

King Hall 1431

Chapter 1431: Xilin's Terms! Wild Speculation!

"What do you think?"

Mu Jinyu heard Xilin's trembling inquiry with a hint of a sob, and replied with a faint smile.

His gaze gradually took on a touch of impatience.

Xilin saw his gaze, and her heart couldn't help but tremble, feeling that this guy seemed to be serious...

Suddenly, she felt that she had indeed picked the wrong time and the wrong means to manipulate others, especially when she was still a prisoner, without any guarantee of personal safety; she shouldn't have acted like this...

"Fine, I can teach you this method, but I have conditions... Otherwise, I would rather die than tell you!"

Xilin took a deep breath, suppressing the fear and unease in her heart, mustering the courage that Mu Jinyu's aura had left and shouted loudly.

"Don't even think about threatening to suppress me in a cesspit. I have ways to die on my own before you can make a move..."

Mu Jinyu frowned, but quickly relaxed, and said in a deep voice, "Go ahead, I'll consider it..."

Although she didn't get a guarantee, Xilin still felt a sense of relief.

After all, they could still negotiate the terms.

If she really had to choose suicide at the verge of being thrown into a cesspit, Xilin still wasn't willing.

Given the choice, she naturally still hoped to live!

Meanwhile, Xia Ruochen and Bai Xiaosheng and the others stayed silent, holding their breath, not daring to interrupt Mu Jinyu as he negotiated.

As for those still infected by Demonic Qi, they were very nervous, worried that if Mu Jinyu and Xilin clashed and couldn't come to terms, he might just send her to the cesspit, forcing her to death!

Moreover, even though it would be a pity if such a beautiful woman died, the method to save them was still in Xilin's hands; they couldn't possibly want her to die in vain.

If she died, what would they do?

Just wait for their own demise?

'Sigh...'

They sighed inwardly, hoping Mu Jinyu wouldn't let the negotiations with Xilin collapse, or else they'd be doomed.

Xilin didn't know what these people were thinking. At the moment, she felt helpless; when Mu Jinyu said he'd consider her conditions, she no longer held any lavish hopes of making Mu Jinyu kneel and beg her, or to bring out the Divine Plant, restore her freedom, or have him die afterward.

She estimated she could only achieve one or two of these conditions, right?

Xilin thought, making Mu Jinyu kneel and beg, and having him die afterward didn't hold much meaning for her.

After all, being humiliated at Mu Jinyu's place had already happened, and even if Mu Jinyu died as an apology, it couldn't make her forget all that had happened!

Therefore, getting the Divine Plant to restore her freedom was most important!

With freedom restored and the Divine Plant in hand, how could someone as cheap and foolish as Mu Jinyu understand the marvelous uses of the Divine Plant?

By then, possessing the Divine Plant, her strength would increase dramatically, and effortlessly she could crush this guy!

Thus, without much hesitation, Xilin spoke: "First, you must lift the restrictions on me and restore my freedom. Second..."

"What method did you use to invade their bodies just now? I'm a bit interested in that; give it to me as well..."

Xilin certainly wouldn't directly mention the Divine Plant by name; doing so would only draw Mu Jinyu's attention, letting him see the importance of the Divine Plant, and he might not hand it over to her.

She could only act like it wasn't something valuable, only something she was interested in, to better wrest it away from Mu Jinyu.

"Something that invaded their bodies?"

Hearing Xilin's first condition, Mu Jinyu remained expressionless, as he had already guessed she would make such a demand.

On this point, he was still considering how to give her freedom while still restraining her, considering she was Void Breaking Realm; if she went berserk, the damage would be terrifying!

When he heard Xilin's second condition, at first he didn't understand, thinking she meant Soul Search or something, but soon he realized this woman was referring to the Three-Leaf Youlian rooted in him.

"Hmm?!"

Mu Jinyu looked up at Xilin, squinting his eyes.

After she stated her conditions, she continued to display an indifferent demeanor, as if she wasn't very concerned about the Three-Leaf Youlian, just mildly interested in it, which made Mu Jinyu want to chuckle.

"Impossible!"

Mu Jinyu flatly refused, his expression turning cold.

He didn't expect that almost no one could perceive the two Divine Plants within him, not even Mu Shao'ai, yet Xilin, this woman, had such a keen sense to detect the Three-Leaf Youlian's presence and dare to demand it from him, to which he naturally couldn't agree!

"Dragon King!"

"Dragon King, think again..."

When everyone heard Mu Jinyu flatly refuse Xilin's condition, their expressions changed dramatically.

Xia Ruochen and the others merely furrowed their brows, feeling that this might not be right.

Those who feared being scapegoats and dying unexpectedly involuntarily began advising Mu Jinyu not to impulsively refuse Xilin's conditions.

They didn't know or understand Xilin's strength or the terrifying effects of the Three-Leaf Youlian, only feeling that Xilin's conditions weren't excessive and that the Dragon King could simply agree.

"Shut up!"

Mu Jinyu turned his head, giving them a cold glance, and sternly rebuked them.

Hearing Mu Jinyu's reprimand, they suddenly felt a bucket of icy water pouring on their heads, leaving them chilled and shivering, no longer daring to speak.

They remembered Mu Jinyu's fearsome nature; where did they have the right to meddle in his decisions?

Each of them sulkily remained silent, not daring to voice their thoughts.

Xilin didn't expect Mu Jinyu to reject her demands without thinking, leaving her momentarily stunned.

A surge of anger quickly rose in her heart!

This guy is too much, isn't he?

Are my conditions excessive?

I was free to begin with, and being inexplicably captured by him with restrictions placed, is it excessive to ask to be restored?

And, he doesn't even know the Divine Plant's use. Why selfishly keep it?

Especially now when he's so concerned about this scapegoat's conspiracy! His Divine Plant can't help him, yet it's excessive to trade the Divine Plant for a solution?

Xilin truly couldn't understand what reason Mu Jinyu had to refuse her!

Seeing everyone fall silent, Mu Jinyu looked at Xilin and said in a deep voice, "Come with me; let's talk privately!"

With that, Mu Jinyu took off, soaring into the sky.

Xilin couldn't resist, feeling an overwhelming aura pushing her, making her involuntarily follow Mu Jinyu into the air.

However, Xilin wasn't nervous or indulging in wild thoughts, fearing Mu Jinyu would do something inappropriate to her.

She was only thinking that Mu Jinyu might agree to her conditions.

After all, with so many people below, and given the chatter of the crowd, if he agreed immediately, it would be a loss of face. By finding a secluded place where they could talk privately, if he agreed, no one would know, and he wouldn't be embarrassed!

Yes, it must be like that...

Xilin was full of excitement.

She began to eagerly look forward to the moment when she regained her freedom, with the Divine Plant in hand!

Chapter 1432 Makes a Lot of Sense! I Don't Believe a Divine Plant Can Recognize a Master!

Quickly, Mu Jinyu and Xilin soared to a height of ten thousand meters.

At such high altitudes, it was practically unreachable by anyone in the present age.

The winds were fierce and biting, yet Mu Jinyu, with his robust physique, felt no discomfort. Xilin, however, had her cultivation sealed. Although she had temporarily regained cultivation around the Mid Divine Transformation Realm, it was again sealed after using that technique.

Now she was no different from an ordinary person, and facing the chilling winds left her cheeks flushed and her body shivering uncontrollably.

"Why... choose to come to such... heights to talk?"

Xilin quivered all over, speaking with difficulty as gusts of wind threatened to distort her words.

Mu Jinyu halted, turned around, and with a cold demeanor looked at Xilin, saying blandly, "To clear your mind!"

"You?!"

Hearing this, Xilin was understandably furious, but as soon as she opened her mouth to curse Mu Jinyu, a gale swept over her, causing her to nearly topple from the sky.

At this point, she realized that unbeknownst to her, Mu Jinyu had significantly diminished the True Yuan surrounding her. Any lapse in attention might lead to her plummeting from the sky.

This sense of life-and-death beyond her control immediately doused any excitement and anticipation she'd felt when brought up here by Mu Jinyu to converse alone, replaced by an overwhelming fear.

"What exactly... do you want?!"

Xilin struggled to speak, her voice tinged with fear.

Mu Jinyu furrowed his brow slightly and waved a hand, blocking most of the incoming cold to allow Xilin to still feel the wind but not so much that she couldn't speak.

He then opened his mouth, "Let's continue our previous topic!"

"Granting you freedom isn't out of the question, but there must be restrictions. I can't just lift restrictions on you, only for you to turn around and strike or wreak havoc everywhere. I'd rather not agree to your demands!"

"As for the item you mentioned that invades others' bodies, sorry, I can't give it to you! Just forget about it!"

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Xilin wasn't angered; instead, she was secretly delighted.

Because down below, Mu Jinyu's tone had been both foul and unyielding, but now he was at least willing to explain, to negotiate conditions such as placing limits upon her freedom...

This indicated his sincerity.

Indeed, her suspicions were correct!

Xilin suppressed the joy inside her, but she couldn't abandon the Divine Plant, as it was her primary goal from the start.

Otherwise, she would have been happier to watch Mu Jinyu make a fool of himself.

So, how could she willingly offer to help Mu Jinyu out?

Xilin cleared her throat, saying, "Regarding granting freedom, I understand your concerns, and I can swear by Heavenly Dao that I won't act recklessly afterwards!"

"But you need to understand, we had no grievances initially; you inexplicably controlled me. Yet, I bear no grudges and am willing to assist you. Isn't restoring my freedom a gesture of your sincerity essential for establishing friendship and mutual assistance? Why then make it a separate bargaining chip?"

"This won't work!"

Xilin spoke sternly.

"So, restore my freedom, and we'll consider it forming a bond, smiling away past grievances. You face troubles now, and I have methods which I can offer in exchange for something, solving your difficulties. And I'm quite interested in that imperceptible invasive item you mentioned, naturally you should offer it to me in exchange for the solution!"

After hearing her words, Mu Jinyu surprisingly felt that she had made a valid point!

Indeed, she was about to help him, and he and she indeed have no deep-seated grievances. Seeing as she's offering to help, naturally he shouldn't continue to restrict her freedom; he should restore it.

And the solution she provides for the dilemma facing humankind certainly shouldn't come without reciprocal exchange, so he naturally needed to offer something in return!

She has a point!

He shouldn't use freedom as a bargaining chip with her!

However, if she were interested in something else, it would be different, but the fact she set her sights on the Three-Leaf Youlian gave him a headache, making things quite troublesome.

After all, this Three-Leaf Youlian is critically important and can save him in times of danger. How could he willingly trade it away to Xilin?

This condition seems unequal!

After pondering, Mu Jinyu said, "The item you've set your sights on has already acknowledged me as its master, so I can't hand it over!"

"What?" Xilin's expression changed slightly, responding, "I don't believe it! It's impossible for you to make a Divine Plant recognize a master!"

Saying this, she immediately realized she'd slipped, hastily keeping quiet, her expression shifting unpredictably.

Mu Jinyu nodded slightly, contemplating how he recently thought the mystical Little Tree and the Three-Leaf Youlian were quite miraculous, believing them to be Divine Plants.

Unexpectedly, in Xilin's Foreign Realm people's eyes, they truly are Divine Plants?

It's likely they've genuinely seen similar Divine Plants to the Three-Leaf Youlian, which is why when he manipulated it, its emitted waves garnered no response from Young Master Mu but Xilin could sense them!

And from Xilin's desire for the Three-Leaf Youlian, it's evident that it is extremely precious in their Canglan Realm, akin to a Heaven-reaching spiritual treasure!

This makes him even less inclined to simply hand over the Three-Leaf Youlian.

"If you don't believe, there's nothing I can do; change the condition," Mu Jinyu said softly.

Xilin's expression alternated as she thought for a moment, saying, "Take the Divine Plant out and show me, I want to see if it indeed has acknowledged you as a master?"

In her mind, thinking gleefully, it can't possibly have truly acknowledged him as its master!

How could such a distinguished Divine Plant possibly acknowledge a lowly human as a master? Even among the Divine Race, those who have managed to achieve this over tens of thousands of years can be counted on one hand.

Among the Human Race, there are none, how could Mu Jinyu possibly have it acknowledge him as a master, he's surely mistaken!

That works just fine, she could precisely take advantage of it not being acknowledged to seize this Divine Plant!

Thinking this, Xilin couldn't help but feel smug.

Mu Jinyu noticed Xilin's somewhat odd expression, yet he believed he indeed had the Three-Leaf Youlian acknowledge him as a master, thus wanting to let her test it out.

Will Xilin take the opportunity to seize his Three-Leaf Youlian?

Mu Jinyu wasn't the least bit worried, she's currently powerless, how could she snatch it? If she dared, couldn't he just seize it back?

If he really hasn't had the Three-Leaf Youlian acknowledge him yet Xilin manages to snatch and claim it...

It doesn't matter, he could always interrogate her for the solution against Demonic Qi then resolve her, wouldn't the Three-Leaf Youlian be ownerless again, allowing him to reclaim it!

"Alright."

Mu Jinyu, without hesitation, manipulated the Three-Leaf Youlian rooted within his Qi Sea Dantian to float outward.

The entirely jet-black Three-Leaf Youlian slowly floated and spun, appearing directly before Xilin.

Chapter 1433 Xilin's Breakdown! I've Been Lenient Enough!

"It really is a Divine Plant..."

Xilin saw the Three-Leaf Youlian released by Mu Jinyu, her crimson eyes sparkling with excitement, almost glued to the plant, unable to look away.

"Ha!"

Out of instinct, Xilin wanted to release her True Yuan and Spiritual Thought, preparing to refine the Divine Plant and see if she could subdue it.

But her actions did not elicit any response at all.

Only then did she remember that her cultivation had just been sealed again by Mu Jinyu. The reason she could stand in the sky at ten thousand meters was all supported by Mu Jinyu.

"Hurry and release the restrictions for me!" Xilin impatiently shouted at Mu Jinyu.

Hearing her words, Mu Jinyu thought for a moment, then waved his hand lightly. Instantly, a faint clear Qi spread out, like twinkling stars, pouring into Xilin's body.

"Crack!"

"Boom!!"

Soon, the restrictions within Xilin were broken one by one, allowing her to restore her cultivation to the Divinity Transformation Realm.

But the unlocking of the restrictions stopped there, and did not progress further.

"Hurry and unlock it all!" Xilin anxiously shouted, unsatisfied with only restoring to the Divinity Transformation Realm.

Mu Jinyu said blandly, "This level of cultivation should be enough for you to try. After all, you haven't sworn an oath by the Heavenly Dao, I dare not fully unlock your cultivation."

Xilin, upon hearing this, glared fiercely at him, and said, "Fine, fine..."

She did not immediately prepare to swear an oath to Mu Jinyu, promising to interact amicably after her cultivation was restored.

Because if she could control this Black Lotus Divine Plant, she could directly utilize its power to fully unlock these restrictions within her, then who would care about Mu Jinyu's survival?

Swearing now would be of no benefit to her and would instead be a constraint.

"Ha!"

Xilin steadied her mind, suppressing her anxiety, excitement, and joy, shouted charmingly, raised her True Yuan, mobilized the nature's spiritual energy within a hundred miles, then instantly absorbed it into her body, temporarily boosting her cultivation slightly again. She then spread her True Yuan and Spiritual Thought, targeting the trembling Three-Leaf Youlian in front!

"Buzz!"

Xilin's True Yuan and Spiritual Thought slowly eroded towards the Three-Leaf Youlian, preparing to refine it, and take it for her own use!

She had been waiting for this day for a long time.

Her family had always been eager to own a Divine Plant. Although they had never encountered one, their ancestors had delved into all sorts of ancient books and materials and knew how to subdue a Divine Plant.

Xilin had studied this knowledge since childhood but, like the sages of her family history, had never had the opportunity to use it.

Xilin never thought she would use those methods in her lifetime, but today, she could finally fulfill her family's aspiration.

"Wow..."

However, when Xilin's True Yuan and Spiritual Thought eroded towards the Three-Leaf Youlian, unexpectedly, her True Yuan and Spiritual Thought were all like ink poured against a waterfall, failing to contaminate the waterfall, and were directly washed away.

She didn't even have the ability to penetrate the Three-Leaf Youlian.

"How could this be?!"

Seeing this, Xilin was shocked, her eyes became somewhat dazed.

She failed!

But that wasn't the reason for her despair.

Because in her expectations, a Divine Plant is not something easily subdued, and she had considered various possibilities of failure. However, each one could motivate her to continue using the next method, except this type of failure where she hardly considered...

Because this meant that the Divine Plant in front of her was already subdued by someone else, subdued by Mu Jinyu, and had become his personal belonging!

Naturally, no matter how others tried to snatch it, they couldn't take it away!

"You!"

Xilin suddenly looked up at Mu Jinyu, her eyes like they wanted to ignite in flames, her whole being like an angry little female leopard, clawing and pouncing at Mu Jinyu, "How dare you take it before me, give me back the Divine Plant!"

"You lunatic!"

Mu Jinyu watched Xilin go berserk, feeling utterly baffled.

Hadn't he already told this woman that the Three-Leaf Youlian had acknowledged him as its owner?

She didn't believe it and insisted on trying, and after failing, she goes mad and wants to fight him?!

Perhaps from the start she didn't think he could subdue the Three-Leaf Youlian, and no matter what, planned to take the Divine Plant away?

"Bang!"

Mu Jinyu raised his palm into the void, solidifying an invisible wall in front of him. Xilin charged forward, crashing headfirst into it, yet continued fiercely trying to fight with Mu Jinyu, and was then punched back by him.

"Boom!"

Instantly, her right eye became darker, her straight and high-bridged nose was also swollen from Mu Jinyu's punch, and two strands of faint golden blood ran down.

Mu Jinyu didn't hold back much with those punches, knocking Xilin dizzy, with stars spinning in her vision, her body weakening, nearly plummeting from the sky.

If Mu Jinyu didn't see her as still useful, and didn't timely use his True Yuan to stop her fall, Xilin might have crashed to her death!

A Goddess falling to her death, if reported back to the Canglan Realm, would likely be a huge joke in the Divine Race.

"Slap slap!"

Mu Jinyu walked to the still somewhat dizzy Xilin, raised his hand, and slapped her face several times, making loud slapping sounds, causing her face, as fair as a peeled boiled egg, to swell up high.

"You..."

Xilin was slapped awake by Mu Jinyu, still a bit groggy. Seeing Mu Jinyu's face close to hers made her think he was even more detestable and ugly, she mumbled indistinctly, "Give me back my Divine Plant!"

"Still dreaming? Wake up..." Mu Jinyu sighed helplessly, raising his hand to give Xilin a few more slaps.

Soon, Xilin's originally exquisite face was almost slapped into that of a pig's head by Mu Jinyu.

And with these slaps from Mu Jinyu, Xilin finally came to her senses.

"Uh..."

Xilin wobbled her head, feeling a burning pain on her face, her eyes filled with tears as she looked at Mu Jinyu, feeling wronged, "You hit me?"

Sadly, her current appearance was far from beautiful, her watery eyes looking at Mu Jinyu didn't evoke any pity, Mu Jinyu coolly said, "Yeah, who told you to go mad and fight me? I already showed mercy."

"Don't worry, you'll be fine in a few days," Mu Jinyu consoled.

"Hiss..." Xilin reached out to touch her face, and immediately gasped from the pain, her entire face seemed to be cramping.

"Wow...it hurts...you call this showing mercy?!" Xilin complained, a surge of resentment rushing to her head!

Seeing Xilin finally regaining her senses and ready to discuss, Mu Jinyu shifted topics, "Let's not talk about that, how about your attempt just now, was it impossible to subdue my Divine Plant? I already told you, it has acknowledged me as its owner, propose a different condition!"

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Xilin's eyes turned dazed once more.

Then, her nostrils quivered, sniffing softly, full of despair as she murmured, "I just want this, why did you take it first..."

"It shouldn't be, humans shouldn't be able to get a Divine Plant to acknowledge them..."

"How can this be, it shouldn't be..."

Chapter 1434 Issuing a Blank Check! Xilin Is Moved and Yields!

"Wuwu..."

"It shouldn't be like this..."

Xilin's eyes were blank, she cried softly, unable to accept this fact, like a lost little girl.

Under normal circumstances, Xilin wouldn't have collapsed like this.

But ever since she fell into Mu Jinyu's hands, she'd been continuously hit hard, her fragile heart already on the verge of shattering. And now, the Divine Plant she so desperately desired, which could help her escape Mu Jinyu's clutches, was completely out of reach, causing her to break down completely.

The most crucial point, and the biggest blow to her, was how the Divine Plant could truly acknowledge a lowly human as its master.

She just couldn't understand it!

Wasn't the Divine Race far more noble than the Human Race?

Shouldn't this little lotus with only three leaves have chosen to leave Mu Jinyu and fall into her embrace immediately after seeing her?

Could it be... the Divine Race is not more noble than the Human Race?

This was the real reason why Xilin began to question life itself.

Mu Jinyu watched as Xilin cried, feeling a little dumbfounded as well.

He thought to himself, luckily he brought her into the air for a talk, otherwise, if people saw her like this, they'd think he bullied her.

However, what was up with this woman?

Wasn't she a mighty figure of the Void Breaking Realm?

Why does she seem so fragile?

Is she really just a sheltered flower?

If so, then the Divine Race and that side of the Canglan Realm must be incredibly powerful, right? They've never been tempered by anything and yet possess Earth's peak combat power, just like primary school students!

"Ugh, stop crying! It's driving me crazy!" Mu Jinyu yelled at Xilin, exasperated by her cries.

"I won't... wuwu... haeh..." Xilin still sniffled quietly, her face full of resentment.

Mu Jinyu thought for a moment, realizing he couldn't waste time with Xilin. He had to find a way to make her reveal the method of detecting Demonic Qi.

After a moment, Mu Jinyu looked at the sobbing Xilin and said, "Do you know where my Divine Plant came from?"

"Where did it come from?"

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Xilin's sobs stopped abruptly, she looked up sharply at Mu Jinyu, sniffed, and asked, eyes brimming with curiosity.

Mu Jinyu said, "Mount Tai, the mountain you crossed from the Canglan Realm..."

"There!" Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Xilin stopped sobbing, her large eyes gleaming brighter and brighter as if she thought of something.

She thought that this Divine Plant might not be naturally born on Earth, but connected from another region, just like how she accidentally came here, and then was obtained by Mu Jinyu.

If that was the case...

Doesn't she also have a chance to find an unclaimed Divine Plant over there?

Xilin was immediately tempted.

Her imagination ran wild.

Mu Jinyu saw the light in Xilin's eyes, not knowing what she was thinking but could guess the gist. He smiled slightly, seized the opportunity, and said, "Last time I got this lotus, there were still many similar Divine Plants over there, but the locations were quite dangerous. We need to wait until the spaces completely merge, and then I can go and get them..."

"Really?" Xilin shouted loudly, her voice sharp due to excitement.

Mu Jinyu nodded and said, "Yes, so if you cooperate well, I could take you over there next time. Maybe you'll have a chance to own one of these Divine Plants..."

"Hmm?!" Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's almost guaranteed words, Xilin's eyes filled with suspicion as she looked at Mu Jinyu, full of doubt.

Mu Jinyu saw this, knowing that this "primary school student" couldn't be easily fooled. After thinking it over, he waved his hand to conjure an image.

In the image was a small tree, its trunk sturdy and gnarled, seeming like an ancient tree that had lived for millions of years. Its leaves were all different, with some shaped like towers, some like cauldrons, and some like bells...

"What is this..."

The moment Xilin saw the little tree, her eyes widened, and her mouth dropped open enough to fit an apple.

With her knowledge, even though she had never seen a Divine Plant before, she could recognize at first sight that this wasn't an aura and elegance nurtured by ordinary Spirit Roots and Spirit Plants. This must also be another Divine Plant!

And it appeared not inferior in the least to the Three-Leaf Youlian that Mu Jinyu had, perhaps even stronger!

In an instant, Xilin was tempted.

She wanted nothing more than to fly right to Mount Tai and subdue this little tree full of Dao rhyme!

Mu Jinyu waved his hand to dispel the image, smiling, "How about that? I didn't lie to you, right?"

Xilin's eyes remained dazed, immersed in various beautiful fantasies. When she heard Mu Jinyu's words, she had no immediate reaction.

It wasn't until Mu Jinyu called out a few times that she came to her senses, dumbly nodding, "Ah, it is a Divine Plant, you weren't lying..."

As she spoke, she completely recovered her wits, her eyes sparkling brightly at Mu Jinyu, like two gorgeous rubies, "You must take me there, I want this tree!"

'Hahaha... little student, see if you don't bite!'

Mu Jinyu smugly laughed inwardly.

The little tree he just showed Xilin was, of course, the Mystical Little Tree hidden in his Sea of Consciousness. However, he wouldn't reveal this to Xilin, having two Divine Plants by himself. Being found out that he had one was enough, how could he let her know everything?

Though Xilin had a primary school student's mindset, her vision was sharp, and ordinary things couldn't deceive her. Mu Jinyu could only show her the appearance of the Mystical Little Tree to trick her and make a blank promise!

Though this act seemed a bit indecent, rather nefarious, making Mu Jinyu feel guilty of deceiving a primary school student.

But there was no choice, since Xilin kept holding onto the solution and wouldn't say anything, persistently using it to threaten him. He could only resort to this tactic, giving her an empty promise.

Moreover, he wasn't exactly deceiving Xilin because both the Mystical Little Tree and the Three-Leaf Youlian were, indeed, obtained by others from Mount Tai.

Though they were acquired only as seeds back then.

In the future, it's possible they really might find other Divine Plants over at Mount Tai. By then, he'd give Xilin a chance to let her be the first to subdue one!

"Fine, I can take you over to find it in the future, and once discovered, you can be the first to subdue it. I can even tell you the experience of how I subdued this lotus, but first, you must tell me how to detect those people with problems..."

Mu Jinyu spoke solemnly.

Hearing this, hesitation appeared on Xilin's face.

Mu Jinyu seeing her hesitation could only fan the flames, saying, "You should know that the person who teamed up with me to defeat you that day is my master. He also has always wanted such a Divine Plant, but I haven't told him about this yet. Think it over..."

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Xilin felt torn and troubled!

Originally, her plan was to use this method to exchange it for the Divine Plant in Mu Jinyu's hands, but how did it suddenly turn into exchanging information with Mu Jinyu?

Wasn't this too much of a loss?

She was somewhat unwilling.

Mu Jinyu also noticed Xilin's conflict and said, "Do you really think that your detection method is worth a whole Divine Plant? Can it trade for a Divine Plant in your Canglan Realm?"

Before Xilin could answer, Mu Jinyu answered directly, "Absolutely not! You're just trying to exploit the situation because we haven't thought of another way yet!"

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Xilin's face immediately showed a look of dejection.

"In your Canglan Realm, not to mention a complete Divine Plant, the value of the information about a Divine Plant would far exceed the value of the spell you provided. You should be satisfied!" Mu Jinyu calmly said.

"Fine, I agree." Xilin's face was indecisive, but finally, she gritted her teeth and gave in.

Chapter 1435: Spell's Limited Effect! A Solution Found!

Upon hearing Xilin's words, Mu Jinyu's expression showed no change, but inside, he was chuckling with satisfaction.

His earlier statement indeed had no issues. To truly assess its worth, how could the spell Xilin offered possibly compare to the information about a Divine Plant?

In such a trade, Xilin was, in fact, getting a deal!

However, in reality, things couldn't be evaluated like that. It's like grains; to someone not lacking food, grains are not especially precious or valuable, just like someone trying to sell a pound of rice for a tael of gold—it's unacceptable.

But to a starving person, if they had a tael of gold but no access to food nearby and were on the brink of starvation, they wouldn't hesitate to trade that tael of gold for a pound of rice, even if they would regret it later after their hunger passed; during the trade, they wouldn't regret it at all.

Xilin's spell, overall, isn't valuable. Normally, Mu Jinyu would be foolish to trade a Divine Plant for it.

Yet, with Chu Tiance's threat looming over humanity, if Xilin were to insist on exchanging a Divine Plant for her spell, Mu Jinyu might agree if left with no other choice...

However, Xilin didn't realize its significance to Mu Jinyu, nor did she accurately assess the value of a Divine Plant, ultimately agreeing to Mu Jinyu's terms, trading the spell for information!

"Remember well..."

After letting out a resigned sigh, Xilin proceeded to pass the spell to Mu Jinyu.

Once Mu Jinyu memorized it, a slight movement unleashed a golden light all over his body, exuding a sacred and dignified aura that made every malevolent spirit stay away.

"It doesn't seem to have any destructive power, though?" Mu Jinyu mumbled.

It felt like the spell couldn't harm anyone.

Xilin's eyes flashed with a hint of embarrassment as she loudly explained: "It's a support spell, obviously not meant for attacking, so isn't it natural it doesn't have destructive power?"

Inside, she felt rather awkward; the spell was quite common in the Canglan Realm, known to many among their Divine Race and other species, mostly used to determine if someone is of the same kind.

So under Mu Jinyu's persistent persuasion, she ultimately agreed to trade information on the Divine Plant with him.

Mu Jinyu pondered and said, "Using this spell to check who's been corrupted by Demonic Qi is a hassle, and it doesn't offer a solution either. Do you have any other way to allow someone to cultivate and naturally disperse Demonic Qi within themselves?!"

"Naturally disperse Demonic Qi after cultivation?" Xilin echoed, nodding, "Yes, but it only suits our Divine Race; the Human Race can't cultivate it!"

"Is that so?" Mu Jinyu felt somewhat disappointed upon hearing this.

He had hoped to acquire a one-size-fits-all solution from Xilin, enabling everyone worldwide to cultivate this technique, leaving Chu Tiance dumbfounded.

Then, after employing the Secret Heavenly Calculation again, there would be no scapegoats to help him escape, leading to his demise under the Heavenly Dao's retribution.

Since Xilin couldn't provide a solution, it seemed the situation circled back to square one.

He could only detect who had been tainted with Demonic Qi, had their memories altered, becoming scapegoats for Chu Tiance, yet he was powerless against them!

"Is there really no way?" Mu Jinyu looked up at Xilin, frowning.

Confronted by Mu Jinyu's gaze, Xilin felt somewhat embarrassed. Her initial plan was to trick Mu Jinyu and then flee, leaving the aftermath behind.

Now, unable to get the Divine Plant and offering a mediocre spell, she felt awkward.

After all, she had planned to use the spell to exchange for the Divine Plant, boasting it could resolve this issue, only to find no viable solution thereafter.

Upon reflection, Xilin explained, "In our Canglan Realm, besides our Divine Race who possess a certain spell for naturally repelling all Demonic Qi and extinguishing heart demons, other species have similar cultivation techniques, but I didn't learn them..."

Upon hearing Xilin's words, Mu Jinyu seemed inspired, his eyes brightening as he asked, "Then, do the Buddhist and Taoist practitioners have comparable cultivation techniques?"

"Certainly!" Xilin affirmed confidently.

"That's good!" Mu Jinyu finally smiled, deciding to explore Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere or Way of Nature to see if they possessed any ready solutions.

If not, they could brainstorm to collectively create a technique!

Seeing Mu Jinyu smile, Xilin, though unsure of the reason, felt relieved, thinking perhaps she hadn't entirely duped him.

Then she reminded Mu Jinyu, "Hey, we agreed earlier to get along harmoniously; you need to lift the restrictions on me and restore my cultivation!"

Mu Jinyu was about to discuss with Bai Xiaosheng and Xia Ruochen, but paused upon Xilin's reminder.

He considered severing ties with Xilin, disregarding previous promises.

But he realized this wouldn't be wise, as he might need her help again in the future.

However, completely lifting the restrictions and restoring her freedom was a grave matter to handle indiscriminately...

"Hey, you're not thinking of breaking your promise, are you?"

Seeing Mu Jinyu's hesitation and reluctance to speak, Xilin grew nervous, slightly afraid.

She no longer wanted to be a prisoner; she desired freedom!

This constant restraint by Mu Jinyu was unbearable!

Mu Jinyu considered and finally decided, "I can release your restrictions, but we need to clarify a few things."

"What is it? Go ahead..." Xilin replied, relieved and eager.

Mu Jinyu stated, "First, your original stage is Void Breaking Realm, right?"

"No!" Xilin, who had acclimated to their terms after Mu Jinyu conveyed them, shook her head: "I wasn't just at Void Breaking Realm; it's merely how the Heavenly Dao on this side suppressed me to that stage..."

Mu Jinyu was taken aback by Xilin's words.

He initially thought she was quite simple-minded, and having reached the Void Breaking Realm was already impressive; to his surprise, her true power was even greater!

Indeed, Bai Xiaosheng was correct. This world's Heaven and Earth Laws do not allow stronger beings to appear; Void Breaking Realm is the limit, or else it would lead to cataclysm!

Xilin was a stronger entity, but Earth's Heaven and Earth Laws couldn't permit her real power to crossover, suppressing her cultivation to the Void Breaking Realm.

"Fine, not just Void Breaking Realm works too..." Mu Jinyu recollected himself and continued, "You understand, Void Breaking Realm here is the world's limit; any minor disturbance could shatter the void, hence its name. To avoid you causing chaos inadvertently during emotional spikes, I can only restore you to Unity Realm level, how about that?"

"I won't overreact to minor issues!" Xilin immediately retorted to Mu Jinyu's proposition.

Mu Jinyu remained silent, simply watching her intently.

Xilin's voice gradually weakened, ultimately conceding, "Alright, just Unity Realm then..."

Chapter 1436: Lifting Restrictions! Immediate Rebellion!

Seeing that Xilin agreed, Mu Jinyu continued, "Second, as per our previous agreement, to restore your cultivation and grant you freedom, you need to swear by your life to the Heavenly Dao that after regaining your freedom, you will not go on a killing spree and bring calamity upon the world. You must abide by the law, respect the elderly, and care for the young, and..."

Mu Jinyu rambled on with a litany of restrictions on Xilin, basically ensuring that if she regained her cultivation and freedom, she would live as a normal person in the absence of any special circumstances.

Xilin felt a headache coming on and didn't really listen to the latter part of Mu Jinyu's speech. She could only nod silently to indicate her agreement.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu smiled and said, "Thirdly, after giving you freedom, I need to place a restriction on you..."

"Hmm?" Xilin squinted her eyes, hidden murderous intent within.

Mu Jinyu said, "Rest assured, this restriction is of no major consequence. It merely allows me to know your approximate location so that if you cause trouble, I can find you promptly. Don't worry, I won't be bored enough to constantly check where you are..."

Xilin hesitated for a moment but eventually accepted Mu Jinyu's act of monitoring.

Then, under Mu Jinyu's watchful eye, she began to swear to the Heavenly Dao.

"Rumble!"

As Xilin finished swearing, the cloudless sky suddenly gathered inky black clouds, and a thunderous crack resounded through the heavens, striking fear into all who heard it.

Xilin was also frightened, her face turning pale as she stared fearfully at the black clouds in the sky, muttering to herself, "No way? I didn't mean to cause trouble, please don't strike me down..."

"Boom!!"

To Xilin's heart-stopping relief, the dark clouds did not unleash world-ending divine lightning upon her but instead slowly dissipated.

She finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Mu Jinyu looked at Xilin with a faint smile and said, "I'm not scared at all, so what's making you nervous? Could it be you think swearing to the Heavenly Dao is just a joke and plan to stir up trouble once I lift the restrictions?"

"No!" Xilin immediately retorted.

She glared at Mu Jinyu, feeling indignant, and said, "You didn't have to swear, so of course, you're at ease. I'm just worried that something might go wrong with the Heavenly Dao and it mistakes me for an outsider planning to cause trouble."

Speaking of which, Xilin didn't want to delay any longer and urged, "Hurry up and lift the restriction already, come on, I can't stand it anymore!"

"Alright." Seeing that Xilin agreed to all his conditions, Mu Jinyu had no reason to keep holding her back and began lifting most of the restrictions within Xilin.

"Clang!"

"Bang!"

"Bang!!"

Several sounds like snapping chains echoed as the once feeble Xilin began to glow brilliantly with golden light.

"Boom!!"

As the final chain of order shattered, Xilin was enveloped in golden light, resembling the descent of Goddess Athena, exuding an aura of endless majesty. The intense golden light made it almost impossible for others to gaze directly at her.

With this aura erupted, Xilin's cultivation finally restored to the later stage of the Unity Realm!

Now, only the final restriction remained in her body. Once broken, she could reach the peak power suppressed by the laws of this world, the Void Breaking Realm.

"Hah!"

With her cultivation restored, Xilin immediately channeled her divine power to heal herself.

In no time, the bruises and panda eyes disappeared, and she regained her peerless beauty and grace.

"Break!"

Instinctively, Xilin prepared to shatter the last restriction placed by Mu Jinyu within her.

She had no desire to remain bound by this restriction, eager to reach the Void Breaking Realm rather than stay perpetually in the Unity Realm stage.

"Bang!"

However, despite her formidable divine power that had always been invincible and unstoppable, she couldn't break through the restriction set by this vile human, Mu Jinyu?

'How can this be?'

Xilin shouted in disbelief within her mind.

Previously, Mu Jinyu had a few opportunities to restore her cultivation, but they only brought her to the mid-late stage of the Divinity Transformation Realm.

Back then, she naturally attempted to break the restriction. To her eyes, Mu Jinyu's restriction was so crude and vulnerable.

Yet she couldn't break through.

Later, Xilin realized that although Mu Jinyu's restriction was crude, it was set with Unity Realm cultivation. At that time, with her only at the Divinity Transformation Realm, breaking it proved impossible. She needed at least Unity Realm power.

But even now, having regained Unity Realm cultivation, she still couldn't break Mu Jinyu's restriction, leaving her in an ugly mood, unable to accept it.

"Rumble!"

Then, just as Xilin prepared to muster all her might to dismantle Mu Jinyu's final restriction, a terrifying clap of thunder burst through the sky.

The sound startled Xilin into stopping her actions immediately.

Mu Jinyu watched the radiant Xilin in front of him. Although the divine light was dazzling and hard to face, he could vaguely see Xilin's expression and her mood changes.

With a smile, he advised, "Don't waste your energy. My restriction isn't as simple as you think, and besides, the Heavenly Dao wouldn't joke around."

In the past, the restrictions he learned in Kunlun Ruins might have been easily broken by Xilin.

But later, he'd studied ancient, origin-based restriction paths near Mount Tai, elevating his mastery. Although his restrictions appeared crude, they weren't easily broken.

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Xilin huffed in anger but eventually gave up struggling.

Xilin then looked up at Mu Jinyu with eyes filled with challenge and said, "I won't kill you or cause chaos, but fighting you should be allowed, right?"

She wasn't willing to leave quietly after enduring numerous humiliations by Mu Jinyu, having regained some of her power.

Though bound by her oath, she couldn't kill Mu Jinyu, but sparring, making him black-and-blue, surely didn't break the oath?

Without waiting for Mu Jinyu's response, Xilin noticed no disturbances from the sky, implying she was sanctioned to act against Mu Jinyu.

"Ha!"

"Fight!"

Xilin shouted sharply. With a wave, a pure golden battle spear appeared in her hand, striking directly at Mu Jinyu.

"What a waste of time."

Mu Jinyu sighed helplessly seeing Xilin intent on rebellion soon as she regained freedom. Raising his hand, he gripped the Dragon Spear, and once more executed "True Dragon Mystic Taoism," raising his cultivation to the pinnacle!

"Boom!!"

With a single sweeping strike, awe-inspiring and breathtaking, Xilin's arm went numb, unable to hold her golden spear, which flew away straight.

"Pfft!"

Xilin couldn't withstand the terrifying intent within Mu Jinyu's strike and spat out a mouthful of pale golden blood.

Like a kite with a broken string, she plummeted straight down.

"How could this be?"

After a long effort to dispel the battle spirit and murderous intent within her, regaining control of her body and recalling her spear, Xilin murmured in disbelief, her face dark and unaccepting.

Chapter 1437: Xilin Departs! A Solution Proposed!

Xilin couldn't accept the fact that she was defeated by Mu Jinyu.

That day, she was defeated by the joint efforts of Mu Jinyu and his master. She always thought it was because they were too despicable, otherwise, she wouldn't have been captured by Mu Jinyu at all.

If she had fought them one-on-one, the result would definitely not have been like this.

But now, she and Mu Jinyu were both at the Unity Realm Stage, yet she couldn't even withstand a single spear from him!

Is this really the lowly and weak Human Race?

Why did it feel like he was the Divine Race, and she was the Human Race?

Xilin felt a surge of frustration and unwillingness!

Then, a fierce fighting spirit rose in her eyes again, and she leaped forward, spear in hand, to attack Mu Jinyu again!

"Bang!"

"Bang!!"

"Boom!!"

Xilin launched three more attacks on Mu Jinyu, but each time resulted in a crushing defeat, without exception.

"I got it, it's the Divine Plant... it must be the Divine Plant that makes him so powerful. Once I have the Divine Plant, with the physique of us Divine Race, I will easily defeat him..."

Ultimately, Xilin's eyes became dazed, and she began to hypnotize herself, believing that the reason Mu Jinyu was so strong was surely because of the Three-Leaf Youlian.

Thus, she yearned even more for the Divine Plant, believing that once she had it, defeating Mu Jinyu would be easy.

Xilin gave up the idea of fighting Mu Jinyu again. She put away the battle spear in her hand, looked at Mu Jinyu, who appeared indifferent, and asked, "When will you take me to find the Divine Plant?"

Mu Jinyu saw that Xilin finally gave up, and he put away the Dragon Spear in his hand, and said lightly, "You know about the situation over at Mount Tai, right? It's actually very dangerous there right now. When the time is right, I'll naturally take you there..."

"You're not lying to me, are you?" Xilin stared at Mu Jinyu with suspicion.

Mu Jinyu shrugged, looked unabashed, and said confidently, "What do you have that's worth lying to you about?"

Xilin thought for a moment and felt it seemed reasonable.

Ultimately, she snorted, reminding Mu Jinyu to inform her if there was any news, then spread the six pairs of wings on her back and prepared to fly away.

Mu Jinyu reminded, "Remember to live like a mortal, don't appear in this form in front of ordinary people."

"Got it, nagger!" Xilin left without looking back.

Mu Jinyu watched Xilin leave, then slowly closed his eyes, sensing the restrictions he placed inside Xilin's body. In his mind, he saw a golden dot gently flying forward. He smiled and stopped observing.

Then, Mu Jinyu descended from ten thousand meters high, returning to the base of the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow.

"Dragon King!"

"Dragon Master!"

When everyone saw Mu Jinyu come down, they greeted him respectfully.

Afterward, some people waited for a long time, not seeing Xilin appear, and worriedly asked, "Dragon King, where is that woman?"

Mu Jinyu said lightly, "Gone."

"Ah?"

"This..."

Everyone was surprised by Mu Jinyu's answer, looking at each other helplessly.

Mu Jinyu laughed, "Don't worry, her utility value has also been squeezed out. I have now learned that spell of hers!"

Saying that, Mu Jinyu also cast the technique he learned from Xilin.

"Buzz!"

Suddenly, around Mu Jinyu, a radiant golden light burst forth, illuminating the heavens and earth!

"Ah!"

"Argh..."

"Hiss..."

As Mu Jinyu's bright divine light erupted, those previously detected with problems started to show abnormalities, surrounded by demonic Qi, with blood-red eyes, letting out ear-piercing screeches.

When Xia Ruochen and Bai Xiaosheng saw this scene, they weren't shocked but delighted.

Indeed, Mu Jinyu had really learned this detection method.

"Hey, Dragon Master, now that you've learned the detection method, do you know how to eliminate their body's demonic Qi in one go? Or continue doing it the way you did before to remove the demonic Qi for us?"

They thought that since Mu Jinyu had learned this effective detection method from Xilin, he might have learned a more convenient solution.

If that was the case, Mu Jinyu could pass it down to them, and they could gradually disseminate it, essentially ignoring Chu Tiance's scapegoat plan.

But if not, relying on Mu Jinyu's means alone to remove the demonic Qi would take so long.

If they were discovered by Chu Tiance during this time, and Chu Tiance decided to burn the bridges, sacrificing the puppets not yet cleansed of demonic Qi, wouldn't that be game over?

Hearing everyone's questions and the expectant and longing looks, Mu Jinyu stopped casting the spell and gently shook his head, saying, "No."

"Ah?"

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, not only did Xia Ruochen and Bai Xiaosheng show disappointment,

but also the people restored after Mu Jinyu stopped casting were disappointed.

However, these people couldn't care less about that and immediately said, "In that case, Dragon Master, please help us remove the demonic Qi from our bodies first?"

Their eyes were filled with pleading as they looked at Mu Jinyu, hoping they wouldn't remain in this life-threatening state.

Mu Jinyu said, "Wasn't I planning to help you remove the demonic Qi during Xilin's detection process earlier? Couldn't do it then, why would it work now?"

"What?!"

"How could this be..."

This group of people was dumbfounded by Mu Jinyu's words, feeling as if the sky was falling.

Originally, they thought that even if Mu Jinyu couldn't pass down a method for self-expelling demonic Qi, it was still good to keep their lives under Mu Jinyu's protection.

It turned out that their memories being successfully altered, becoming scapegoats, wasn't even as good as those failed attempts like Xia Ruochen, who could be relieved of the demonic Qi by Mu Jinyu at will?

In their moment of distress, feeling utterly hopeless, Mu Jinyu spoke again, "While I can't help you remove the demonic Qi, I do have a rough idea that might be feasible. We need to prepare to go to 'Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere' and 'Way of Nature' to seek their help!"

"Go to 'Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere' and 'Way of Nature' to seek help?"

Xia Ruochen murmured after hearing Mu Jinyu's words, faintly guessing something.

Bai Xiaosheng reacted quicker, directly asking Mu Jinyu, "Dragon Master, are you suggesting that the Buddhist Sect and Taoist Sect might have methods to bless and protect themselves, making them immune to all evils, for people to learn and self-resolve the demonic Qi? Or do you mean to literally use the Buddha's Light to dispel the demonic Qi?"

Mu Jinyu responded, "I can't be certain that merely their Buddha's Light will dispel the demonic Qi. Even if it could, doing so would consume a lot of resources and might easily alert your senior brother to our actions. So, my idea is to see if there's any cultivation method in their Scripture Pavilion that, once learned, can directly cleanse the demonic Qi from within the body!"

"Then, by continuing the plan of promoting martial cultivation to the masses, integrate the cultivation method subtly to nullify Chu Tiance's scapegoat scheme!"

Chapter 1438: Bai Xiaosheng Takes the Lead! Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere Has Problems Too!

"Hmm, in that case, it really is a good choice..."

Bai Xiaosheng heard Mu Jinyu's words, pondered for a moment, and said, "But, are you sure, Dragon Master, that there truly are such cultivation manuals in the texts of 'Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere' and 'Way of Nature'?"

Mu Jinyu smiled and said, "No, then you can learn from the related texts and create it yourself!"

With his current cultivation and vision, he could easily create cultivation techniques and divine skills, he just hadn't bothered to.

As for the cultivation method to dispel demonic Qi from inside to outside, it doesn't need any destructive power, nor does it need to enhance cultivation speed, nor does it need any other function; it only needs the simple function of dispelling demonic Qi, and creating it is not considered difficult!

Seeing Mu Jinyu's confident expression, everyone couldn't help but be infected by his confidence, no longer looking gloomy and miserable.

"Let's go, no more delays, we'll head straight to 'Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere' first."

Mu Jinyu waved his hand to summon a flying shuttle and then invited Xia Ruochen and those possessed by demonic Qi to board.

With his shifting speed from the Capital City to Mount Song, it wouldn't take too much time, just a few minutes would suffice.

But his shifting couldn't carry so many people, although the flying shuttle's speed wouldn't be much slower, and now Spirit Stones are nothing to him, he didn't mind spending a large amount of Spirit Stones just to reach Mount Song immediately.

"Is this the flying shuttle?"

After boarding the flying shuttle, Xia Ruochen asked Mu Jinyu.

He is quite knowledgeable, although he hasn't been to Kunlun Ruins, he is aware of the situation of flying shuttles; it was just his first time seeing one and his first time riding one.

"Yes, everyone settle in, let's go!"

Mu Jinyu nodded slightly in response to Xia Ruochen's question, then piloted the flying shuttle towards the famous Mount Song occupied by Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere!

"Whoosh!!"

Bai Xiaosheng's phantom avatar didn't board the flying shuttle; there was no need, his avatar inherently possessed the ability to teleport anytime.

Therefore, after the flying shuttle departed, he also directly teleported away.

He would even arrive at Mount Song ahead of Mu Jinyu and the others.

"Who is it?"

"Who is trespassing on my sacred grounds of the Buddhist Sect?!"

As Bai Xiaosheng arrived in front of the Shaolin Temple of Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere, numerous dignified voices arose immediately.

Soon, various Buddha's Lights flowed, and the high monks donned in kasayas swiftly appeared, surrounding Bai Xiaosheng.

These high monks looked at Bai Xiaosheng's illusory and distorted figure, frowning, unsure of what he was.

"Amitabha, benefactor, why have you come to our sacred grounds?"

At this time, a monk with a calm face, hands clasped together, recited a Buddha quote and then inquired Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng introduced himself, "I am Bai Xiaosheng, the Observatory Master of Omniscient."

"Bai Xiaosheng?"

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words, the monks of Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere were stunned, then exchanged glances, took a closer look at Bai Xiaosheng, and finally confirmed he was likely from Omniscient.

"I wonder what urgent matter brought Benefactor Bai here without invitation?" The monk who spoke earlier asked again.

Even if it was Bai Xiaosheng, should he wish to visit Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere, he shouldn't just intrude directly but should first inform the young novice monk at the front yard, and they would come out to welcome him.

Bai Xiaosheng replied, "It's a very important matter concerning the fate of all humanity; we may need the help of all the masters here to resolve it, hence why I came uninvited."

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words, the monks' expressions changed significantly, wondering if Bai Xiaosheng was joking with them.

But considering Bai Xiaosheng's origins, they felt it probably wasn't.

Recalling the unrest in the world over the past few years, with various disasters and chaos occurring, like the dark disturbances and the heavy snow disaster not long ago...

Could it be that another similar disaster is about to appear, which Bai Xiaosheng learned of in advance, so he came to solicit their help?

The high monks, pondering this, became extremely serious in expression.

"Spreading lies and confusion, prepare to die!"

At this time, the Peacock Great Ming King, who had once temporarily held the position of Buddha Head after Sheng Rulai's incident, upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words, immediately spread his wings and unleashed the Five-Colored Light, directly attacking Bai Xiaosheng.

"Boom!!"

However, the all-breaking Five-Colored Light didn't hit Bai Xiaosheng but was distorted and reflected by his illusory figure, eventually hitting a giant rock on the side, shattering it into powder!

Bai Xiaosheng was not angry and calmly said, "There's no need to be upset; the Dragon Master of Dragon King Hall is arriving soon. I'm just the vanguard, and when he arrives, he'll discuss countermeasures with the masters."

"Amitabha!"

As his voice fell, a Buddha quote coincidentally sounded.

Then, Sheng Rulai, with a compassionate yet solemn face, against the backdrop of a boundless radiant Buddha's Light, slowly stepped before Bai Xiaosheng.

Upon Sheng Rulai's appearance, he raised a hand to halt the Peacock Great Ming King who was still dissatisfied and eager to attack Bai Xiaosheng, then asked Bai Xiaosheng, "What kind of peril are you referring to, sir?"

"Dong!"

Before Bai Xiaosheng could respond, the bell sound of Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere suddenly tolled, resounding across Mount Song.

This bell sound usually rings only when an outsider enters.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at the sound, "The Dragon Master has arrived; the Buddha Head can discuss with the Dragon Master."

"Alright." Sheng Rulai looked deeply at Bai Xiaosheng, but Bai Xiaosheng's current form made it impossible for him to discern anything, so he withdrew his gaze and walked straight out.

"Tap, tap..."

He stepped on Buddha's Light, lotus flowers blooming with each step, disappearing gradually from the gaze of the monks.

"Let's go!"

Of course, the high monks wouldn't miss this matter, and they all disregarded Bai Xiaosheng, following Sheng Rulai outside.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled slightly, naturally not staying behind alone, also following them outside.

"Dragon Master!"

As Sheng Rulai arrived at the entrance of Mount Song, he saw Mu Jinyu and his group disembarking from a flying shuttle and greeted them.

"Buddha Head, this time, we have matters to trouble you."

Seeing Sheng Rulai come out, Mu Jinyu smiled slightly, then spoke with a grave expression.

"No problem." Sheng Rulai didn't mind, nodded, and asked, "What urgent matter requires our assistance?"

In Bai Xiaosheng's words, this involves the safety of all humanity; if it's not an exaggerated myth or a lie to confuse the masses, under any circumstances, Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere cannot sit idly by.

Mu Jinyu quickly narrated the entire situation to Sheng Rulai.

"It's akin to the demonic Qi erosion that happened to me, and actually, my demonic Qi erosion is just a failure; the true state is far more terrifying."

Sheng Rulai, after hearing Mu Jinyu's words, regardless of early mental preparation, was shocked, and his serene face slightly changed.

Because if what Mu Jinyu said is true, then Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere might have a lot of internal issues too.

Only because of his own profound cultivation, it only resulted in a failed demonic Qi erosion, not having his memory altered, becoming a puppet scapegoat.

"Buddha Head, please see!"

Although Mu Jinyu knew that Sheng Rulai didn't doubt his words, he wouldn't just speak empty words, and he let Sheng Rulai see the succeeding state.

Immediately, he cast a spell learned from Xilin, his whole body radiating golden light.

"Ah!"

"Ugh roar!"

Soon, the group behind Mu Jinyu began to transform, surrounded by incessant demonic Qi.

Seeing Sheng Rulai's changing expression.

Because under his Heavenly Eye, these people posed no issue fundamentally.

"Ah!!"

However, even more concerning to Sheng Rulai was just then, the monks of Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere also came out, and faced with Mu Jinyu's radiant golden light, a considerable number of them suddenly became surrounded by demonic Qi...

Chapter 1439: An Invitation from Buddhist and Taoist Paths! East Meets West!

"This is..."

"How could it be?!"

Sheng Rulai and the high monks behind him suddenly saw a group of monks transformed into beings half Buddha, half demon, and their expressions changed drastically.

Instinctively, the high monks were wary of getting too close to them and kept their distance.

Mu Jinyu and Xia Ruochen, witnessing the scene, couldn't help but feel their hearts sink slightly, sensing that things were not going to be easy.

Since the many high monks within Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere were inevitably being corrupted by the demonic qi, it indicated that their Buddhist law might not be effective against this demonic corruption.

However, compared to the near total defeat of the Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, at least half of Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere had not fallen, which might be considered good news.

Perhaps within the Buddhist law practiced by these people, there was something to resist the invasion of demonic qi...

Mu Jinyu could only comfort himself with such thoughts.

"Phew..."

Soon, Mu Jinyu stopped executing the spell, and the dazzling divine light receded.

Instantly, the possessed from Great Xia Dragon Sparrow and Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere all restrained their demonic qi, appearing normal once more.

The demon-possessed from Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, aware of their issue beforehand, felt uncomfortable but remained relatively calm.

However, the high monks of Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere, unaware of their possession, were in shock and disbelief, each face showing anger and unwillingness.

As if they hadn't expected to fall so easily!

"Dragon King, what is going on?"

"Why have we turned like this?"

"Amitabha..."

Dozens of possessed high monks suppressed the fury and panic in their hearts, then looked up at Mu Jinyu, urgently asking.

Mu Jinyu said, "Dear Masters, you should remember the recent event where I brought the Buddha Head back from Mount Tai, right?"

The monks' faces changed slightly upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words.

Of course they remembered.

Sheng Rulai was forced to go out looking for ways to suppress the demonic qi because it had invaded him, ultimately resolving to seal himself within Mount Tai.

Should they also have to seek refuge in Mount Tai to survive?

They all looked grim.

From their expressions, Mu Jinyu discerned their thoughts and reassured them, "Don't worry, your situation is worse than the Buddha Head's. The Buddha Head was controlled unsuccessfully, leading to the leakage of demonic qi, whereas you are utterly controlled and the demonic qi stays within, so you need not go to Mount Tai for self-abuse."

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, instead of feeling relieved, they felt their situation was more dire.

Sheng Rulai's previous miserable state was due to failed control, whereas theirs resulted from successful control? This filled them with even more panic.

"Amitabha..." Sheng Rulai suppressed his inner turmoil, then looked up to Mu Jinyu, folding his hands together with a silent chant, asking, "Since Dragon King is here, does he have a solution? I hope you won't be stingy with your teaching."

Mu Jinyu slightly shook his head, saying, "Initially, I couldn't detect any anomalies and genuinely believed they were normal, later I happened upon a subtle method which revealed their issues, but I couldn't expel the demonic qi inside them, otherwise, I wouldn't have brought them here..."

Sheng Rulai asked curiously, "Didn't Dragon King help expel the demonic qi from me before?"

Mu Jinyu explained, "I mentioned earlier, you were controlled unsuccessfully, causing demonic qi leakage without merging with you, so it was easy to extract, but these people are fully controlled, the demonic qi is deeply ingrained, I can't extract it without risking drawing out their life origin too..."

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's explanation, Sheng Rulai nodded regretfully and then asked, "So, does Dragon King mean Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere might find a solution?"

Mu Jinyu nodded slightly, saying, "In your Buddhist and Taoist practices, isn't there often a way to resist heart demons or vanquish heavenly demons? Perhaps we can find a solution within."

Speaking, Mu Jinyu pointed to the group of calm monks behind Sheng Rulai, saying, "Aren't these Masters unharmed? Unlike Great Xia Dragon Sparrow, who are largely defeated, perhaps these Masters have cultivated the same techniques, thus have remained unharmed."

Sheng Rulai understood Mu Jinyu's purpose for coming—not only to identify problems for Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere but also to find solutions.

Nonetheless, he didn't resent it since it would ultimately benefit Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere.

Immediately, Sheng Rulai asked the high monks about the similar Buddhist laws they might have cultivated.

But within Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere, many had cultivated a plethora of similar Buddhist laws and cultivation techniques, making instant identification not easy.

Mu Jinyu didn't want to waste time, wary that Chu Tiance might become aware of all this.

Though he had obscured the heavenly mechanism, temporarily blocking those he came in contact with from its prediction, he worried extended time might reveal it to Chu Tiance—dangerous.

Thus, as Sheng Rulai and the unaffected high monks sought the key cultivation techniques resistant to demonic qi, Mu Jinyu departed Mount Song for Dragon Tiger Mountain to seek the Way of Nature.

The Taoist master of the Way of Nature, familiar to Mu Jinyu, was Ren Xiaoyao, but he had died at the Spirit Communicative Ghost School with Omniscient's Li Yaotong and Fallen Splendor's Lucifer.

Afterward, Ning Fan succeeded the Way of Nature as the new Taoist master.

This person, upon Mu Jinyu discovering the Gold Inlaid with Jade artifact resistant to demon possession, was invited as a representative of both Buddhist and Taoist parties for assistance.

Shortly after Ren Xiaoyao's death, he succeeded as the Taoist master and had more dealings with Dragon King Hall.

Given their friendship, Mu Jinyu found Ning Fan without needing to waste words, briefly explaining the troubles, then showcasing techniques learned from Xilin, revealing issues within the Way of Nature as well.

Prompting Ning Fan to recognize the severity, he led his people to Buddha's Light Shines Everywhere to collaboratively seek solutions.

In dire circumstances where no solution arises, they would attempt to merge the Buddhist and Taoist secret tomes, to create truly effective secret techniques.

Ning Fan and his group left Dragon Tiger Mountain for Mount Song, but Mu Jinyu didn't follow; opting against seeking writings together.

He believed solely relying on the Buddhist and Taoist houses might eventually find a solution, albeit slowly, but time was short.

Therefore, he chose to disregard past grievances and invite Brilliant Divine Authority to join in seeking solutions.

This joining of Eastern and Western might yield quicker results through inspired collaboration.

Chapter 1440: Arriving at the Vatican! Francis's Abnormality!

Vatican!

In this ancient holy city bathed in Holy Light, an unexpected guest arrived today.

"Buzz!"

After the void twisted slightly, Mu Jinyu's figure gradually emerged from it, shifting from afar to hover above this holy city.

"Vatican... This is my first time here."

Suspended high in the air, Mu Jinyu gazed down at the holy city below, murmuring to himself.

"Who goes there?!"

As Mu Jinyu appeared above the Vatican, without concealing his aura or presence, he was immediately detected by the people of Brilliant Divine Authority.

"Rustle, rustle!"

"Whiz, whiz!!"

One by one, the red-clad Archbishops emerged from an ancient and sacred church, staring intently at Mu Jinyu above.

"Dragon King?!"

"Mu Jinyu!"

They naturally recognized Mu Jinyu, their expressions changed slightly, some turned pale, thinking Mu Jinyu came for revenge for the recent Eastern Expedition led by Francis.

Everyone grew tense.

The air was filled with a sense of unease and fear.

"Dragon King, if there's anything, come at me, they are innocent..."

At this moment, Francis, the Pope of Brilliant Divine Authority, appeared, holding a Golden Scepter, looking up at Mu Jinyu, eyes filled with unwillingness yet helplessness, finally lowering his proud head with a sigh.

Mu Jinyu glanced at him and waved his hand, "For the sake of Pope Reinhardt who sacrificed himself during the dark turmoil, and those red-clad archbishops, I won't hold this too much against you, I am here for another matter to discuss!"

"What matter?"

Hearing that Mu Jinyu was not here to settle scores, Francis and the red-clad archbishops behind him slightly relaxed, asking in a more gentle tone.

Mu Jinyu slowly descended, landing near Francis, then, in a tone similar to introducing Sheng Rulai and Ning Fan, simply explained the matter of the scapegoat to the people of Brilliant Divine Authority.

"This..."

"How could this be?"

"Is the Dragon King joking with us?"

After hearing Mu Jinyu's words, everyone felt that Mu Jinyu might be joking and didn't quite believe it.

Mu Jinyu didn't waste more words, and directly cast a spell.

Immediately, Holy Light, even more brilliant and sacred than that of Brilliant Divine Authority, burst forth, enveloping Francis and the red-clad archbishops.

"Ugh-oh..."

"Hiss-ugh..."

As this group bathed in Mu Jinyu's Holy Light, quite a few people suddenly emanated Demonic Qi, resembling devils.

What was more shocking was...

Pope Francis of Brilliant Divine Authority also emitted Demonic Qi alongside them.

He looked at Mu Jinyu with red eyes, his face twisted in struggle, no longer displaying the original firmness and confidence!

Like a Fierce Ghost emerging from Hell!

"This..."

"How did the Pope become like this?"

"Is it the Dragon King's light, is he the culprit?"

"No, if it were the Dragon King's secret technique that turned the Pope and them into this devilish ghostly form, we couldn't possibly have been spared..."

"So, is this the scapegoat form that the Dragon King mentioned earlier?"

At this time, most of the unaffected bishops of Brilliant Divine Authority, witnessing the change in Francis and others, all changed their expressions drastically.

Some initially thought this was the result of Mu Jinyu's secret technique, causing them to become demonically grotesque, but soon they realized they were also under Mu Jinyu's light, and were unharmed?

Thus, the earlier words of Mu Jinyu were actually true, and many among them also had issues?

Mu Jinyu looked at Francis, struggling painfully within the Demonic Qi, with a calm expression, yet a slight ripple formed in his heart.

So that's it...

No wonder Francis suddenly desired an Eastern Expedition!

It turns out he had problems long ago, with parts of his memory altered by Chu Tiance.

In that case, can I still involve him in this matter?

If he is involved, will there be problems?

"Buzz!"

Mu Jinyu stopped the spell, reining in the divine light.

Immediately, the members of Brilliant Divine Authority, who were struggling painfully under the divine light, all regained their presence of mind, returning to their original appearances.

"Dragon King... I..."

Regaining consciousness, Francis found himself half-kneeling on the ground, looking at his dirt-stained hands in disbelief at his own corruption!

He did not suspect Mu Jinyu's spell made him that way; he knew that he indeed had a problem!

At this moment, he finally realized he did have some issues, remembering the Eastern Expedition now seemed peculiar, and he couldn't even recall why he made such a decision!

"Dragon King, I'm sorry... I..."

Realizing this, Francis immediately raised his head, looking at Mu Jinyu with a complex expression, "Dragon King, as for me, it's irrelevant, but please you must help save them..."

He pointed behind him at the group of red-clad archbishops, their faces showing bewilderment and despair, who had also become ghastly under Mu Jinyu's light just like him!

Francis could endure this outcome himself, but he did not want them to be the same.

Having heard Mu Jinyu mention a possible remedy earlier, he immediately abandoned all pride and dignity, pleading for Mu Jinyu's help to dispel this Demonic Qi for them.

As Francis spoke, gritting his teeth, he prepared to kneel to Mu Jinyu right there in Vatican, in front of countless people.

Mu Jinyu immediately waved a hand, channeling abundant True Yuan to intercept his kneeling movement, then said, "No need to plead for my help; I came here seeking your assistance, so let it be mutual aid..."

"This..." Francis's movement being intercepted by Mu Jinyu left him stiff and awkward, but upon hearing Mu Jinyu's sincere words, his expression changed slightly before finally sighing faintly, "Then it would trouble the Dragon Master, just say whatever needs our help..."

"Hmm, I won't be modest with you..."

Mu Jinyu's expression remained unchanged as he said, "This matter is of great importance, I will invite those who showed no problem under my spell to go to Huaxia together to explore solutions. As for you, Pope, and those who had issues earlier, please sleep for some time..."

"Alright!" Francis, understanding the gravity of the situation, had no hesitation upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, nodding immediately.

His demeanor and tone carried a sense of going to a gallant death.

Mu Jinyu smiled slightly, then waved a hand, promptly knocking out Francis and the bishops who had been corrupted by Demonic Qi, throwing them into the church, and setting up a formation over it to keep them in slumber for the time being.

Likewise, if anyone were to arrive at the Vatican during this period, they too couldn't enter this church.

"Let's go."

After temporarily settling Francis and the others, Mu Jinyu looked at the group of apprehensive yet untouched bishops, speaking gently.

"Alright." These bishops nodded lightly, then boarded Mu Jinyu's Flying Boat, swiftly heading towards Huaxia!