah? Alchemy can be done like this?" Xia Ruochen was surprised.

But seeing that Mu Jinyu wasn't in the mood to explain, his expression rather impatient, Xia Ruochen grinned sheepishly and immediately notified his subordinates to send everyone from the Great Xia Martial Pavilion in nearby towns over.

After the call, Xia Ruochen frowned slightly and muttered, "Over seven thousand furnaces, finding seven thousand people seems a bit rushed..."

Chapter 1323: Alchemy to Save Lives! Racing Against Time!

Mu Jinyu heard Xia Ruochen muttering with a bit of helplessness, turned his head to look at him, and said: "Not so many people are needed!"

"Ah?" Xia Ruochen was taken aback and looked at Mu Jinyu in surprise.

Mu Jinyu explained: "You still don't get it. This pill furnace is not controlled by an alchemist to manage the heat for alchemy. It's a specialized automated alchemy furnace I developed. Think of the traditional pill furnace as an ordinary stove, and my batch of pill furnaces are like electric rice cookers..."

"Electric rice cooker?" Xia Ruochen's eyes gradually lit up, he spoke out.

Mu Jinyu nodded: "That's right. To automatically refine a furnace of Essence Qi Pills, it takes about ten minutes. The person in charge just needs to put in the materials for the first batch, and the remaining nine minutes, the furnace will complete the process of extracting, merging medicinal liquids, and forming the elixir on its own..."

"So, at the speed of putting materials for Essence Qi Pills every minute, one person can manage ten pill furnaces, which means seven hundred people are enough. With shifts for rest included, one thousand four hundred people should be sufficient."

Listening to Mu Jinyu's explanation, Xia Ruochen suddenly realized, looking at Mu Jinyu with admiration and a bit of oddity.

He really didn't expect that alchemy could be automated like this.

No wonder Mu Jinyu is confident in providing elixirs for the entire nation!

Mu Jinyu, ignoring Xia Ruochen's reaction, continued: "The task of controlling the alchemy furnaces and putting in materials is relatively easy, so one person can manage ten furnaces. However, the harder part is finding people who understand pharmacology or can be trained to accurately divide the spiritual medicine into batches of materials for Essence Qi Pills, for a truly simple and streamlined process..."

Mu Jinyu spoke as he raised his hand to point at the towering pile of spiritual medicine beside him.

These spiritual medicines are all piled together, not yet divided into batches of materials for Essence Qi Pills.

If they're just placed here, by letting the person managing the furnace pick spiritual medicine for refining Essence Qi Pills, it would either require a lot of time to find the main and auxiliary medicines, wasting time, or they might take too much material, resulting in waste.

So the best approach is to hire a batch of skilled pharmacists to accurately divide this pile of spiritual medicine into batches for Essence Qi Pills.

Then when the person managing the furnace comes to get the medicine, it saves time and avoids wasting materials.

Originally, Mu Jinyu planned to perfect this strategy slowly and roll it out at ease, but didn't expect the sudden global winter, forcing him to speed up solving these issues, making time a bit tight.

Not only is there a lack of automated pill furnaces, but also a shortage of pharmacists to categorize the materials.

This is rather troublesome.

And he can't stay here indefinitely to divide materials himself. With that time, he could forge more automated pill furnaces, couldn't he save more lives?

"For skilled pharmacists, I'll see how many can be found..."

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Xia Ruochen understood the importance of this position and quickly notified his subordinates to search across the country for traditional Chinese medicine doctors and bring them to Qinling.

Although hospitals have many doctors, most rely on instruments for surgical operations and might not be suitable for pharmacology, so Xia Ruochen directly ordered them to find traditional Chinese medicine doctors.

While Xia Ruochen was making calls, Mu Jinyu pondered slightly, then went out to call Zhou Yi, asking him to stop training people and come to Qinling first.

He was considering that, in case they couldn't find suitable pharmacists to allocate spiritual medicine and he didn't have time to do it himself, Zhou Yi would be the best choice.

First, he was now a top-grade Second-grade alchemist and could even refine Third-grade elixirs, easily controlling materials for the small Essence Qi Pills. Second, he had the strength of the Divinity Transformation Realm, so his speed in dividing the materials would far exceed ordinary people.

With a casual wave, he could divide hundreds of Essence Qi Pills materials.

Though this speed might not match the pace of seven hundred people controlling seven thousand pill furnaces, once ordinary pharmacists grasp the specific measurement of materials for Essence Qi Pills, it might be sufficient.

After both Mu Jinyu and Xia Ruochen finished their calls and returned to Qinling's folded space, Mu Jinyu started dividing materials for Essence Qi Pills himself.

This way, when the first batch of people arrives, they can immediately start mass refining Essence Qi Pills.

Xia Ruochen, seeing this, felt a sense of urgency rising within.

They must seize the time to refine as many Essence Qi Pills as possible for the entire nation before the brutal snowstorm arrives, striving to distribute these pills to save lives.

And the cold wave may hit in a day or two, but either way, they're not left with much time...

Hence, Xia Ruochen summoned a group of idle people to throw the divided materials from Mu Jinyu into the neatly arranged alchemy furnaces.

"Boom Boom!!!"

Among the idle members of Great Xia Dragon Sparrow present, there were only two hundred-plus, but each was quite skilled, capable of managing a dozen pill furnaces.

Thus, nearly all the seven thousand-plus alchemy furnaces Mu Jinyu brought were activated, absorbing spiritual energy from Qinling and starting automated alchemy.

Ten minutes later.

Mu Jinyu had divided all the matured materials for Essence Qi Pills cultivated over the past seven days into batches complete with main and auxiliary medicines, enough for three hundred forty million packets.

And with each batch producing five pills, three hundred forty million batches could turn into 1.7 billion pieces of Essence Qi Pills!

If all could be refined successfully today, and the cold wave fully hit tomorrow, the first day, everyone should be able to survive.

But in later stages, with not enough matured spiritual medicine and inefficient furnaces, not everyone could consume a piece of Essence Qi Pills to survive.

At that point, casualties might start appearing...

"Let's not think too much now. If enduring the first day's cold wave somehow causes billions to transform into Masters of Dark Energy due to changes in spiritual energy, many elixirs could be saved. Let's forge pills first..."

Mu Jinyu shook his head slightly, no longer overthinking, and started refining Essence Qi Pills.

With his strength, refining a First Grade elixir doesn't take ten minutes like those alchemy furnaces.

In almost a second, Mu Jinyu could complete the extraction, fusion, and forming elixir steps, refining a batch of Essence Qi Pills.

And the batch contained nine pills, with nine Danwen Essence Qi Pills!

Such Essence Qi Pills have potent efficacy, enough for one to endure three days post-consumption in a brutal winter.

While Mu Jinyu was constantly refining pills, Xia Ruochen called over a thousand martial arts school trainees from nearby towns via Great Xia Dragon Sparrow.

Then began teaching them how to take packets and refine elixirs.

The task was now transferred to them.

Chapter 1324: Global Blizzard! Humanity Cannot Defy Heaven!

As these alchemist tool-persons arrived, shortly after, Zhou Yi, who had been notified by Mu Jinyu, also rushed to Qinling an hour later.

Upon arriving at Qinling, when Zhou Yi saw Mu Jinyu was concentrating on alchemy, he did not disturb him.

Instead, he started to package the newly matured spiritual medicines into batches that could directly be used to make Essence Qi Pills.

He worked quickly, and after preparing the medicine packages, seeing that the spiritual medicines were still being matured, he followed Mu Jinyu and started making Essence Qi Pills together.

Of course, his speed in alchemy was not as extravagant as Mu Jinyu's, but it was much faster than those automated pill furnaces, typically completing in one minute.

The number of pills formed ranged from six to seven!

This was very impressive indeed.

Not long after, Xia Ruochen had brought in traditional Chinese medicine doctors from across the country, who mostly arrived at Qinling by special flight.

Afterwards, Zhou Yi stopped focusing on alchemy.

Instead, he divided the matured spiritual medicines into medicine packets and taught these people how many grams of each main and auxiliary herb were needed to make a portion of Essence Qi Pills...

These people were not foolish, and they already understood a certain amount of pharmacology.

Soon, they clearly remembered the various auxiliary and main herbs for the Essence Qi Pills and their quantities, and then began distributing the herbs to the alchemist tool-persons.

Zhou Yi saw they were basically correct, only wasting a little medicine, and felt relieved, then continued to refine the pills.

Everyone was racing against time to urgently produce Essence Qi Pills, aiming to distribute one to as many people nationwide as possible before the cold snap hit, so that they could survive the first day.

Ten hours later.

The sky across the world was grey and hazy; the sun was obscured, just like during that dark chaos, leaving no daylight visible.

All around the world, no matter where, fine snowflakes began to descend from the sky everywhere, turning into heavy, down-like snow, and soon the ground was covered in a vast sheet of white, the whole world draped in silver!

The oceans froze completely not long after!

The terrifying cold snap was about to arrive...

And the people living in the southern regions, at first seeing their areas snowing in June and feeling no heat at all, many were excited and thrilled, and even started snowball fights outside.

But quickly, with the topics trending online, everyone began to realize something was wrong; that sense of novelty and excitement gradually faded, and staring at the thick snow outside the streets, they fell silent, then grew fearful.

Everyone began hiding indoors, no longer playing on the streets, donning thick down jackets, drinking hot water for warmth, and engaging in heated discussions online.

"It's snowing all over the world, what's happening to the world? Is another dark chaos about to occur?"

"It's so cold, why is it snowing in the summer? Why is this strange weather happening? Can you imagine it? My neighbor just went out for some unknown reason and froze to death right in front of me. Damn it, who knew it would snow in June, my heating's already been off for ages, what do I do now? It's already minus 40 degrees here, I feel like I can't hold on much longer..."

"Damn it, I'm also from the north, the air conditioning isn't working, I should have flown to the south to escape yesterday, now the snow has blocked the roads, the planes can't fly, the cars can't drive, are we just going to sit and wait to die?"

"Ha, there's no difference between north and south now! Stop talking about dry cold and wet cold, it's minus dozens of degrees here in the south too, and the snow is crazy heavy, the roads are all blocked!"

"Yes, coordinates Yang City, the climate here, I could still wear short sleeves in November, but now I'm nearly frozen to death, just saw a lot of people frozen on the streets on my way home..."

"Oh my, it's so terrifying, who will come save us!"

"My grandma's health wasn't good to begin with, I put several layers of down jackets and blankets on her just now, but she still couldn't hold on, sob sob..."

Everything happened too suddenly.

As the night passed, the blizzard arrived in full force, all roads were blocked, the wind howled, and the ocean was frozen...

The world turned white!

That night, an unknown number of people died worldwide, at least in the billions!

Everyone cried out in sorrow!

"Huff..."

"It's so cold... how can it be this cold inside Qinling, can't imagine what it's like outside now..."

"It's probably already turned into hell!"

"I don't know how my family is doing now, I'm so worried about them..."

"It should be fine, the manager just said, our families will definitely get Essence Qi Pills first, to strengthen their essence and resist the cold, so we can focus on refining pills..."

Inside the folded space within Qinling, the group of alchemist tool-persons, rubbing their hands and throwing medicine packets into the pill furnaces, discussed with worried expressions.

They knew the situation outside was dire, just feeling the cold within the folded space of Qinling told them.

As the folded space of the famous mountains does not exist within the real mountain terrain outside, the snow cannot fall in, only the cold wind can blow in through void cracks.

Thus, many of these alchemist tool-persons were just ordinary people, only feeling a bit cold, no need for down jackets.

At this moment, they were extremely grateful to have been chosen by the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow to come to Qinling for alchemy, or to select herbs.

Not only were they safe, but during the frightening cold snap, Xia Ruochen also had someone give the first batch of refined Essence Qi Pills to their families first, allowing them to focus without worries.

After that, the Essence Qi Pills started being distributed across the country for use by those in need to resist the cold snap!

"How are things now?"

At this point, Mu Jinyu, who had been immersed in alchemy, came to, looked to the side at Zhou Yi, and asked.

Zhou Yi, not having entered a fully immersive alchemy state, upon hearing Mu Jinyu, while refining pills, shook his head and sighed, "Things are very bad, many people have died, but fortunately, we prepared a lot of Essence Qi Pills in advance, helping many people survive, unfortunately, there's only over six million pills, it's still not enough to supply everyone nationwide..."

Mu Jinyu could refine nine Essence Qi Pills in a minute, and yesterday he spent the whole day urgently refining, now producing a total of 770,000 Essence Qi Pills.

This number sounds like a lot, but compared to the billions of population, it's simply a drop in the bucket...

And the over 7,000 pill furnaces were basically all working at full capacity yesterday, constantly refining pills without interruption.

The pill furnace produces a batch of Essence Qi Pills in ten minutes, with around five pills formed, thirty pills an hour, each furnace could refine around 720 Essence Qi Pills a day.

Even with all the 7,000 plus pill furnaces working at full capacity, they only produced a little over five million Essence Qi Pills!

Adding Mu Jinyu and Zhou Yi's pill formation, they produced just over six million Essence Qi Pills yesterday, still not enough to supply everyone to resist the cold!

Mu Jinyu, upon hearing this, fell into silence.

Ultimately, humans cannot triumph over nature!

However, although he was unwilling, he wasn't in despair, for he was not a god and could only strive to save more people under the divine might of nature, unable to save everyone.

Chapter 1325: Ice Age! Heated Online Discussions!

Overnight, a harsh winter descended, causing over a billion deaths and injuries globally.

Even more terrifying than the dark turmoil and beastly chaos a year ago.

The internet is flooded with people cursing and spreading panic, declaring the end of the world, that everyone is doomed...

Even biologists pessimistically believe that another ice age is coming, where countless species will be destroyed in this century.

Then some people, in despair and madness, want to vent their anger in their final moments, letting the world feel pain...

Unfortunately, they were frozen to death shortly after stepping out.

"The elderly at home died last night, and I'm barely holding on. I was worried yesterday that the heavy snow blocked the roads, making it impossible to go out, and the food supply at home might not last a week. Now the firewood is nearly burned through, and the house is almost buried by snow. I suppose I'll die tomorrow before the food runs out..."

People living in rural houses said despairingly.

"Poor thing, luckily I live on the twenty-eighth floor, so I don't have to worry about the building being buried by snow just yet. But we have no food reserves at home; I used to order takeout. I don't think I'll last a few days now."

Someone replied below with a sense of shared despair.

"Living on the twenty-eighth floor too, I just visited the neighbor opposite and found their whole family dead. I moved their blankets, cotton clothes, and food back home. Not sure how many more days it will last me; I'll check downstairs tomorrow."

"Kind person upstairs, I'll go borrow some things from the neighbors..."

"Upstairs hasn't replied for half an hour; I'm afraid they might be in trouble."

"Serves them right!"

A group of people lonely posted and replied online because they know, even if they can survive a little longer in the harsh winter, eventually, as the snow persists, there will be a water, electricity, and internet outage. By then, even if they have leftover food, they won't find anyone to talk to all day and might be driven insane.

Just then, people began posting en masse, quickly being boosted to trending posts.

"Good news, good news, the government has started saving us! Just recently, someone cleared the snow blocking my front door and came in with a kind of pill. After eating it, I felt warm all over, like I could even go out for a snowball fight without a problem."

A person posted with a few photos: first, a small black pill in their palm, then the cleared snow outside, a pixelated man's face, walking around shirtless indoors, and a poised posture at the doorway...

"Did the poster also receive the life-saving pill? How many did they receive?"

"Also curious, how many pills did the poster receive? Did all family members get one? My grandfather didn't get one..."

With the poster's post, people quickly replied, probing to find out the number of pills each received.

"Damn, is the poster serious, are the replies above not bots? Is the pill really effective? How much does it sell for?"

Some believe they are bots from a pharmaceutical company trying to sell pills for profit. Yet, even if they doubt a single pill can help them withstand this cold snap, with the mindset that money is useless if they're dead, they all want to try.

After all, they consider it cash on delivery; if it's fake, those money-grubbers will probably freeze to death on the road!

But the poster's reply left them uncertain.

"Didn't I say it's the government saving us? Selling for money? This medicine is free, plus I don't have elderly at home—just my parents and wife, and we all received one pill. The staff said this one pill should let us last for three days, and hopefully in three days they'll deliver more pills, so don't lose hope."

"Seriously? Then why hasn't my family received it? I just checked with the community group, and no one in our area has received it?"

Someone questioned.

Another replied with resentment: "Why did your whole family get it while only my sister and I received it, and my mom hasn't, just lying in bed waiting to die!"

"Same here, only the young people in my family received the pill, but the elderly didn't. Isn't this forcing the elderly to die?"

Someone else followed up, feeling it's highly unfair.

Then someone explained: "Regarding the above questions, I'm also a cultivator, so I somewhat know the reason. Let me explain to everyone..."

"Firstly, ordinary people can't go out in the current climate, so those distributing elixirs to save lives must have cultivation in Energy Transformation. But there are only tens of thousands of Energy Transformation Warriors nationwide, compared to the over a billion population, it's too scarce. Even if they all worked as couriers, how could they deliver elixirs to everyone's doors in one day?!

"That's why some have already received elixirs, while others haven't. But don't panic; you should be able to receive them..."

"Secondly, do you think it's simple to make these life-saving elixirs? I can tell you, it's not like last year's Beauty Pill, a regular pill, mass-produced to supply nationally or internationally without shortage! Because it's an elixir, not a regular pill!

"And the difference between elixirs and regular pills is that elixirs require manual craftsmanship and cannot be mass-produced. Normally, an Alchemist refining a batch of elixirs needs at least over an hour for a successful batch if lucky. If unlucky, it goes bust, wasting all the materials!

"With this explanation, you should understand why elixirs are scarce, right? If sold, one elixir costing tens of thousands, even millions, wouldn't be a problem!

"And Spiritual Energy Revival has only been around for over a year, so there aren't many Alchemists nationwide. Even if there were no cultivators using elixirs for cultivation, but continuously refined successful elixirs for storage, I bet there wouldn't be a reserve for over a billion elixirs!

"This Ice Age arrived suddenly, even with emergency refinement by Alchemists and existing elixir reserves, do you think it's enough to supply the whole nation?

"Moreover, ingesting one elixir does not make you immune for a year or a month. As someone mentioned above, it lasts roughly three days, then... what about after three days?

"Can the government take out over a billion elixirs again for everyone to use as life-saving pills?

"I doubt it! Even if all elixir reserves are used, and Alchemists work tirelessly every hour without sleep refining elixirs, and succeed each time, how many elixirs do you think would be available in the end?

"Hence, elixir distribution must have trade-offs; like in fire or earthquake disasters, who do you rescue first? The elderly? Certainly not. Women and children are prioritized, followed by young men, lastly the elderly...

"We should all be grateful that over the past year, our country consistently promoted nationwide martial cultivation, encouraging everyone in cultivation to strengthen their bodies. Otherwise, we young people could never survive the first day of the Ice Age!

"Though global death data isn't available yet, I believe, compared to other countries letting people evolve under Spiritual Energy Revival while we adhered strictly to cultivation and transformation, our casualties in this Ice Age should be lesser than abroad!

"So please don't lose hope; the government will surely find a way to save us in the end!"

Chapter 1326: Demon Beasts Found Sects to Save the World! Education for All!

As soon as that person's reply was posted, the popularity of this thread exploded!

Countless people are discussing whether the current elixir reserves are enough for the whole country to use? Are the elderly really just waiting to die?

Many people believe that the elderly should also have a share of the elixirs, otherwise, it would be waiting for the elderly to die, and that is not humane!

These discussions quickly topped the hot list.

Then someone replied, saying that those who are filial could actually give their own elixirs to their elderly family members to help them survive these few days, rather than morally blackmailing others into giving their elixir shares to your elderly family members!

"What's the deal with the snarky comment above: Doesn't your family have elderly members? You're not taking elixir yourself and just waiting to die?"

"Sorry, my family also has elderly members, but my cultivation is at Great Achievement in Dark Energy, so I can barely hold on these days. So I give the elixir to my grandpa, unlike you, who takes the elixir to survive while still wanting the elderly to have a share. Who knows, maybe you're hoping to snatch the elixir from the elderly once they receive it!"

"Oh, sorry, don't blame me for my malicious speculation, since the above thread has already mentioned the serious problem of elixir reserves. Don't blame me for pessimistically thinking that in the first round of elixir distribution, many young people might not even get any, and the second round would probably be nonexistent. You still want the elderly to receive elixirs, which makes me suspect you're hoping to get a few extra elixirs for yourself to extend your life..."

This person's reply naturally led to an unavoidable onslaught.

But he was impressive, engaging in a verbal battle with the masses, and eventually presenting hard evidence showing how those attacking him typically neglected the elderly, not visiting them for months, and how neighbors had to help send the sick elderly to the hospital, with some people not even glancing at the elderly in the hospital.

"These people usually show no filial piety, and now suddenly they're so filial, don't be surprised if people find it disgusting to speculate about you."

With the hard evidence about these ten-plus families being revealed, those attacking him started to shut up and delete their posts.

Yinlong Mountain.

In the dormitory.

A regular member of the Dragon King Hall looked at the replies on the phone, sneered, and said, "Should these people still be hoping to receive more Essence Qi Pills? I think if their family hasn't received any Essence Qi Pills yet, they might as well not receive any at all."

He is the Martial Artist with Great Achievement in Dark Energy who replied in the thread and couldn't deliver lifeline elixirs to families due to his lack of strength.

However, he also disapproved of the comments, so he directly engaged in a verbal battle online.

He is very aware of the urgency of the current situation and knows that the early post's speculation was indeed correct, as the current quantity of elixirs doesn't even exceed a billion, meaning that most people won't get any in the first batch.

Yet some people start by saying there are tens of billions of elixir reserves, not caring whether the second batch can hold up, insisting the first batch must be distributed fairly so everyone alive has a share!

This damn proposition would force those who haven't received elixirs to death!

This infuriated him, leading him to use his privileges to find out how these people regularly treated their elderly.

The investigation shocked him with the lack of filial piety!

He immediately understood that these people know very well that elixirs aren't enough, but are trying to live a few more days and use the elderly card to demand more elixirs.

If their demands were met, nine out of ten would likely keep the elixirs for themselves rather than give them to the elderly.

"Sigh, they talk so easily about tens of billions of elixirs. If it were that simple, it would be great."

On another bed, a person curled up under the blanket, exhaled lightly, creating a mist that turned into ice shards as it dropped, showing how cold the weather really is.

"Yes, if it weren't for the Dragon Master suddenly wanting to improve the plan for nationwide martial cultivation and starting to create pill furnaces able to quickly refine Essence Qi Pills, we might not have even gotten six million Essence Qi Pills this time!

"And yesterday, when the incident happened suddenly, the Dragon Master wanted to save more people, working tirelessly day and night to refine Essence Qi Pills, along with so many brothers who stayed up with the Dragon Master without rest for alchemy. Yet to them, these things seem so simple, and they complain there's not enough. I think the best course is to ignore them and let them fend for themselves!"

One person complained.

"Hey, don't say that; many people are unaware of the situation, which is why they're causing a disturbance. We shouldn't speak like that!"

After exchanging a few words, they stopped discussing this topic and started reflecting on the environment of Yinlong Mountain.

"We're lucky to bring our families to Yinlong Mountain. Although it's cold, the formation protects us, and the chill isn't as severe as outside, otherwise I wouldn't dare give my elixir to grandpa and grandma!"

"Yes, I wonder when this terrible weather will end..."

As members of the Dragon King Hall, they naturally don't face the same situation as ordinary people who only receive elixirs for young family members; their entire family received shares.

This is part of their benefits as members of Dragon King Hall, earned through risking their lives against Ferocious Beasts!

However, they also clearly understand the severity of the current situation, knowing that if the snowstorm doesn't stop, their elderly family members might struggle to receive elixirs later.

Therefore, they plan to hang on for the early days themselves and save the Essence Qi Pills for their elderly family members.

So they can safely navigate the peril in the later stage of the snowstorm.

If, in the end, they can't save the elderly, there's no other choice; they tried their best and won't blame anyone.

They witness Mu Jinyu's efforts firsthand.

"Whoa, is this thread real?!"

While browsing threads, they came across an interesting post.

This person claimed to be the Mountain Master of Hebei Province Wolf Fang Mountain, deciding to help all creatures in this crisis, teaching indiscriminately and allowing both humans and animals to seek refuge on his famous mountain from the snow disaster.

"Really? I recall the Master of Langya Mountain being the White Wolf King, right?!"

"A demon beast saving humans? Is his Wolf Fang Mountain okay? Can it really be a refuge?"

The individuals in the dormitory browsing the thread focused intensely.

Although they didn't reply much, many in the thread were questioning and doubting this claim.

Soon, the thread owner claiming to be the Mountain Master of Langya Mountain posted several photos comparing the outside icy landscape to Wolf Fang Mountain's interior, which, while not spring-like year-round, had much weaker snow conditions than outside, showing people wearing just down jackets playing snowball fights inside.

"Is this true? Why doesn't our Yinlong Mountain have this?"

Several people were shocked and skeptical.

Someone pondered a bit and weakly spoke: "Seems like Yinlong Mountain isn't a famous mountain, though it has nine dragon veins, it was solely supported by the Dragon Master..."

At this point, with the Mountain Master's post, several other famous mountain masters quickly posted saying they would open their sects, teaching indiscriminately, allowing anyone or any animal who could provide Essence Qi Pills or Spiritual Medicine to enter their famous mountain for refuge.

Suddenly, the whole internet erupted, endlessly debating!

Chapter 1327: Bloodless Malice! Verifying Authenticity! A Brilliant Smile!

The Chief of Langya Mountain and the chiefs of other famous mountains, one after another, posted notices with photos, proving that their respective famous mountains could indeed escape the blizzards.

Moreover, they decided to set up sects, allowing people to enter the famous mountains for refuge as long as they provided Essence Qi Pills or equivalent Spiritual Medicine as tuition fees.

And they would sincerely teach people more exquisite cultivation techniques.

Unlike now, where ordinary people can only learn the cultivation methods up to the Mingjin level. For the subsequent cultivation methods of Dark Energy and Energy Transformation, one basically has to wait for the Great Xia Martial Pavilion to approve them after passing evaluations.

"Although I am different, we all belong to the living beings of Earth, and especially to Huaxia. I do not wish to see humanity perish in this disaster, and we will not keep secrets. We will surely teach everyone the top-grade cultivation techniques, ensuring that education is available to all!"

This news shook the entire internet!

Previously, many who had received the Elixir distribution regretted why they had consumed the Elixirs so early. Otherwise, they could now hide in the famous mountains without waiting for uncertain future Elixir supplies.

And those who hadn't received the Essence Qi Pills yet were mostly tempted. They considered offering the Essence Qi Pills to these mountain chiefs to exchange for a spot in the ark.

Indeed, for the people, the famous mountains were no different from a lifesaving ark during a great flood.

And the only problem was how they could step out of their homes and reach the famous mountains to offer the Elixirs without taking the Elixirs themselves.

Yes, the problem arose again...

Each person only has one Essence Qi Pill. Once taken, you can step out and go to the mountains to become an apprentice, but... what would you offer as an apprentice gift?

If you don't take the Essence Qi Pill, given the current harsh weather, you would likely freeze to death before reaching the nearby famous mountains!

So, people first began asking the mountain chiefs if they could send someone to pick them up so that they could offer the Essence Qi Pills and be safely escorted to the famous mountains.

But after receiving no response, people started arguing until finally, they called on official authorities to hand over their future Elixir allocations in advance. That way, they could take one Essence Qi Pill and use another to find a famous mountain to seek refuge.

And once again, after receiving no response.

Soon, someone posted that he had stolen his relative's Essence Qi Pill and was now on the way to a famous mountain to become an apprentice.

"I just snatched my sister's Elixir and am now on the way to the nearest famous mountain. Hopefully, everything goes well!"

"You beast, aren't you human?"

A group of people furiously lambasted the poster under the thread.

Shortly after, another person posted, claiming that someone finally came to their community to distribute Elixirs, and then, after the staff left, he stole his neighbor's Essence Qi Pills.

"I am someone with great achievement in Dark Energy, so even without taking the Elixirs, I could hold out for a few more days at home in such weather. But going outside is uncertain. Just in case, I borrowed all my neighbor's Essence Qi Pills once the people delivering the Elixirs left our community, and I'm now on the way to Mount Lu..."

This post, naturally, was also met with condemnation, but significantly less so than the post about stealing his sister's Elixir.

And you could see that initially, some insulting replies gradually decreased.

If nothing unexpected happens, these individuals likely decided to "borrow" Elixirs from others once the Elixirs were delivered to their community...

The online heated discussion was unknown to Mu Jinyu, who was wholeheartedly engrossed in alchemy trying to save people. However, Mu Hongchen, who handled the trivial matters like Elixir delivery, was naturally informed.

"Do famous mountains really have such peculiarity?"

"They claim to teach everyone equally, yet they require Essence Qi Pills as apprenticeship fees. This group of beasts is clearly targeting the Essence Qi Pills, trying to make us humans kill each other without shedding a drop of blood!"

Mu Hongchen angrily slammed the table and said.

"Indeed, they have a cunning plan. If people come to become apprentices, they gain Essence Qi Pills. If not many come, they incite internal chaos among us, starting internal conflict! This group of beasts is becoming more and more intelligent!"

Gu Xiyan's face turned icy as she became increasingly annoyed with the mountain chiefs' announcements.

Wen Rou and Mei Yinxue, along with several other women, were also indignant!

Mu Hongchen did not speak, pulling out her phone to text someone, advising them to temporarily refrain from delivering Elixirs to prevent neighbors from turning against each other once they finished delivering.

Then, uncertain whether the news about the mountains blocking snow disasters was true or false, Mu Hongchen turned to Wen Rou and said:

"Xiaorou, your strength is the greatest among us. Please take a trip to Zijin Mountain in Jinling that the Dragon Master conquered a few days ago to see if that mountain is warmer than our Yinlong Mountain. If it is, we will notify the Dragon Master to directly attack these famous mountains occupied by demon beasts so they won't have to painstakingly use alchemy to save people anymore."

"Alright, I'll head there right now." Wen Rou, wearing a white dress with her arms and legs exposed, did not seem to feel any chill as she nodded to Mu Hongchen and turned to leave.

Among the women present, only Wen Rou, Gu Xiyan, and Jian Ruyan continued to dress in summer clothes because their strength was either in the Fanxu Realm or they cultivated the Ice Attribute techniques and had become accustomed to it.

The others, with a cultivation of the Divinity Transformation Realm, still felt some chill from the cold snap and had switched to wearing down jackets to keep warm.

Wen Rou made a trip to Zijin Mountain and returned half an hour later.

"Aunt Mu, it was indeed as those demon beasts claimed. I just went to Zijin Mountain and felt it wasn't as cold as our Yinlong Mountain. Quite a number of cultivators are there sheltering from the snowstorm. They had been secretly cultivating at Zijin Mountain..."

"Some people are just ordinary. I asked them how they had moved to Zijin Mountain for refuge. They said they were tourists who came to visit Zijin Mountain yesterday. But due to sudden snow and strong winds, it was too cold outside to return to the hotel, so they retreated to Zijin Mountain, and thus they survived."

Upon hearing Wen Rou's words, Mu Hongchen's eyes brightened and then smiled gleefully: "Great, I'll now inform the Dragon Master of this news to see if these monsters can still collect Essence Qi Pills as tuition, can make us kill each other, and hold their famous mountains!"

After speaking, Mu Hongchen made a call to the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow team, asking them to go to the depths of Qinling to inform Mu Jinyu of this news, telling him that they had verified the news, and he could act boldly!

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Qinling.

In the folded space.

Although the environment here had turned quite a bit colder, it was like an ordinary transition from summer to winter.

Except for those with little cultivation like alchemist tool-persons who put on warm underwear and down jackets, others with Dark Energy cultivation or higher mostly did not need to wear winter clothes.

Mu Jinyu, however, remained steadfast in alchemy, frantically making Essence Qi Pills at the rate of one furnace of nine pills per second.

Though he knew it was only a drop in the bucket, Mu Jinyu dared not stop alchemy as long as he thought each extra pill might save several families' lives.

As for why he did not create more alchemy furnaces, the current ripening speed of spiritual medicine in the medicine field was just barely sufficient. Even if he produced thousands more furnaces, there would not be enough spiritual medicine to make the Essence Qi Pills.

"Dragon Master, Dragon Master..."

At this moment, Xia Ruochen, learning of the news, hurried over to awaken Mu Jinyu from his alchemic trance.

"What is it?"

Mu Jinyu's eyes showed a bit of confusion as he lifted his head to look at Xia Ruochen, tinged with some irritation.

Xia Ruochen then quickly and briefly recounted the issue with the mountain chiefs to Mu Jinyu.

After hearing this, Mu Jinyu's hands stopped the alchemic process immediately.

Then, suddenly, he began to laugh—a brilliant smile.

Chapter 1328: Attacking Famous Mountains Nationwide! Assigning Positions!

Looking up and scanning the surroundings, Mu Jinyu finally discovered a detail he had overlooked.

Indeed, within the folded space of the Qinling Mountains, the climate wasn't as cold as he had imagined. He had been focused on alchemy before and hadn't paid much attention to these things.

Additionally, his cultivation level was high enough that he didn't feel the cold strongly.

Various reasons prevented him from realizing that the folded space within Qinling could actually serve as a refuge, allowing ordinary people to hide and avoid the cold first.

"Do you want Essence Qi Pill or Spiritual Medicine as tuition?"

Mu Jinyu murmured softly, his eyes growing colder.

Then, he rose from the ground and said to Zhou Yi, who was also awakened: "Elder Zhou, you continue refining pills. I'm going out for a bit."

"Alright." Zhou Yi responded, then continued to focus on alchemy.

Mu Jinyu said a few words to Xia Ruochen, swayed his figure, and disappeared from their sight in an instant.

Outside Qinling.

Mu Jinyu's figure suddenly appeared in mid-air.

He looked down at the world below, blanketed in white, truly a world clad in silver, and his eyes flickered slightly.

"Hoo..."

The wind and snow danced fiercely, like evil ghosts roaring.

"The environment is too harsh; there's no way for ordinary people to survive here."

Mu Jinyu still couldn't feel any sense of cold in such a harsh and brutal weather, but he knew very well that ordinary people would definitely feel a bone-chilling pain if they were standing here in the wind and snow.

Time waits for no one.

Mu Jinyu's figure flickered and disappeared again above Qinling, only to reappear thousands of miles away.

Since Mu Jinyu returned to Huaxia from Kunlun Ruins, whenever he traveled, he rarely used the method of controlling the laws of heaven and earth. Instead, he usually flew, often taking more than half an hour.

This time, Mu Jinyu didn't want to waste any time. He manipulated the power of the laws of heaven and earth, shifting several times over thousands of miles.

Thus, in just a few minutes, he returned to Yinlong Mountain.

In the office of the Dragon King Hall.

Mu Hongchen was collecting information on the major demon beasts who had previously expressed their intention to establish a sect where all could learn without discrimination.

Meanwhile, Gu Xiyan, Wen Rou, and others were sitting on the sofa, playing with the heaven-reaching spiritual treasures given by Mu Jinyu, preparing to set off to these famous mountains once they received the information and take them down.

At this time, the Mountain Masters of various famous mountains, some of the demon beasts' cultivation had reached the Fanxu Realm, like the Golden-Winged Roc of Kunlun, or the white crane that occupied Mount Emei and established the Shushan Sword Sect had already reached the Fanxu Realm early on.

However, most demon beasts were actually only at the ninth layer of the Divine Transformation Realm, stuck at the bottleneck of entering the Fanxu Realm.

Therefore, it was more than enough for Wen Rou and Gu Xiyan, who were at the Fanxu Realm, to attack these famous mountains, and although Lin Qiaoxia was only around the seventh to eighth level of the Divine Transformation Realm, bringing along heaven-reaching spiritual treasures allowed her to easily defeat ordinary Fanxu Realm experts.

Thus, after notifying Mu Jinyu through the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow's people, they didn't plan to wait for news at Yinlong Mountain. Instead, they were prepared to set out together to attack various famous mountains, also saving Mu Jinyu's time.

"Hoo!!"

Mu Jinyu's figure flashed again, appearing within Yinlong Mountain, looking down at the thick snow on the ground and the raging cold wind in the mountain, he frowned slightly and whispered: "The wind and snow can actually penetrate the Nine Heavens Mysterious Kill Sword Formation. As expected, this formation is still too low-level."

Muttering to himself, Mu Jinyu directly activated the Nine Heavens Mysterious Kill Sword Formation, then started working on modifying the formation to strengthen its protective capabilities.

The Mountain Protection Array of Yinlong Mountain was obtained from the Nine Heavens Mystical Murder Sword Formation Map found by San Liu and the others in some ancient site. When Mu Jinyu used it to set up the Mountain Protection Array, his cultivation was only at the Divine Transformation Realm. So, from his current perspective, this Mountain Protection Array wasn't very strong.

At this moment, Mu Jinyu's cultivation had reached the fourth layer of the Unity Realm Stage. Having explored more refined formation knowledge in the Kunlun Ruins and Mount Tai, upgrading the Nine Heavens Mysterious Kill Sword Formation from a Second Rank Formation to a Rank Four Formation was naturally very easy.

In just a few minutes, the Nine Heavens Mysterious Kill Sword Formation was transformed by Mu Jinyu into the All-Heaven Illusionary Kill Formation, enhancing its defensive capabilities while also adding several functions.

"Hoo..."

As the formation modification succeeded, the previously rampant cold wind in the mountain gradually ceased, until no sound was heard.

The heavy snow falling from the sky was also blocked outside by the formation.

"Hmm?!"

All the women in the office noticed something was amiss at the same time, turning their heads to look out the window, discovering that the wind and snow had stopped.

"Jinyu is back?"

They instantly had the suspicion in their hearts, a hint of joy appearing on their pretty faces.

"Hoo..."

Just as they spoke, Mu Jinyu's figure appeared in the office.

"Jinyu, you're back," Gu Xiyan greeted him.

Mu Jinyu nodded in response, then asked Mu Hongchen, "Aunt Mu, have all the materials been collected?"

"Almost, just a little longer." Mu Hongchen replied without lifting her head, focused on the screen, her hands tapping on the keyboard incessantly.

"Okay." Mu Jinyu nodded lightly, patiently waiting.

A few minutes later, Mu Hongchen let out a long breath, saying, "Finally, it's done."

As she spoke, she stretched her slender waist like a willow, her expression noticeably more relaxed.

Meanwhile, a printer was printing the information she had just organized.

Soon, the files were printed. As Mu Hongchen was about to hand them to Mu Jinyu, he moved his hand, and the files automatically came to him.

The files detailed the locations of famous mountains across the country, and categorized them into priority levels according to the fame and size of these mountains, also documenting the Mountain Masters, whether they were humans or demon beasts...

This helped Mu Jinyu avoid attacking the wrong places and wasting time.

At this moment, Mu Hongchen printed a few extra copies of the file to give to Gu Xiyan and the others.

Just as Mu Jinyu was about to leave, he saw this scene, raised an eyebrow, and asked, "Are you all setting out as well?"

Only then did he notice that each of them held their own heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, a clear indication of their resolve.

"Yes." Gu Xiyao nodded, "We don't want to stay idly in the mountains. Since there's something we can do to help you and we won't be holding you back, let's act together."

Their expressions were tinged with nervousness, a little afraid that Mu Jinyu might refuse.

But Mu Jinyu nodded and said, "Alright, in that case, it's important to decide in advance the locations of the famous mountains you'll be attacking to save everyone's time..."

Seeing that Mu Jinyu did not object, the women felt more at ease, and with some excitement and thrill, they began discussing with Mu Jinyu.

Soon, the plan was finalized.

Gu Xiyao and the others were to start attacking and expanding around the famous mountains of Jiangnan Province first, while Mu Jinyu would begin directly from the north.

After all, Mu Jinyu's speed was much faster, he could reach the Capital City in just a few minutes. Having Gu Xiyao and the others attack northern famous mountains would just waste time on the road, wouldn't it?

"So it's settled. After you take down the famous mountains, you can first check the folded space behind the mountains to see if it can truly withstand wind and snow. Then, no need to spend too much time attacking famous mountains again. You can use your heaven-reaching spiritual treasures, activate them, and then escort the residents of nearby towns into the famous mountains to seek refuge," Mu Jinyu instructed.

Without delay, he swiftly vanished from the office, and soon after, the others left as well, embarking on their mission to conquer the famous mountains.

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Chapter 1329: Yu Shenfeng Missing! Curse World Master's Ordeal!

After Mu Jinyu finished instructing Gu Xiyan and the others, he was about to set off and leave, suddenly realizing that he hadn't seen Yu Shenfeng and the others since he returned.

He paused, turned back to look at Mu Hongchen, a hint of doubt in his expression, and asked, "Aunt Mu, have Senior Yu and San Liu not returned yet? Can you reach them?"

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's question, Mu Hongchen's face instantly displayed a troubled look as she replied, "Before the Dragon Master asked me to contact them to return. As for Senior Yu, I couldn't reach him from the beginning; he's likely at sea, so there's no signal..."

"As for San Liu, Qiu Bai, and Chen Xiuying, I was able to contact them at first, and they promised to return. But now, after a day, given their strength, they should have returned early, yet they haven't, nor can I reach them anymore..."

"Did something happen?" Mu Jinyu frowned upon hearing this.

It truly felt like when it rains, it pours.

He was initially thinking of having them also attack the famous mountains.

But now that they're missing, he might have to spend time searching for them.

"Perhaps, but I don't think it's likely," Mu Hongchen said uncertainly.

After all, Yu Shenfeng has successfully cultivated the "Black Emperor Water Emperor Technique," and when he emerged, his cultivation was already at the peak Third Layer of the Fanxu Realm. As for San Liu, Qiu Bai, and Chen Xiuying, they followed Yu Shenfeng for a major reckoning to avoid accidents; they only emerged after breaking through into the Fanxu Realm, intending to settle scores with Paradise Lost, Omniscient, and the Withered Tree Quest for Spring.

With their cultivation, logically, there shouldn't be anyone on Earth who could stop them at the moment. At most, someone with slightly higher cultivation might be able to severely injure them, but they'd still be able to escape.

"Maybe the snowstorm slowed them down; they could be on their way returning across the sea," guessed Su Zijin, also not believing Yu Shenfeng and the others would easily encounter trouble.

"Alright, if there's still no news of them soon, I'll go find them," Mu Jinyu said softly, frowning slightly.

After speaking, he looked at Gu Xiyan and Xu Qingya, asking, "Have your family and relatives all come to Yinlong Mountain?"

"Yes, we've brought them to Yinlong Mountain in advance. They're all staying at Dragon King Hall now, with enough elixirs for them to use; they're alright," replied Gu Xiyan, Xu Qingya, Lin Qiaoxia, Yu Linglong, and Mei Yinxue, all nodding.

Wen Rou didn't speak because her mother and relatives are currently at Kunlun Ruins, so she doesn't need to worry about them.

Although Mei Yinxue is an orphan without family, she has brothers who once adventured with her, and there are children from the River City orphanage she needs to care for. Thus, she has brought more people to Yinlong Mountain compared to the Gu family Members or Family members of the Xu family that Gu Xiyan and Xu Qingya brought.

As for Lin Qiaoxia and Yu Linglong, they don't have as many relatives and friends.

Su Zijin's relatives from the Su Family, who are also Mu Jinyu's relatives, are being cared for in the Capital City by the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, so there's no need to bring them to Dragon King Hall for refuge.

"Alright, I'll apologize later to the in-laws, for now, I won't greet them," Mu Jinyu said apologetically to them.

With several in-laws arriving, as their son-in-law, Mu Jinyu should have greeted them personally, but he really had no time right now, feeling a bit embarrassed.

"It's alright, they'll understand you," Gu Xiyan, Xu Qingya, and the others comforted him.

"Hmm," Mu Jinyu nodded. Then he thought, since Yu Shenfeng and the others are temporarily missing, and he couldn't send them to attack the famous mountains, but it seems there's still an expert in Dragon King Hall.

Nai Mucha.

A young man with the most potential he brought back from the Hanchi Tribe of the Barbarian Tribe.

His cultivation is also at the Seventh Layer of the Fanxu Realm, sending him out to attack the renowned mountains would easily crush the current Mountain Master.

Afterward, Mu Jinyu called Nai Mucha to assign him to the famous mountains along the southern coastal areas.

"Okay," Nai Mucha readily agreed after hearing.

In such harsh weather, it's nothing to him, but he knows many ordinary people can't adapt to it.

Given his personality, he usually wouldn't go out of his way to save anyone, so he simply stayed in Yinlong Mountain cultivating.

But since Mu Jinyu asked him to do something, he wouldn't refuse.

After agreeing, Nai Mucha took a document and left, but he soon returned.

"What's wrong?" Mu Jinyu was about to leave after Nai Mucha exited, but when he saw Nai Mucha come back, he paused, asked in surprise.

Nai Mucha scratched his head, looking calm, but his tone was somewhat awkward, "I don't quite recognize the roads here..."

"Isn't there a map on that document?" Mu Hongchen asked in confusion.

Nai Mucha replied, "I... can't quite understand it..."

"Oh, no worries, I'll have someone guide you," Mu Jinyu considered that Nai Mucha belonged to the Barbarian Tribe and hadn't left the Northern Plains before, hence understood why he couldn't read the map.

So he called over a Star Lord from Dragon King Hall, specifically to guide Nai Mucha.

This Star Lord, once at the peak of Dark energy, had crossed into the Divinity Transformation Realm during the Spiritual Energy Revival year, but not deeply, with only the Fourth Layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm's cultivation.

Sending him to guide Nai Mucha meant Nai Mucha didn't need to allocate a portion of True Yuan to protect him.

After Nai Mucha left under the Star Lord's guidance, Mu Jinyu bid farewell to the ladies and teleported directly towards the famous mountains in the north!

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Deep inside Shennongjia.

In a secluded valley.

In this place, at the moment when Sheng Rulai's devilish aura dissipated, a sigh of regret was heard.

Now amidst the blizzard, Shennongjia has naturally transformed into icy grounds and snowy terrain.

Yet, oddly, the proximity of that dark mysterious valley has continuously lacked any snow accumulation.

And at the entrance to that deep valley, from afar, a faint black aura seems to rise, exuding an eerie and mysterious vibe, like a giant mouth of a ferocious beast waiting to devour.

"Ah!!"

"You won't die well!!"

"If I somehow manage to leave alive, I, the Curse World Master, swear I'll make sure you have no burial ground!!!"

At this moment, boundless cries filled with pain, despair, and madness echoed continuously from within the valley, sounding extremely chilling.

But as time elapsed, these voices gradually weakened.

Looking deeper into the dark valley, one can see a cave.

Inside the cave, the Curse World Master was nailed to the mountain wall in a "big" shape, hands and feet restrained, unable to move.

Before the Curse World Master sits a phantom figure, its precise features unclear.

Before this phantom figure is a Bronze Cauldron engraved with a scene of Hell's gates and countless evil ghosts rushing out...

"Swoosh!"

"Drip, drip..."

The phantom figure slowly stood up, holding a little sword, stabbing it towards the Curse World Master's heart.

Immediately, blood streamed from his heart, which the phantom figure collected and placed in the Bronze Cauldron.

"The Blood King's blood is still too diluted, even though this little vampire absorbed the essence blood of all preceding Blood Ancestors contained in the Blood Pool, it still requires further refining..."

The phantom figure sighed, ignoring the Curse World Master's frantic curses, and when the Curse World Master's heart wound rapidly healed, he rose again to stab at the heart, extracting the Curse World Master's Blood Clan Essence Blood!

Chapter 1330: Shattering the Famous Mountains of Huaxia in Half a Day! Kneel and Live, Refuse and Die!
Hebei Province.

Langya Mountain in the western part of Yi County, Shou City.

This mountain is part of the Taihang Mountain Range, also known as the Five Elements Mountain, Wangmu Mountain, and Nüwa Mountain, underscoring its importance and status in the eastern part of Huaxia.

As such, Langya Mountain naturally ranks among the top-grade famous mountains.

Mu Jinyu's first target in his quest to conquer famous mountains is Langya Mountain.

Not only is Langya Mountain a top-grade famous mountain, but it is also close to several other famous mountains in the Taihang Mountain Range, allowing him to avoid unnecessary travel.

Most importantly, the White Wolf King of Langya Mountain is the first to claim that it can accept Essence Qi Pills in exchange for sheltering people on Langya Mountain!

Thus, Mu Jinyu decided to take it down first!

In the fierce snowstorm, Mu Jinyu's figure suddenly appeared above Langya Mountain.

With a sweep of his Divine Sense, Mu Jinyu found no Mountain Protection Array on Langya Mountain.

Even if a Mountain Protection Array were present, it would be as flimsy as paper to Mu Jinyu.

"Huff..."

With a step, Mu Jinyu landed in a spatial rift on Langya Mountain, then walked into the real mountain of Langya Mountain that was hidden away.

Upon entering the folded space of Langya Mountain, he overheard a peculiar conversation.

"Ah, what a pity, it's been so long and no one has come to offer us pills at Langya Mountain. Weren't we the first to post a notice?"

"There should be some, but perhaps they froze to death on the way..."

"Sigh, I was quite serious, actually wanted to try the taste of those pills. If someone really delivers them to Langya Mountain, I'd be willing to shelter them..."

"No need to despair, King. Our goal has already been achieved, hasn't it? At least some people have decided to risk it all and leave their homes to seek refuge on Spirit Mountain. Others are robbing others of their pills, fighting among themselves. By now, the human race should be in chaos, and we just need to wait for good news."

"..."

Listening to this strangely toned conversation, Mu Jinyu's expression remained unchanged, but his gaze turned icy cold.

He quickly located the speakers deeper in the vast Langya Mountain with another sweep of his Divine Sense.

It wasn't humans speaking, but two demon beasts—a snow-white wolf without a trace of any other color and a pitch-black fox with lively eyes.

The white wolf was enormous, with a shoulder height of about one and a half meters and a body length of about two point seven meters, much larger than an average tiger.

Its strength was at the Ninth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm.

As for the black fox, it was much smaller than the white wolf, with a shoulder height of about one meter and a body length of about two point one meters...

Its strength was at the Seventh Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm.

No need to say it, Mu Jinyu knew this white wolf must be the White Wolf King that had taken over Langya Mountain as its Mountain Master.

However, their alertness was so poor, they hadn't noticed him entering their territory at all.

With a cold laugh, Mu Jinyu decided not to waste time with them and directly struck.

Instantly, the white wolf and black fox's bodies froze and fell lifeless to the ground...

They died not knowing how they died or who killed them.

After slaying them with one strike, Mu Jinyu collected their corpses.

Wolf meat and fox meat might not be particularly delicious, but the meat of demon beasts at the late Divine Transformation Realm stage could help ordinary people resist cold, just like consuming an Essence Qi Pill.

There were only so many famous mountains nationwide, and their capacity was limited, so not everyone could take refuge there. Ultimately, some would need to rely on Essence Qi Pills to resist the snowstorm outside.

If the supply of Essence Qi Pills proved insufficient, the meat of these ferocious beasts and demon beasts could serve as a substitute.

The white wolf skin and black fox skin were of outstanding quality, so keeping them to make clothes for his spouses was an excellent choice.

After retrieving the bodies of the two great Demon Kings, Mu Jinyu's Divine Sense swept out, locating the ferocious beasts living in Langya Mountain. Any with Mingjin-level strength were all wiped out by Mu Jinyu!

He spared only the ordinary animals.

Then, Mu Jinyu left Langya Mountain, sending a message to Xia Ruochen to have people settled there and headed towards the nearby peaks of the Langya Mountain.

Half an hour quickly passed.

In the vicinity of Langya Mountain, belonging to the Taihang Mountain Range, every demon beast occupying Taibai Mountain, Baishi Mountain, Nantuo Mountain, Yangqu Mountain, and Wang Mang Ridge was slain by Mu Jinyu, and he collected demon beast corpses at the Divine Transformation Realm and above.

Next, after taking down Little Wutai Mountain, the main peak of the Taihang Mountain Range, Mu Jinyu left Hebei Province and began systematically conquering northern famous mountains!

He started from Shanxi Province, which borders Hebei Province, quickly taking down the Northern Hengshan of the Five Great Mountains, the top Buddhist mountain Wutai Mountain, the Taoist famous mountain North Wudang Mountain, and Mianshan, among others.

Afterwards, he proceeded south to Yu Province, directly approaching the Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere on Mount Song, demanding their reopening of Mount Song, or else he would ensure no Buddha remained in the world!

Finally, Sheng Rulai was alarmed and emerged from seclusion. After learning the situation, he decided to reopen Mount Song, allowing ordinary people to take refuge there and volunteered to dispatch monks with cultivation above the Divine Transformation Realm under Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere to nearby areas to protect citizens as they safely reached Mount Song.

Then, Mu Jinyu left Mount Song and proceeded to take down Yao Mountain, Laojun Mountain, Yuntian Mountain, Mount Wangwu, and Fuxi Mountain in Yu Province.

Then, advancing east to Shandong Province, Mu Jinyu bypassed Mount Tai to attack Meng Mountain, Laoshan, Liangshan, Yishan, and Kunyu Mountain.

Afterwards, Mu Jinyu headed straight north, taking down one mountain after another!

In Tianjin City, Mount Pan, Jiulong Mountain, Cuiping Mountain, Baxian Mountain, etc...

In the Capital City, Badaling, Mount Xiang, Yunmeng Mountain, etc...

In Liaoning Province, Qi Mountain, Yiwulu Mountain, Fenghuang Mountain, Hengren Wunü Mountain, Tiesha Mountain, Wanger Mountain, etc...

In Jilin Province, Changbai Mountain, Mount Zhuque, Longtan Mountain, Xuantianshan, etc...

In Heilongjiang Province, Weihushan, Miaoershan, Jiguan Mountain, etc...

In the Mongolian Area, Gansu Province, New Area, Tibetan Area, Qinghai Province, Ningxia Region, Shaanxi Province...

In the span of half a day, Mu Jinyu traversed the northern regions of Huaxia, claiming all famous mountains, big or small, as long as they featured folded spaces that people could hide in to escape the snow and wind.

Of course, Mu Jinyu did not mindlessly kill; he didn't seek to murder the moment he arrived at a famous mountain. After all, some famous mountains were occupied by humans. Just like with Mount Song, Mu Jinyu demanded they open the mountain's folded space.

Even for famous mountains occupied by demon beasts, Mu Jinyu didn't immediately resort to violence. Instead, he searched their memories to gauge their attitudes towards humans, understanding whether they were benevolent or malicious.

If they were evil, he showed no mercy, sending them off to their end!

If they were kind, Mu Jinyu would display the demon beast corpses he collected along the way—White Wolf King, Black Tiger King, Fearsome Tiger King, Snow Leopard King...

The sight of these mountain masters' corpses sent a clear message, leaving the other demon beasts with no choice but to comply with Mu Jinyu's demands, opening the mountains for human habitation.

As the masters of these famous mountains, they naturally recognized each other; seeing the fate of the White Wolf King and others, who dared to hesitate or refuse?

While Mu Jinyu conquered the northern famous mountains, Gu Xiyan, Mei Yinxue, Wen Rou, Lin Qiaoxia, Xu Qingya, Yu Linglong, and Nai Mucha, seven of them, swept through the southern famous mountains like an autumn gale sweeping fallen leaves.

On this day, after a year of silence, the Dragon King Hall finally emerged like a dragon from the abyss, revealing its might, declaring its supremacy over the land of Huaxia!

Live kneeling, or those who don't kneel—

Perish!