

## **King Hall 1481**

Chapter 1481 Underground Palace Passage! Dragon Vein Will!

Half a day later.

At the entrance of a newly constructed underground palace of the Heavenly Sword Faction.

Mu Jinyu followed Xie Chenkun and others to this place.

This underground palace was created after the Kunlun Dragon Vein shifted to the Heavenly Sword Mountain Range. It was discovered that the closer one got to the Dragon Vein, the more suitable it was for disciples to cultivate. Therefore, the Great Elder and the Sect Leader discussed this and ordered the excavation of tunnels to reach the concealed Kunlun Dragon Vein below, where secret cultivation chambers were constructed.

Upon learning that Mu Jinyu needed to delve underground to explore the Kunlun Dragon Vein, Xie Chenkun arranged for the disciples cultivating in the secret chambers of the underground palace to temporarily leave, except for those deeply immersed in cultivation.

"Sect Leader, Great Elder... Senior Brother..."

Several inner sect disciples guarding the underground palace immediately greeted respectfully upon seeing the group arrive at the entrance they were guarding.

"Hmm..."

Xie Chenkun nodded slightly to them, then turned to the Great Elder and other elders, saying, "Let's begin."

"Alright," the Great Elder responded.

They gestured to the disciples to step back for a while and stood at the entrance of the underground palace.

The entrance was an altar-like structure carved with intricate and obscure patterns that roughly resembled a Tai Chi Bagua Diagram.

The Sect Leader, Great Elder, and other elders positioned themselves at this altar-like entrance, squatted down, and pressed their hands at certain spots.

"Buzz!"

As they began to infuse True Yuan, the intricate inscriptions on the entrance started to shine with various hues.

"Buzz buzz buzz..."

"Crack..."

With a few reverberating sounds, the altar-like entrance began to collapse and reorganize like building blocks under the dazzling light, eventually transforming into a complex formation with two grooves.

Xie Chenkun and the Great Elder simultaneously took out differently colored Yin Yang Fish and embedded them into the grooves.

"Click..."

"Boom!"

As the twin jade were embedded into the grooves, the entrance roared. Then, the runes twisted a few times before retreating to the sides.

Revealing the path of the underground palace beneath.

"Let's go..."

Suspended in mid-air, the Sect Leader and the elders, seeing the entrance open, turned back to Mu Jinyu and said softly.

"Alright." Mu Jinyu nodded slightly and followed the Sect Leader and others down the steps of the underground palace path.

Yin Li blinked her big eyes a few times, then followed curiously, landing on Mu Jinyu's shoulder.

"Step step step..."

The group walked along the stairway, their footsteps echoing crisply.

"Boom!"

A loud sound came from behind as the entrance to the underground palace closed.

Mu Jinyu glanced back, withdrew his gaze, and continued to follow the Sect Leader and others down.

After walking for over ten minutes,

The group remained calm and unhurried, as the Sect Leader introduced the secret cultivation chambers below to Mu Jinyu.

Approximately every hundred meters or so, there would be one or two disciples still immersed in cultivation. If they were forcibly awakened, they might face problems like Qigong deviation. Therefore, when notifying disciples to leave, they did not forcefully remove those in deep cultivation.

Although Mu Jinyu had lost his Divine Sense, his perception was still sensitive. While the Sect Leader was introducing the place, he sensed the potent energies residing within the chambers.

Most were disciples at the later stage of the Divine Transformation Realm, and the further down they went, they began to encounter more disciples from the Fanxu Realm.

This made Mu Jinyu remark on how the Heavenly Sword Faction was indeed rising.

Back then, although the Heavenly Sword Faction was one of the Four Great Sects of the Yan Kingdom, its strongest disciple like Yun Ge was merely at the pinnacle of the Divine Transformation Realm, whereas the strongest in the faction, the Sect Leader, and the Great Elder, were only at the early stage of the Fanxu Realm...

But now, the Cultivation of the Sect Leader and Great Elder had reached the late stage of the Fanxu Realm, though only at the seventh or eighth level. Yet, there were more disciples at the Fanxu Realm, indicating the growth of the Heavenly Sword Faction!

Once a few more powerful beings of the Unity Realm Stage emerged, the Heavenly Sword Faction becoming a top-tier power in Kunlun Ruins would be inevitable.

Before long,

Xie Chenkun led Mu Jinyu to the lowest part of the underground palace.

Deep within the base of the entire Heavenly Sword Mountain Range.

"We are here!"

Xie Chenkun's expression became solemn as he stopped and spoke softly to Mu Jinyu.

"Mmm."

In fact, Mu Jinyu knew they had reached their destination without Xie Chenkun's prompting.

Because not far ahead, a flickering dragon shadow intermittently appeared, sometimes radiating brilliant golden light, other times shining with colorful hues!

"Roar!"

At this moment, the ethereal dragon shadow suddenly solidified, appearing like a true Divine Dragon in front of everyone, letting out a clear dragon's roar.

"This..."

"How can this be?"

Xie Chenkun, the Great Elder, and others were astonished to see the changes in the Kunlun Dragon Vein's Qi Luck, their expressions shifted, and they exclaimed in surprise.

They had been here many times, but never had they witnessed such peculiar changes, where the Kunlun Dragon Vein's Qi Luck solidified into a True Dragon.

Yet, with Mu Jinyu accompanying them for the first time, the Kunlun Dragon Vein underwent such transformations.

Is it because Mu Jinyu is the champion of the Hidden Dragon Conference?

Or is it...

Their gaze shifted to Yin Li, who bore a dragon-like form.

Is it due to her?

The group was filled with uncertain speculations.

"Buzz!!"

"Roar!!"

At this moment, Mu Jinyu's body trembled violently, followed by the echo of a high-pitched dragon's roar, as a colossal dragon phantom, over a hundred feet long, flew out from Mu Jinyu's body, spiraling above him.

"This is..."

"The True Dragon Soul condensed from the Kunlun Dragon Vein's Qi Luck, summoned by the Hidden Dragon Conference champion!"

Xie Chenkun, the Great Elder, and others quickly recognized the source of the dragon phantom emerging from Mu Jinyu's body.

Their expressions grew increasingly bewildered and uncertain.

They wondered if such an event might cause any issues for the Heavenly Sword Mountain Range?

Amid their uncertain speculations, Mu Jinyu felt a close affinity with the dragon soul phantom emerging from his body, as if it were an extension of himself, like another part of his being.

And the visible dragon of the Kunlun Dragon Vein ahead gave him a maternal feeling, as if yearning to be embraced by its warmth.

"Roar!"

As soon as Mu Jinyu had this thought, his dragon soul rushed into the Kunlun Dragon Vein like a fledgling sparrow returning to its mother's embrace.

"Boom!!"

At that instant, Mu Jinyu's body trembled slightly as an inexplicable notion surfaced in his mind, causing him distress and unease!

The Kunlun Dragon Vein sent an awareness wave, informing him that if he used his dragon soul as a conduit to devour the Kunlun Dragon Vein before him, he could indeed repair his damaged Dantian Qi Sea and Sea of Consciousness Soul, and even...

It could propel him into the Void Breaking Realm in one leap!

But the cost...

Could potentially lead to the collapse of the entire Kunlun Ruins!

Chapter 1482 A Difficult Choice! Ambushed on the Road!

"How could this happen..."

Mu Jinyu felt very frustrated.

His original purpose was only to restore his cultivation and soul, so he wouldn't be unable to use even a bit of True Yuan and Divine Sense.

In the end, the Dragon Vein of Kunlun Ruins only offered him one choice.

Either devour the Dragon Vein, restore his cultivation, and even attain a higher level, but it would cause the entire Kunlun Ruins to collapse!

Or simply get lost and stop bothering it!

It doesn't even give him the chance to just restore a little of his soul's Dantian!

"What's going on?!"

"Can you possibly restore your cultivation?"

Xie Chenkun and the Great Elder watched Mu Jinyu's Dragon Soul fly out from his body and directly rush into the Kunlun Dragon Vein, making them instantly excited and thrilled.

They thought Mu Jinyu might really be saved.

But afterwards, there was no more movement.

Meanwhile, Mu Jinyu's expression kept changing, filled with frustration that made people's hearts palpitate, and Xie Chenkun finally couldn't help but ask.

Mu Jinyu sighed lightly, finally giving up.

"Roar!"

The sound of dragon's roar echoed, and his Dragon Soul separated straight from the Kunlun Dragon Vein, once again merging back into his body!

"What's really going on?"

Yin Li saw this and also curiously asked.

Mu Jinyu exhaled a bit, releasing the depression in his heart, and then informed them of the information he just learned.

"This..."

"How could it be like this..."

"Using the entire Kunlun Ruins as a price to allow you to step into the Void Breaking Realm?! Is this true?"

"If it's true, actually... I feel it's quite worth it!"

"But if Kunlun Ruins is gone, where would we go?"

"That's right, other forces definitely wouldn't agree either..."

After listening to Mu Jinyu's explanation, the Heavenly Sword Faction elders exploded into discussions.

Some thought the price wasn't unbearable.

Some thought it was indeed unreasonable, and if Kunlun Ruins were gone, they'd have nowhere to go; they absolutely couldn't do that.

But Xie Chenkun and the Great Elder knew there was the Land of Huaxia outside Kunlun Ruins, so there wasn't no way out.

Thinking about a Void Breaking Realm emerging from their sect...

Xie Chenkun became so excited and proposed to Mu Jinyu, "Actually... it wouldn't be impossible, Jinyu, you can ask your master to contact everyone in Kunlun Ruins to evacuate, saying Kunlun Ruins is about to be destroyed. Once everyone leaves, you can then devour the Kunlun Dragon Vein, wouldn't that solve the problem?"

The Great Elder nodded in agreement.

Yun Ge, however, frowned and shook his head, "This isn't right, is it? Kunlun Ruins doesn't belong to us, let alone so many people leaving, all flooding into the outside world, what kind of impact would it have on the outside world? Who could know..."

Mu Jinyu sighed lightly, and said, "That's right, Kunlun Ruins isn't anyone's Kunlun Ruins, I'm not qualified to restore my cultivation at the cost of making everyone leave their homes and Kunlun Ruins behind. Let's forget about it..."

Speaking, Mu Jinyu adjusted his mindset, smiled lightly, "Alright, Sect Leader, you don't need to persuade anymore, perhaps the place I need to look for isn't here at all. Let's see later..."

Seeing Mu Jinyu not losing his mind to restore his cultivation at all costs, Yun Ge felt relieved, and strangely felt some guilt towards Mu Jinyu because of his persuasion.

And Xie Chenkun and the Great Elder, seeing Mu Jinyu made his decision, certainly didn't try to persuade further.

After all, they couldn't forcibly make Mu Jinyu choose to devour the Dragon Vein, so even if they tried to force it, it would be useless!

"Buzz!"

Just as everyone was about to leave the Underground Palace.

Suddenly, as the Kunlun Dragon Vein turned from solid to illusory, strands of Dragon Vein Qi Luck drifted out, flowing into Mu Jinyu's body!

"This is..."

Seeing this, everyone couldn't help but stop in their tracks, watching Mu Jinyu with suspicious eyes.

They were suspecting if Mu Jinyu eventually made the decision to devour the Dragon Vein!

But if Mu Jinyu truly wanted to do this, shouldn't he at least tell them?

If he moved straight like this and Kunlun Ruins collapsed, wouldn't they also be buried together here?

Everyone felt a wave of panic and discomfort!

But...

When those strands of Dragon Qi entered Mu Jinyu's body, no other changes occurred, and the massive Kunlun Dragon Vein before their eyes also followed suit, lying dormant and vanishing.

It seemed the situation wasn't as they suspected.

"Huff..."

Mu Jinyu breathed out lightly, smiled, "Luck's not bad, although I didn't devour the Kunlun Dragon Vein, since the Dragon Soul within me is inherently gathered from Dragon Vein Qi Luck, during the mutual fusion just now, it actually brought me some feedback of Dragon Qi, improved my condition quite a bit..."

Mu Jinyu truly felt pleasantly surprised; he didn't expect such an unexpected situation to occur.

With the nourishment from these Dragon Vein Qi, although he still hadn't healed his broken body, allowing his cultivation to recover or letting him start cultivating anew, at least when he wants to use Divine Sense and True Yuan, even though they remain unmoved, he won't feel intensely head-splitting pain and the excruciating agony of his body exploding!

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, everyone felt a wave of delight, also feeling as though a heavy burden had been lifted off their hearts.

It's good that he didn't intend to break through by devouring the Dragon Vein, otherwise that would have been too dangerous.

As this small episode emerged, when Mu Jinyu followed the Sect Leader and others to head back, he could feel that the atmosphere between them grew somewhat awkward.

Mu Jinyu understood the change in their mindset; after all, his presence in the Underground Palace truly became somewhat dangerous, thinking suddenly surged then might as well be described as a walking nuclear bomb!

Though the Sect Leader knew he wouldn't act recklessly, they would be scared!

Mu Jinyu understood this, so once he knew Kunlun Dragon Vein was of no use to him, he didn't stay long at the Heavenly Sword Faction, or else it would just make the atmosphere between them grow increasingly awkward.

Mu Jinyu bid farewell, as predicted by the Sect Leader and the Great Elder, after a bit of an attempt to keep him, they didn't force Mu Jinyu to stay at the Heavenly Sword Faction.

However, they didn't truly intend to part ways with Mu Jinyu, though they didn't heavily insist to keep him, they understood Mu Jinyu urgently needed to restore his cultivation, hence they wanted Yun Ge and others to accompany Mu Jinyu as he continued.

But Mu Jinyu declined.

No need for it.

After leaving the Heavenly Sword Faction, Yin Li was lazily lying on Mu Jinyu's shoulder, eating ice cream, saying, "I thought you'd choose to devour that Dragon Vein, didn't expect you'd actually give up..."

Mu Jinyu chuckled, said, "Even saying I couldn't make this choice, even if I really hardened my heart to make that choice, would you just stand by and watch me destroy Kunlun Ruins?"

Yin Li fell silent.

If Mu Jinyu truly went mad to make that decision, of course, she couldn't just stand by.

Not because she wanted to be some savior, purely because the Extremely Cold Hell lay within Kunlun Ruins; once destroyed, her last few relatives would also be gone.

How could she let Mu Jinyu act recklessly!

"Kill!"

"Still dare to run!"

Just then, a sudden shouting of killing came from ahead.

Followed by a scantily clad young man frantically running towards Mu Jinyu and the others.

When he saw Mu Jinyu, a look of astonishment and anger appeared on his face!

Mu Jinyu also recognized him at this point.

It was the young man who taunted him when he arrived at the Heavenly Sword Faction, and then had his attempts to shield his divine sense exposure thwarted...

Chapter 1483 Greed for Wealth! Murder for Treasure! Yours to Decide!

Truly, what a small world!

Mu Jinyu suddenly felt this sense of irony.

He looked at the group chasing the young man and understood that this fellow must have done something wrong or offended someone, which is why he wore a bamboo hat and cloak that could shield against the Divine Sense to seek refuge at the Heavenly Sword Faction. As a result, he ended up being stripped of his clothes by Mu Jinyu and unfortunately ran into his pursuers...

Eventually landing him in this dire state of fleeing for his life.

Mu Jinyu didn't quite feel heartache or guilt for the young man, after all, he was the one who first mocked him.

However, since the matter did have something to do with him, now that he encountered it, he wouldn't just ignore it.

And if this young man indeed committed an unforgivable mistake, once Mu Jinyu learned the truth, he would help him depart sooner.

But if it was just because he offended someone and was being pursued, he would help resolve their grievances.

"Scram!"

"Get lost, you damn dog!"

"..."

Mu Jinyu saw this group chasing the thinly clad young man. Before he could speak to intervene, the ferocious assassins behind him viciously insulted Mu Jinyu!

"Hm?!"

Upon hearing this, Mu Jinyu's swollen face beneath the bamboo hat darkened slightly.

Unexpectedly, the young man, upon seeing Mu Jinyu's attire, was filled with rage, clearly recognizing that Mu Jinyu was the one who ambushed him, knocked him out, and took his bamboo hat and cloak. But in the end, he chose not to kill Mu Jinyu in revenge while fleeing; instead, he paused and changed direction to escape another way!

Whether he knew he was no match for Mu Jinyu and didn't want to act out of revenge in order to completely destroy his chance of escape, or he didn't want to waste time and lose the best chance to flee, or perhaps he was genuinely kind-hearted and didn't want to involve Mu Jinyu...

Mu Jinyu didn't think much about it and decided to save this guy's life!

"Stop right there, all of you!"

Mu Jinyu shouted coldly.

"Get lost!"

"Go to hell, you useless thing, still daring to shout?"

This group of assassins, upon hearing Mu Jinyu's shout, not only didn't stop but directly attacked, swords and knives slashing towards Mu Jinyu instantly.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu's eyes turned cold, and he raised his hand to counter.

"Clang clang clang!!"

Even without True Yuan and unable to release any Divine Sense, solely relying on Physical Strength, it was easy for him to handle these assassins whose levels were only in the Late Divine Transformation Realm Stage.

Amidst the clatter of breaking sounds.

Their weapons were all broken barehanded by Mu Jinyu!

"What the hell!"

"What's going on?"

"Isn't this guy supposed to be without Cultivation? Why is he so strong?"

"Could his cultivation be so high that we can't perceive it?"

"What are you blabbering about? Run now!"

"..."

The vicious assassins, seeing Mu Jinyu's formidable strength, wisely decided to abandon their pursuit and quickly retreated!

"Hmph!"

Mu Jinyu snorted coldly. Want to escape? Now, this matter is out of your hands!

"Bang!!"

Mu Jinyu stepped forward like a fierce tiger descending the mountain, or a hungry tiger pouncing on its prey, instantly reaching the escape path of one of them, kicking him back to the starting point, knocking him unconscious.

One after another, all the dozens of assassins were kicked back by Mu Jinyu, not a single one escaped!

For the last time, Mu Jinyu moved to the front of the thin young man, lifted his foot, and lightly kicked the air a few times, saying, "Want me to help you back?"

The thin young man was both incredulous and somewhat desperate, not expecting Mu Jinyu to be so powerful.

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, the young man's face showed despair and he turned back, obediently walking to the side of the unconscious assassins.

Mu Jinyu slowly walked beside the young man, looked down at him, and asked: "Why did you provoke them? What made them chase you? If you did nothing wrong, I'll let you avenge yourself today."

Though he didn't finish his sentence, the young man knew the implication.

Which was that if he had indeed wronged those people, Mu Jinyu might just deal with both parties at once.

"Gulp..."

The thin young man swallowed hard, hesitated, with a look of struggle, then finally spoke: "I didn't do anything wrong. They wanted to kill and rob me, that's why they pursued me; it's not because I offended them..."

"Is that so?" Listening to his words, Mu Jinyu felt he wasn't lying based on his expression.

However, because Mu Jinyu couldn't use Divine Sense, he couldn't delve into the Sea of Consciousness for a Soul Search to confirm the truth.

Thinking this way, Mu Jinyu then kicked one assassin awake and coldly asked, "Why are you pursuing him?"

The man awakened by Mu Jinyu's kick was a burly man with a brutish face full of fatigue. He broke out in a cold sweat, feeling the murderous aura, and thought Mu Jinyu was siding with the young man, hesitatingly said: "Because he...he stole the treasure we found, and we pursued him to retrieve it..."

"You're talking nonsense!"

The thin young man immediately rebutted angrily.

Mu Jinyu raised his hand, motioning for him to stop speaking.

The thin young man didn't dare speak further, begrudgingly sitting down.

Mu Jinyu stared directly at the brutish man, saying calmly: "Are you sure that's the reason? I'll wake up the others, and if your answers differ, you all will die!"

The tone was calm, yet the murderous aura was dense!

The brutish man, hearing this, turned pale.

He knew Mu Jinyu wasn't joking.

"This..."

Cold sweat formed on his forehead, torn between speaking the truth, which seemed just as deadly as lying.

Mu Jinyu said: "If you tell the truth, I might consider sparing your life, giving you another chance! I'll count to three, three..."

Hearing this and realizing the countdown, the brutish man was terrified and hastily admitted: "It's...it's because we coveted his treasure when we saw him alone with some Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures; that's why we tried to rob him. It's our greed, please spare me..."

"Oh."

Mu Jinyu responded, showing no reaction, and kicked him unconscious again, proceeding to awaken the others and continue the questioning.

The thin young man felt anxious, uncertain of what Mu Jinyu would ultimately do.

Would he really set them free...

After several rounds of questioning and intimidation, getting consistent accounts, Mu Jinyu, unwilling to waste more time, kicked the last woken person unconscious again, then turned to the young man and said calmly: "Alright, considering I took your clothes, causing you to be discovered, I leave them to you to handle, whether to release them or kill them for revenge, it's up to you!"

"Ah?!"

The young man was stunned, not expecting Mu Jinyu to go back on his word.

Mu Jinyu calmly said: "What I promised them was that if they answered honestly, I might spare them; I've already done so. Now, it's your turn, based on your choice..."

Chapter 1484 The So-called Treasure! The Whole Story Behind the Pursuit! Two Choices Offered!

After listening to Mu Jinyu's words, the young man's expression shifted from uncertainty to resolve. He finally gritted his teeth, reached out, and pulled out a long knife from his storage bag.

Regardless of whether Mu Jinyu was setting a trap, he figured he wouldn't be able to escape anyway, so it would be good if he could kill these few enemies.

"Shhh!"

"Kacha..."

The young man clutched the long knife and stabbed it into a man's heart. Seeing that Mu Jinyu truly didn't stop him, he suddenly swung the knife again, the blade shadow flashed, and he chopped off this man's head!

"Swish, swish, swish!!"

Murderous intent surged in the young man's eyes, recalling the days when they chased him like a hunted dog. His hatred drove him wild, and he kept slashing and hacking with the long knife.

In no time, he overturned all those assassins pursuing him!

Mu Jinyu watched the scene silently, without any reaction, nor did he mock the other party. After the young man finished off the enemies, he tugged at the veil hanging from his bamboo hat and said, "Alright, you've got your revenge now, and there's no one left to hunt you down. Consider this hat and cloak as your reward, I'm leaving..."

After saying that, Mu Jinyu prepared to leave, not caring to ponder what kind of treasure the young man possessed that warranted such relentless pursuit.

After all, it was merely something from the Divinity Transformation Realm. He didn't bother to pay attention.

Despite Mu Jinyu's lack of interest in these matters and the young man's treasures, the young man wasn't sure if Mu Jinyu would truly let him go.

Watching Mu Jinyu's figure gradually disappear into the distance, the young man's eyes flickered with uncertainty, occasionally showing signs of hesitation. Finally, he gritted his teeth and said, "Wait..."

"What is it?" Mu Jinyu stopped in his tracks and turned back to look at him.

The young man hesitantly asked, "You... truly have no interest in the treasure they chased me for?"

He felt that since Mu Jinyu would even take his not-so-valuable hat and cloak, there was no reason to think he would pass up the most valuable item on him!

Mu Jinyu chuckled, "Do you really think I'm a thief, stealing everything in sight? Your hat and cloak just happened to be useful to me, and you happened to mock me, so I didn't mind taking them as compensation. As for the so-called treasure on you that stirred up such a pursuit, it's probably useless to me, so why would I take it?"

Pausing slightly, Mu Jinyu turned back around, continued to stride forward, and waved to the young man behind him, "Don't worry, I won't covet your treasure..."

The young man saw that Mu Jinyu was genuinely preparing to leave freely, and his eyes flickered with surprise. He then shouted, "But I want to give it to you! I'm afraid of being hunted again!"

"Oh?"

Upon hearing the young man's shout, Mu Jinyu paused slightly in his stride and, after a moment's thought, turned back and said, "Alright then, I'll be a good person to the end. What do you want to give me?"

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, the young man wanted to roll his eyes, but realizing he truly wanted to give Mu Jinyu the hot potato, it seemed like Mu Jinyu was indeed helping him?

With this in mind, the young man said nothing more and directly took out a pale green pearl from his storage bag, "Look, they chased me for this thing. Actually... I'm not clear on what this is supposed to be for? It's not like a Spiritual Pearl, but it doesn't seem like ordinary jewelry either!"

"Huh?!"

Mu Jinyu squinted slightly at the pale green pearl the young man brought out, masking the glint in his eyes.

At first, he thought it was just an ordinary pearl or perhaps a more special kind of natural magic treasure, like a Water-Repelling Pearl or Fire-Avoiding Pearl.

But soon, he was certain it wasn't one of those useless items!

Judging by the faint Dragon Qi emanating from it, it should be a Dragon Ball!

No!

The Dragon Qi was a bit too sparse; it wasn't a Dragon Ball, but rather a Dragon Qi Crystal!

"This thing is actually a bit useful to me! Where did you get it?"

Squinting his eyes slightly, Mu Jinyu then thought of something and asked the young man in a deep voice.

Upon hearing this, the young man gritted his teeth and said, "I discovered it at the bottom of a cliff near my home!"

Thereafter, the young man explained to Mu Jinyu the entire story of how he acquired the Dragon Pearl and why he was being hunted.

His family was in a relatively remote town in Yan Kingdom, where due to its remote location, there were naturally no powerful figures, so a cultivator of Half-Step Return to Void Realm was enough to dominate that small town.

And this Half-Step Return to Void Realm strength was due to Mu Jinyu seizing the Hidden Dragon Conference, the Kunlun Dragon Veins relocating to Yan Kingdom, greatly increasing the cultivation level

of the cultivators in Yan Kingdom. Otherwise, that person would merely be at the Late Divine Transformation Realm Stage.

The young man's name was Lin Yun, and he had a crush on a girl named Chen Qian.

Moreover, Chen Qian was the daughter of a Half-Step Return to Void Realm expert who dominated the small town!

For some reasons, Chen Qian also accidentally acquainted herself with Lin Yun and had some fondness for him.

Her father, Chen Shiluan, after learning about this, how could he allow Chen Qian to have feelings for Lin Yun, a mere poor boy?

He could never let the unexpected happen.

As such, Chen Shiluan sent men to pull Lin Yun out of his home that night and left him at the bottom of the cliff outside their town.

Lin Yun miraculously survived at the bottom of the cliff and discovered this pearl among a pile of bones.

Though he couldn't extract the Spiritual Energy contained within, he found the pearl very beautiful and unlike ordinary jewelry, so he took it back.

Lin Yun wasn't aware at the time that the person who threw him off the cliff was one of Chen Qian's father's subordinates. After leaving the cliff, he went to find Chen Qian with the intention of giving her the pearl.

But from Chen Qian, he learned the true culprit was Chen Shiluan's subordinate. Chen Qian didn't take the pearl and told him to leave quickly, urging him not to stay in the small town any longer.

Feeling lost, Lin Yun left the town. He had barely separated from Chen Qian and hadn't gone far before he was hunted again.

The person chasing him demanded he hand over the pearl so that he could grant Lin Yun a whole corpse!

Lin Yun realized that when he went to find Chen Qian, he had been seen by them, and they had set their eyes on his pearl.

Of course, Lin Yun wouldn't hand the pearl over so began to run. Due to the special Cultivation Technique passed down in his family, he narrowly escaped death and fled near the Heavenly Sword Faction.

Since the assassin could never catch Lin Yun alone, he gathered more and more people to hunt Lin Yun together.

Lin Yun found an opportunity to escape to the Heavenly Sword Faction, where he would be completely safe. But Mu Jinyu snatched his hat and cloak, and they found him. This led to the scene where he was once again pursued by a group of assassins.

So ultimately, the purpose for chasing Lin Yun wasn't initially to kill him and seize his treasure; they were just dealing with a troublesome pawn for someone else.

If Mu Jinyu had questioned more of the assassins, he would have uncovered this inside story, but Mu Jinyu only asked a few people and then lost interest, allowing Lin Yun to deal with them.

"Oh, is that so?"

Having listened to Lin Yun's story, Mu Jinyu looked at him with a faintly mocking expression.

After hearing Lin Yun's account, Mu Jinyu naturally understood the young man wasn't trying to rid himself of a troublesome item to avoid future problems, but rather he wanted to gamble, hoping Mu Jinyu would help him take revenge by returning to his small town!

With a smile, Mu Jinyu said, "Alright, this pearl is indeed useful to me. I can accept it and then give you two choices. One, I'll escort you to the Heavenly Sword Faction, where you'll no longer need to worry about this matter. Two, I'll accompany you back to your small town, and I'll help you strike a few times. It's up to you to choose..."

Chapter 1485 Lin Yun's Choice! Crushing the Dragon Ball!

Facing the two choices given by Mu Jinyu.

Lin Yun didn't hesitate and chose the second option.

Although the Heavenly Sword Faction was a great stage that could allow him to advance further on his path of cultivation,

compared to the despair of being hunted with no way out during this time, Lin Yun still wanted revenge more!

Otherwise, he felt that if he chose the first option and went directly to the Heavenly Sword Faction for cultivation, he might fall into madness and ruin his cultivation.

Besides, he believed he had some talent and might not be unable to enter the Heavenly Sword Faction on his own.

So, wasn't it natural for him to choose the second option?

Seeing Lin Yun make his choice, Mu Jinyu smiled and said, "Alright, then let's head to your small town now."

"Okay." Lin Yun's face of hatred dissipated upon hearing this, and he respectfully handed over the Dragon Ball to Mu Jinyu with both hands.

After Mu Jinyu received it, Lin Yun then jumped into the air and said to Mu Jinyu, "Senior, please follow me."

Mu Jinyu had just taken the Dragon Ball and hadn't really played with it yet. Hearing Lin Yun's words, he looked up at his eager expression and was speechless for a moment.

"Come down, I'll give you a Flying Shuttle, so you can take me directly..." Mu Jinyu let out a sigh of frustration and said.

"Hm? Isn't that too troublesome?" Lin Yun looked at Mu Jinyu in surprise and said softly.

Mu Jinyu straightforwardly said, "Due to some accident, I can't use True Yuan and Divine Sense, so now I only have a powerful physical body that can punch out a Fanxu Realm in a second, but I can't fly through the sky. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

"Ah? So that's how it is..."

Lin Yun, hearing Mu Jinyu's explanation, finally understood why Mu Jinyu seemed so strange; it turned out to be like this.

Thinking about his earlier actions intending to fly ahead as a guide, he also awkwardly smiled with embarrassment.

Then, Lin Yun descended from the sky.

Mu Jinyu casually tossed a Storage Bag to him, saying, "Pick any Flying Shuttle you like, don't worry about the Spirit Stones, they are more than enough!"

"Oh..."

Lin Yun responded, then caught Mu Jinyu's Storage Bag and probed it with his Divine Sense.

Upon seeing the dazzling array of treasures in Mu Jinyu's Storage Bag, he was instantly shocked!

Though he hadn't seen other powerful figures' Storage Bags, he wasn't a fool. He knew that an ordinary Unity Realm Stage powerhouse's Storage Bag might not be as luxurious as Mu Jinyu's, right?

Thus, Lin Yun instantly realized he might have encountered a true bigwig!

"You are..."

Lin Yun abruptly raised his head to look at Mu Jinyu, and asked with uncertainty and surprise, "You wouldn't happen to be... the Dragon Head Leader, Mu Jinyu?"

"It's me..." Mu Jinyu, after all, was seen by Lin Yun in his beaten state by Yin Li, no longer looking invincible. He was reluctant to admit his identity, so he hadn't introduced himself to Lin Yun.

But now that Lin Yun recognized him, there was no need to make up a fake identity.

No need for that.

"It's really you?!"

Lin Yun, upon hearing Mu Jinyu's response, was instantly shocked and excited.

"I've admired you so much! I wanted to join the Heavenly Sword Faction just to meet you, and I didn't expect us to be so fated..."

Mu Jinyu, hearing Lin Yun's excited words, waved his hand helplessly and said, "No need to be so excited, don't waste time, let's get going."

"Oh, oh, oh..."

Lin Yun snapped out of it, no longer shouting excitedly and quickly calmed down. He then took out a Flying Shuttle from Mu Jinyu's Storage Bag, following which he asked Mu Jinyu how to pilot it.

Mu Jinyu casually explained a few words, and Lin Yun immediately understood.

Then, Lin Yun returned the Storage Bag to Mu Jinyu and invited him onto the Flying Shuttle.

Once Mu Jinyu and Yin Li were on the Flying Shuttle, Lin Yun both piloted it towards his hometown and asked with some excitement and concern why Mu Jinyu couldn't use his True Yuan and Divine Sense.

Mu Jinyu found him too talkative and somewhat regretted agreeing to check because of a Dragon Ball.

After a brief explanation, Mu Jinyu was too lazy to say more.

Lin Yun noticed this and sensibly quieted down.

"Hehe, so you have fans too..."

Yin Li lay on Mu Jinyu's shoulder, looking at his gloomy face under his wide-brimmed hat with a veil and said with a giggle.

She had lived in Huaxia for a while and naturally learned many terms, feeling like a little schoolchild.

Mu Jinyu glanced at Yin Li and said, "Isn't that obvious? With me being so gifted and dashing, how could I not have fans? Even crazy fans are aplenty!"

"Oh, oh..." Yin Li nodded and said, "Then if you're so gifted and dashing, why don't you take off your hat? Isn't it kind of rude to hide from your fans...?"

Mu Jinyu's aura paused upon hearing this, then he glared at Yin Li, saying, "Can you stop rubbing salt in my wounds? Wasn't this because of you? Sigh, if it weren't for you being young, I wouldn't let you off like this!"

Yin Li stuck out her tongue and said, "Forget it, I won't dwell on it. This bead is a Dragon Ball, right? I feel a faint Dragon Qi inside..."

Mu Jinyu, upon hearing this, lowered his head and gazed again at the pale blue bead in his hand.

"Yes, it should be a Dragon Ball..." Mu Jinyu softly echoed, "If it weren't for it being a Dragon Ball and acquired through unique means, I wouldn't bother with this matter."

"You're thinking of checking if there are other Dragon Balls or something useful for you down the cliff?" Yin Li instantly guessed Mu Jinyu's intention.

"Yes, maybe it could help my recovery, and since we've given up on the Kunlun Dragon Veins for now, we might as well go and take a look..." Mu Jinyu replied.

Yin Li, upon hearing this, also recalled how Mu Jinyu had absorbed some Dragon Qi deep within the Underground Palace of the Heavenly Sword Faction, which helped his recovery, so she said, "Then first try absorbing this Dragon Ball... if it's useful, I'll assist you further..."

"What are you going to help me with?" Mu Jinyu turned his head to look at Yin Li curiously.

Yin Li didn't respond, just urged Mu Jinyu to act quickly.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu was too lazy to ask further, then he sat down cross-legged, closed his eyes, and crushed the Dragon Ball in his hand!

"Bang!"

The Dragon Ball shattered, and Mu Jinyu, suppressing his bodily discomfort, activated the "True Dragon Mystic Taoism" to absorb the dissipating Dragon Qi.

"True Dragon Mystic Taoism" was not a cultivation method but a special method focused on the bloodline and Dragon Destiny.

Since Mu Jinyu couldn't use Divine Sense and True Yuan now, he couldn't activate the "Green Emperor Wood Emperor Scripture" to absorb the Dragon Qi from the Dragon Ball, hence choosing this method.

However, as it was Mu Jinyu's first time trying this, he was unsure whether he could successfully absorb the Dragon Qi using "True Dragon Mystic Taoism" to restore his body!

"Whoosh!!"

Luckily, when Mu Jinyu activated the "True Dragon Mystic Taoism," the Dragon Qi released from the shattered Dragon Ball was immediately absorbed into his body.

Meanwhile, Lin Yun, controlling the Flying Shuttle upfront, heard the shattering sound and couldn't help turning back to look at Mu Jinyu in surprise.

Upon seeing Mu Jinyu crushing the Dragon Ball and cultivating by absorbing Dragon Qi, he widened his eyes in disbelief.

Wondering to himself, is this even possible?

Chapter 1486 The Dragon Ball Is Useful! News of Fury!

"Keep flying, don't just stand there..."

Yin Li saw Lin Yun showing signs of being dazed and naturally didn't want the Flying Shuttle to lose control, so he reminded Lin Yun.

"Oh, what?!"

Lin Yun immediately snapped out of his daze, promptly resumed controlling the Flying Shuttle to continue flying forward, then turned to Yin Li, staring in shock and disbelief, saying, "You... you can talk?"

He was just a young cultivator from a small place in the Divinity Transformation Realm, and naturally didn't know that after ferocious beasts became demon beasts and refined their throat bones, they could generally speak.

So seeing Yin Li able to speak left him extremely shocked.

After all, just now, Mu Jinyu and Yin Li's conversation was conducted entirely through telepathic communication, which he couldn't hear at all.

Yin Li rolled his eyes at his words, too lazy to answer his question.

Lin Yun remained shocked for a long time, but seeing Yin Li unwilling to answer him, he forced a helpless smile and refrained from repeatedly asking Yin Li.

But the shock in his heart didn't diminish in the slightest, realizing for the first time that ferocious beasts indeed could talk.

He couldn't help but admire Mu Jinyu even more, deserving his admiration as a remarkable figure, even the beast pet he subdued was extraordinary...

If Yin Li knew what Lin Yun was thinking, he might not resist striking him down!

However, fortunately, Lin Yun wasn't a fool; he noticed Yin Li's seemingly bad temper and naturally wouldn't voice these thoughts by seeking death.

Yin Li was indifferent to Lin Yun, his large eyes fixed on Mu Jinyu, wanting to see the effect of the Dragon Ball Mu Jinyu was absorbing.

"Boom!!"

After a while, Mu Jinyu's body slightly shook and then slowly opened his eyes.

Seeing this, Yin Li hurriedly asked, "How is it? Is it useful?"

"Yes!" Mu Jinyu uttered a single word, but it was laden with indescribable excitement and enthusiasm.

He then explained to Yin Li, "After refining the Dragon Qi, I triggered the Dragon Soul within me, starting to repair my damaged Dantian Qi Sea..."

"If I could have a bit more of this Dragon Qi, I'm not sure whether it would be effective in terms of the soul, but in terms of the Dantian, it should help me restore my Dantian, allowing me to cultivate again!"

"Oh, that's great..." Yin Li also smiled.

Mu Jinyu slightly restrained his excitement, stood up, gazed at the cloud scene ahead, and whispered, "I hope this trip yields some results..."

He was uncertain whether there were other Dragon Qi Crystals in the cliff area where Lin Yun had fallen, besides this one.

If there were, that would be excellent news.

If not, if there was only this crystal, then although the trip could not be called a loss, it would still be disappointing.

A few minutes later.

Under Lin Yun's cautious piloting, the Flying Shuttle crossed a majestic mountain range, then approached a small town.

"We're here!"

Lin Yun's eyes lit up upon seeing the small town, and he quickly turned back to announce to Mu Jinyu and the others.

"Yes." Mu Jinyu looked at the town below and said, "Let's go straight down."

Lin Yun nodded and then piloted the Flying Shuttle, descending towards the area below.

"Thunk!"

Lin Yun chose to land on a solitary, small hill outside the town.

Evidently, he was still afraid of causing unnecessary trouble by being seen, so he dared not directly charge into Chen Shiluan's mansion!

Mu Jinyu shook his head slightly but said nothing.

"Senior Mu, your Flying Shuttle."

Lin Yun put away the Flying Shuttle and respectfully handed it to Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu did not take it and casually said, "You keep it; I have plenty..."

Lin Yun heard this, his eyes filled with joy, but then he was slightly dim and shook his head, saying, "Never mind, Senior Mu, even if you give me the Flying Shuttle, I don't have enough Spirit Stones to power it. It's just decoration for me."

Mu Jinyu said, "I've stored enough Spirit Stones inside to fly for over half a day. As long as you don't use it daily, if you use it for life-saving purposes, it can save you several times..."

Lin Yun found this reasonable and then smiled as he received the Flying Shuttle, saying, "Thank you, Senior Mu."

Mu Jinyu nodded slightly and said, "Let's go. Directly find your enemy and then take me to the cliff you visited."

"Okay."

Lin Yun responded, his eyes showing complex emotions, and then led Mu Jinyu toward the town ahead.

When they reached the town gates, the two guards recognized Lin Yun, their expressions changed slightly, "It's you?! Lin Yun!"

"You're not dead?!"

"Dang!!"

"Ching!!"

The two City Guards, seeing Lin Yun, immediately raised their weapons, intending to kill Lin Yun!

"Ha!"

With Mu Jinyu backing him, Lin Yun wasn't afraid of causing a scene that couldn't be resolved.

Facing these two City Guards, he didn't need Mu Jinyu to intervene. He lightly exclaimed and drew his Long Sword Magical Treasure, swiftly cutting them down!

"Who dares to make trouble?!"

"Huh, that person looks familiar? Seems like... seems like Lin Yun, who stole the City Lord's treasure and fled?"

"Is it really him? He dares return? Didn't the City Lord send people to hunt him down? How could he escape and come back?"

"..."

As Lin Yun cut down these City Guards, the people at the town gate recognized him and began to gossip.

Lin Yun initially intended to finish off these City Guards who were about to kill him indiscriminately, but hearing the surrounding chatter.

He suddenly realized Chen Shiluan had tarnished his name after he escaped, wanting him to carry the stigma even in death.

So he ignored these few deceived people by Chen Shiluan, spared them, and quickly headed towards the City Lord's Mansion, the Chen Family controlled by Chen Shiluan!

"He dares to walk toward the City Lord's Mansion?"

"Is he seeking death?! Or surrendering?"

"He probably knows about Lin Yi's death and wants to confront the City Lord, right?"

"..."

Listening to the surrounding conversations, Lin Yun, striding toward the City Lord's Mansion, paused in his steps, suddenly turned back, his eyes bloodshot and staring at those people, his emotions uncontrollable, shouting, "What? What did you just say? My brother... he's dead?"

These people were startled by Lin Yun's reaction, but they weren't afraid of him. One replied, "Yes, after you stole from the City Lord and fled, the City Lord caught your brother to lure you out, giving you a day to appear, but you didn't. So the City Lord had Lin Yi killed!"

"Damn beast!!"

Lin Yun, upon hearing those words, tears of blood streamed down his face, shouting and roaring skyward in anguish.

Lin Yi wasn't his biological brother; he was his cousin. Though their relationship was quite good, they were not blood-related. Lin Yun didn't foresee implicating him when he escaped.

But he didn't expect Chen Shiluan to be so ruthless, causing Lin Yi's death!

Originally, when Lin Yun returned with Mu Jinyu for revenge, he hadn't planned to kill Chen Shiluan, knowing he still had unfinished feelings for Chen Qian.

Thought maybe they had a chance...

But now, with Lin Yi's untimely death!

Chen Shiluan...

Lin Yun vowed to kill him!

Chapter 1487 Empowered by Pills! Furious Battle Against Chen Shiluan!

"Ah!!"

Lin Yun let out a scream that sounded inhuman, fist clenched, veins bulging, then he looked at Mu Jinyu and knelt down with a thud.

"Senior Mu, I beg you to help me, help me avenge..."

Mu Jinyu heard their previous conversation and was aware that Lin Yun's family was brutally killed by others, sighed and said, "Do you want me to help you get revenge or do you want to avenge them yourself?"

"Can I avenge them myself?" Lin Yun suddenly looked up at Mu Jinyu, his eyes filled with hope and excitement.

"Yes, I have some elixirs that can enhance your strength, but there will be some side effects, however..."

Mu Jinyu hadn't finished his sentence.

Lin Yun interrupted excitedly, "I beg Senior Mu to grant me this elixir... I want to avenge them myself!"

"Alright."

Mu Jinyu nodded gently, then handed the storage bag to Yin Li, asking him to retrieve a bottle of elixir for him.

Yin Li did not resist this time and quickly handed him a bottle of elixir.

Mu Jinyu opened the stopper, poured out a round, black elixir, and tossed it to Lin Yun, explaining, "This elixir is an enhanced version of the Mad Demon Life-Reducing Pill. It doesn't have as severe side effects as the Mad Demon Life-Reducing Pill, using lifespan as a cost, but after consuming it, there will be a month-long weakness period where you can't use any True Yuan or Divine Sense. However, the strength it enhances is better than the Mad Demon Life-Reducing Pill."

"Thank you, Senior Mu..."

Lin Yun listened to Mu Jinyu's introduction and didn't mind the side effects of weakness for a month. Even if Mu Jinyu gave him the Mad Demon Life-Reducing Pill, as long as he could avenge them himself, he wouldn't mind.

Lin Yun held the elixir tightly, then bowed to the ground, banging his head heavily several times for Mu Jinyu, and then threw the elixir into his mouth, swallowing it down.

"Boom!!"

As Lin Yun consumed the elixir, his cultivation soared rapidly, soon reaching the Ninth Layer of the Divine Transformation Realm.

But then it stopped there.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu frowned, feeling that with such cultivation, it might not be enough to handle Chen Shiluan.

Just as Lin Yun was about to head to the City Lord's Mansion to kill, Mu Jinyu said, "Wait a moment..."

Lin Yun looked at Mu Jinyu confusedly but obediently stopped his steps.

Mu Jinyu asked Yin Li to retrieve another bottle of elixir for him, then opened the stopper, poured out a scarlet red elixir, and tossed it to Lin Yun, stating, "This elixir is the Blood Ignite Pill, which effects are slightly inferior to the previous one, but the side effects are worse. That's why I didn't take it out for you earlier. Its only advantage is that it can be stacked with the effects of the previous elixir..."

"After consumption, you should be able to temporarily possess Fanxu Realm strength, but the side effects of the two elixirs combined together may cause you weakness for about three months!"

Lin Yun listened to Mu Jinyu's words, his eyes showing no fear, instead a flash of joy, then unhesitatingly consumed the thick, blood-like, scarlet red elixir.

"Boom!!"

As the elixir was swallowed, Lin Yun's overwhelming aura soared again, directly breaking through the bottleneck of the Divine Transformation Realm and entering the Fanxu Realm!

"So... this is the feeling of the Fanxu Realm?"

Lin Yun muttered softly, his eyes hazy.

"Boom!!"

"Which esteemed senior graces us with their presence..."

As Lin Yun's cultivation quickly reached the Fanxu Realm, there was a commotion at the Chen Family Estate as well, with the Heaven and Earth Vital Energy swirling about, followed by a stable yet questioning voice.

It was Chen Shiluan!

Moments later, Chen Shiluan shot up from the Chen Family Mansion, standing proudly in the sky above the small town, his gaze scanning sharply like lightning.

Soon, his eyes focused on Lin Yun, whose overwhelming aura couldn't be restrained!

"It's you?!"

Although Chen Shiluan had not paid much attention to this young Lin Yun, he still remembered his appearance.

Seeing Lin Yun appear again, his cultivation reaching a realm that he himself was stuck at the threshold and couldn't surpass, his pupils contracted, involuntarily letting out an exclamation.

"Old bastard! Die!"

As the saying goes, enemies when met are especially enraged. Seeing Chen Shiluan stirred by his own ascent to the Fanxu Realm, Lin Yun's eyes turned redder, almost dripping blood. He let out a wrathful, murderous growl and charged into the air!

"Clang!!"

He gripped the long knife that had previously slain all assassins, tightly in his hand once more.

Holding this knife, Lin Yun felt a deep sadness. This knife was a gift from his cousin Lin Yi, but now the knife remained while the person had already been harmed!

"Die!"

Lin Yun's mind flashed with the image of his cousin's sincere and steadfast smile, tears of blood flowed down, his eyes full of rage, he roared and slashed fiercely at Chen Shiluan with the radiant blade light!

"Boom!!"

Chen Shiluan was surprised to see Lin Yun's cultivation reach the Fanxu Realm, astonished, he wanted to ask how Lin Yun did it but was met with Lin Yun's intent to kill.

Suddenly shocked and angry, he hurriedly gathered Heavenly Circulating Essence into a solid shield to protect himself.

However, faced with Lin Yun's slash, his hastily executed technique was inadequate, instantly shattered by Lin Yun's wrathful blade light!

"Slash!"

The blade light erupted, the murderous intent unparalleled.

Seeing this, Chen Shiluan exerted all means and just narrowly managed to avoid a fatal hit.

But his arm was cut open with a long gash, blood pouring down from the sky.

"You!"

"You brat, actually managed to reach the Fanxu Realm?!"

Chen Shiluan didn't pay much attention to his hurt hand, his eyes filled with anger and surprise as he looked at Lin Yun, issuing an incredulous shout.

Earlier, he noticed Lin Yun's aura was unusual, doubting if he truly entered Fanxu Realm. But now, having personally taken Lin Yun's blow, he understood that the opponent indeed had entered the Fanxu Realm!

This made him feel very vexed and angry. Not long ago, Lin Yun was just a Divine Transformation Realm youngster he could easily crush, yet now, he was stuck at the Divine Transformation Realm's bottleneck while Lin Yun had already moved into the Fanxu Realm?

This kid, was his talent really so extraordinary?

For some reason, a feeling of regret stirred in Chen Shiluan's heart, thinking perhaps he shouldn't have forcibly broken up him and his daughter back then...

"Old bastard, for harming my cousin, give your life!"

Seeing his slash truly hurt the once aloof and superior Chen Shiluan, Lin Yun couldn't help but feel a surge of excitement and thrills, with intensifying murderous intent, he yelled angrily and once again wielded the long knife in his hand. Blazing blade light flashed, slashed down furiously!!

"Boom!!"

Lin Yun's slash emerged, seemingly draining the colors from heaven and earth, painting the sky above the small town in a fiery red.

In the City Lord's Mansion.

A delicate-featured young girl was frowning as she embroidered, suddenly pricking her fingertip, a crimson blood bead seeping out.

"Ah!!"

She let out a cry of pain, quickly putting her finger in her mouth to suck, then looking up she saw her father atop the City Lord's Mansion facing the slash that changed the sky's color.

Chapter 1488 Three Strikes to Defeat the City Lord! If You Want to Kill, Kill Me First!

"That's Lin Yun..."

The young girl was Chen Qian. When she saw Lin Yun standing off against her father from a distance, she immediately gasped and covered her mouth.

"Boom!!"

Chen Qian saw that Lin Yun's slash was barely caught by her father, but it still inevitably caused him to spit out a mouthful of blood. Overwhelmed with anxiety and unease, she immediately stood up and rushed outside.

Her mind was a mess, with countless thoughts flooding her mind.

How did Lin Yun come back?

How did he become so strong? Not even her father was his match?

What on earth is going on?

...

"Boom!!"

Chen Shiluan barely managed to withstand Lin Yun's second blade light. Although he survived, his luxurious clothes turned into rags and his hair turned into a bird's nest, making him appear extremely disheveled.

"Damn it!"

"You little beast, you're courting death!"

"I should not have let you escape before!"

Chen Shiluan roared with uncontrollable rage.

At this moment, alongside his anger, he also felt endless regret.

But it wasn't the kind of regret about breaking up Lin Yun and his daughter.

It was regret for not having crushed this little beast to death back then, which allowed this ant to jump up and try to kill him!

However, Chen Shiluan felt somewhat relieved, as from Lin Yun's two slashes, he noticed some issues.

Although Lin Yun's cultivation had reached the Fanxu Realm, his level hadn't.

He hadn't yet transformed his sword intent into intent domain, nor comprehended a domain, which meant he was just at the tenth layer of the Fanxu Realm, only one layer stronger than himself!

"Hah!!"

Lin Yun gripped his long blade tight, murderous intent bursting from his eyes. After the previous two slashes, he felt some of the endless rage in his chest had been vented, making him feel much better!

"Die!"

This time, Lin Yun was determined to slash Chen Shiluan to death. With a shout, his seemingly inexhaustible True Yuan surged madly into the long blade, causing the blade, which wasn't of a high rank, to emit a piercing screech.

It seemed as if it might break at any moment!

"Boom!!"

Finally, Lin Yun channeled enough True Yuan into the long blade and fiercely cleaved forward!

"Riiip!!"

The blade light dragged out from the long blade, transforming into a blood-red lightning bolt, instantly shooting toward Chen Shiluan.

This time, Chen Shiluan was prepared, not defending hastily. With a roar, the abundant True Yuan formed a light shield to protect him!

However, to his astonishment, Lin Yun's slash was far more terrifying than the previous two.

With a "boom," his protective shield shattered instantly!

"Riiip!!"

The blade light tore through the shield, its force slightly diminished, but it was still extremely sharp, slashing directly through Chen Shiluan, gutting him open!

"Splatter!!"

Immediately, a downpour of blood rained from the sky as though at no cost.

Chen Shiluan's body, like a kite with a broken string, swayed in the air before plummeting down!

"Father!!"

At the gates of the City Lord's Mansion, Chen Qian just rushed out and, seeing this scene, let out a heart-wrenching cry!

"Wow, Lin Yun is fierce, how did he manage that? He gutted the City Lord, almost splitting him in two!"

"Unbelievable, is the City Lord dead now?"

"We were lucky, thank goodness, that when Lin Yun questioned us earlier, we weren't mocking or taunting him; otherwise, we'd be doomed!"

"..."

The spectators, seeing Lin Yun defeating the City Lord utterly with just three slashes, all stood there, dumbfounded, before breaking into a low roar like a boiling pot of oil.

Their gaze at Lin Yun changed from pity and disdainful ridicule to awe and anxiety.

And their gaze at Mu Jinyu became all the more fearful.

After all, they saw with their own eyes that when Lin Yun came over with Mu Jinyu, his cultivation was merely in the Divinity Transformation Realm. But after taking a few of the Elixirs given by Mu Jinyu, his cultivation skyrocketed to the Fanxu Realm!

Even if that Fanxu Realm cultivation is temporary, Mu Jinyu's capabilities are terrifying enough!

It suggests he is at least an elite in the Fanxu Realm!

To a small town where the strongest was only at the Half-Step Return to Void Realm, this was incredibly formidable and unattainable!

Standing in midair, Lin Yun, after knocking Chen Shiluan down to the ground, unable to fight back, felt his True Yuan nearly drained with that final slash, leaving him weak!

Breathing heavily while standing midair, he felt his cultivation unstable, his Qi-blood boiling, as though about to fall back to the Divinity Transformation Realm from the Fanxu Realm.

However, Lin Yun wasn't worried at this point; the Half-Step Return to the Void Realm Chen Shiluan was already defeated by him, and even if his cultivation fell back to the Divinity Transformation Realm, he could still easily kill Chen Shiluan!

Just as he was about to go down to end Chen Shiluan's life completely!

He heard that familiar yet distant cry.

Then, stiffly, he turned his neck, looking down at the richly dressed young girl rushing out from the City Lord's Mansion.

Lin Yun's gaze immediately turned complicated.

The hand holding the blade began to tremble slightly involuntarily.

But in his mind appeared his cousin's simple smile and the pitiful scene he imagined before his cousin's death...

Lin Yun's gaze instantly firmed, sweeping away any complexity!

"Phew..."

Stepping forward, Lin Yun swiftly descended from the air to the ground, standing in front of Chen Qian, who was holding Chen Shiluan and weeping into tears.

"Dad, don't die... hurry and take the elixir, you can't die..."

Chen Qian hugged Chen Shiluan tightly, anxiously sobbing, taking out an elixir in a fluster to feed him. Her clothes were quickly stained red by the blood gushing from Chen Shiluan's opened abdomen!

At that moment, she also felt an intense murderous aura emanating from in front of her, causing her body to stiffen.

Slowly looking up, Chen Qian saw Lin Yun staring at her coldly, his gaze void of the innocence and gentleness it once held.

"Move aside! I don't want to kill you!"

Lin Yun spoke, his voice still hoarse.

"No!"

"No!!"

Chen Qian clung tightly to Chen Shiluan's body, frantically shaking her head as she cried out, "He's my father, please spare him... Lin Yun, I'm begging you..."

"Heh heh heh..."

Hearing Chen Qian's words, Lin Yun couldn't help but let out a low laugh, resembling the wail of a fierce ghost from the Nine Serenities!

"Spare him? Who spared my cousin? Who spared my cousin Lin Yi?! Huh?!"

He roared angrily at Chen Qian.

Chen Qian's body stiffened, her expression extremely complex.

She certainly knew of Lin Yi's death; she had already felt somewhat unable to face Lin Yun and had thought about how she could persuade him to spare her father if Lin Yun learned of the news and wanted to fight Chen Shiluan desperately...

But now, Lin Yun, for some unknown reason, reached the Fanxu Realm, injuring her father so badly...

Faced again with Lin Yun's questioning, Chen Qian felt deeply ashamed!

Yet, no matter how ashamed she felt or how afraid she was to face Lin Yun, Chen Shiluan was ultimately her father...

Gritting her teeth, Chen Qian stood up abruptly, shielding Chen Shiluan behind her, closing her eyes, "If you want to kill my father, then kill me first..."

"Swipe!"

A brilliant and tragic blade light flashed!

Chen Qian felt a sudden lightness all over and a dizziness in her head. She couldn't help but open her eyes, just to see herself spinning in the air.

And then, she saw Lin Yun standing below, while she...

Was also down there, with arms outstretched to block Lin Yun, except...

Without a head!

Chapter 1489: Numbing Himself! The Discovery After Crashing Down the Cliff!

"Am I dead?"

"So... he really could be so ruthless..."

Chen Qian gave a sorrowful smile, and her consciousness completely dissipated.

Meanwhile, Lin Yun below, after killing Chen Qian with a slash, slowly closed his eyes, gave a few bitter laughs, and swung his blade forward again!

"Bang!"

Chen Qian's headless corpse standing before him was immediately cleaved in two by his blade, flying to both sides. The blade aura continued to slash forward, hacking the heavily injured and unconscious Chen Shiluan alive in two!

"Swish, swish, swish!!"

Lin Yun struck again, and with a whirlwind of blade shadows, quickly chopped the remains in front into minced meat!

"Clang!!"

Lin Yun dropped the knife in his hand, suddenly clutched his head, and let out a piercing howl!

"Ah!!"

The sound shook for a hundred miles, causing the surrounding buildings to tremble, nearly collapsing!

The onlookers eyed the scene with fear, all staying far away, not daring to get too close.

"Pfft!!"

Lin Yun spat out a mouthful of blood, darkness enveloping his vision as all the rampant energy within him dissipated, and he staggered forward!

"Hmm?!"

"Kill!"

At this moment, a dead warrior cultivated by Chen Shiluan, who had been hiding nearby, rushed out upon seeing Lin Yun falling unconscious, intending to avenge Chen Shiluan!

"Hmm!"

Mu Jinyu, who had been silently watching Lin Yun's revenge, coldly snorted when he saw someone trying to kill Lin Yun after the elixir's effect had worn off, and flicked his fingers repeatedly!

"Bang, bang, bang!!"

Several first grade elixirs were shot out by Mu Jinyu as hidden weapons, blasting one person into a bloody pulp upon contact!

Even though Mu Jinyu's cultivation was completely lost now, it was still quite easy for him to kill these in the Divinity Transformation Realm!

In an instant, over a dozen loyal dead warriors of Chen Shiluan were all dead!

"Phew..."

Mu Jinyu exhaled lightly, then stepped forward, picked up Lin Yun, and headed towards the City Lord's Mansion ahead.

"Boom!!"

The restrictions of the City Lord's Mansion were so crude and simple that they couldn't stop Mu Jinyu's steps and were instantly broken by him.

Mu Jinyu casually found a room, placed Lin Yun on the bed, and then asked Yin Li to help find some elixirs, which he began to administer to Lin Yun.

Time flashed by, and a day's time passed.

Lin Yun also regained consciousness from his coma.

"Uh..."

Lin Yun's eyelashes trembled lightly as he slowly opened his eyes, feeling as if his head was about to explode with pain, and his entire body was so weak that he couldn't even lift his hand to rub his temples.

"Awake?"

A somewhat unfamiliar, yet somewhat familiar voice sounded nearby.

Very soon, Lin Yun remembered that it was Mu Jinyu's voice.

"Benefactor!"

Lin Yun arduously lifted his head and saw Mu Jinyu sitting by the bedside, watching him, and immediately called out gratefully.

"No need for that, take a good rest. In a few days, once you're able to move, take me to find that cliff..."  
Mu Jinyu put down a bowl of porridge, then called a maid to help Lin Yun with his meals.

This maid was certainly not a maid from the City Lord's Mansion. After bringing Lin Yun inside, Mu Jinyu dismissed the City's Lord's servants and maids.

After all, they were all scared witless, and some might be die-hards trying to harm Lin Yun!

And given his current condition, it wasn't easy to check them thoroughly, so dismissing them was the best option.

Afterward, he casually used the City Lord's Mansion's money to recruit many new maids and servants.

These people weren't as scared of him, and taking care of Lin Yun allowed Mu Jinyu to rest easier.

Time flashed by, and another three days passed.

Lin Yun was able to get out of bed and walk.

When he curiously asked Mu Jinyu why, Mu Jinyu told him that originally he should have been bedridden for three months, but with his intervention, the aftereffects of those elixirs were nothing much.

If it weren't for his current bodily issues, he could have gotten him out of bed on the first day. Now, managing in four days was already exhaustive.

Once Lin Yun could get out of bed, he quietly found Chen Qian's corpse and buried her alone.

When he returned, Mu Jinyu saw that his mood had improved significantly, no longer as heavy and sorrowful, and curiously asked, "If possible, could you tell me how you could bear to kill that woman? I could tell you genuinely liked her..."

Lin Yun gave a self-deprecating smile and said, "What's there that can't be said? It's all in the past now..."

He paused, then spoke with a numb expression, "I did truly like her, but what of it? In her heart, I was nothing compared to her father!"

"If that day I had lost to Chen Shiluan, that old beast, and he was about to kill me, do you think she would risk her life to stand in front of me, threatening her father unto death to save me?"

"Heh heh heh..."

Lin Yun gave a self-mocking laugh and said, "My life and my cousin's were never within her consideration. From the moment she threatened me unto death, there was no turning back for us!"

"So, there's really no problem for me to kill her!"

Finishing, Lin Yun sighed with regret, "Unfortunately, I don't know where they've thrown Lin Yi's body, and I can't even pay my respects to him..."

"Alas..." Mu Jinyu sighed slightly and said no more, "Get some rest early."

Lin Yun said, "Benefactor, tomorrow I'll take you to find the pearl you wanted."

"Alright."

Mu Jinyu paused in his steps, looked back at Lin Yun, hesitated for a moment, and agreed.

He wasn't in any particular rush, but he could see that Lin Yun wasn't really wanting to rest, just wanting to numb himself with frenzied activity, so he went along with it.

He didn't insist on having Lin Yun rest well.

After all, his body was pretty well recovered now.

The first day, early in the morning, Lin Yun got up to find Mu Jinyu.

"Alright, let's set off."

Mu Jinyu didn't bother having breakfast, called Yin Li, and followed Lin Yun to a cliff outside their small town.

When they arrived at the cliff, Mu Jinyu couldn't help but be a little surprised.

Because during Lin Yun's resting days, he and Yin Li, having nothing to do, had also searched the area.

And they had searched this cliff but found nothing.

He had thought the cliff Lin Yun mentioned might be a harder-to-find place, so he kept waiting patiently.

But if it was just here, it was a bit disappointing because there was likely nothing to find.

"Benefactor, it's below here, let's go down..."

With that, Lin Yun jumped down from the cliff first.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu couldn't very well leave him unattended, especially given his current weakened state—it would be problematic if Lin Yun couldn't return after going down.

Thus, Mu Jinyu had to grab onto Yin Li's tail and leap down the cliff.

"Whhooosh..."

The sound of the wind howled, with Yin Li's angry shout, "You stupid pig, who said you could grab my tail? Let go immediately!"

"Boom!"

Finally, Yin Li shook off Mu Jinyu's hand, leaving him without True Yuan to fly, plummeting hard into the ground.

"Ugh... that hurts..."

Mu Jinyu got up from the human-shaped crater in the ground, rubbing his back and looking at Yin Li speechlessly, then noted that at the bottom of the crater he hit, there seemed to be something!

"Hmm... what's this?!"

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Mu Jinyu noticed that in the human-shaped pit he had smashed open, there was a thin, grayish-white mesh that resembled a spider web.

And beneath this mesh lay layers of fragmented white bones...

Mu Jinyu turned to Yin Li and asked, "Didn't you say you found nothing?"

Yin Li slightly frowned and mumbled, "Yes, when I released my Divine Sense to probe earlier, I indeed found nothing. Even now, although we can see these broken webs and bones with our eyes, there's still nothing under my Divine Sense scan!"

"It seems there are some problems here indeed..." Mu Jinyu's eyes glinted with curiosity.

Just then, Lin Yun said, "Benefactor, it was over there where I discovered that Dragon Ball..."

As he spoke, Lin Yun pointed his hand towards a nearby pit.

There, too, were scattered white bones.

However, there was no grayish-white mesh.

Previously, when Mu Jinyu and Yin Li came down to investigate, they overlooked it for this reason.

"Huh, the mesh is disappearing..."

Just as Mu Jinyu was about to check out the pit Lin Yun pointed to, he heard Yin Li exclaim in surprise.

He turned back to see that in the pit he had just smashed out, the gray mesh covering the broken bones was gradually dissolving.

It seemed as though it couldn't come into contact with air, otherwise, it would immediately disperse.

"It's really peculiar!"

Mu Jinyu felt increasingly convinced that some secret was hidden here.

Then, he instructed Lin Yun to use his techniques to bombard the area and see what would appear after the underground mesh and bones were blown apart.

"Okay!"

Lin Yun naturally did not refuse Mu Jinyu's request.

Mu Jinyu had helped him so much, now it was his turn to help Mu Jinyu.

So, he asked Mu Jinyu and Yin Li to stand aside, and then he floated into the air, waving his hand to gather a massive amount of Elemental Qi around him.

"Buzzing!!"

Heaven and Earth Vital Energy continuously gathered in Lin Yun's hands, transforming into white bubbles, which then formed a massive energy light ball in his hand!

"Go!!"

Once the energy light ball reached Lin Yun's limit, he felt it hurt all over his body; he swung with great force, throwing the energy light ball to the ground!

"Bang!!"

In an instant, dazzling light illuminated the entire cliff bottom, the world was left only in white, with no other colors visible.

Then, a terrifying gust of wind surged in all directions.

Once calm returned, Mu Jinyu fixed his gaze.

He saw that the ground impacted by Lin Yun's energy light ball had crumbled, revealing a huge tunnel underneath.

This place still holds more wonders!

An underground tunnel lies hidden!

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu's eyes lit up, and he then called upon Yin Li to use her Divine Sense to investigate.

Yin Li muttered unwillingly but still obediently released her Divine Sense to probe for Mu Jinyu. She finally shook her head and said, "No, whether it's some kind of restriction or something else, I still can't detect anything down there!"

"If that's the case, let's go down and take a look!"

After some hesitation, Mu Jinyu quickly made up his mind!

Go down and take a look.

Although his Cultivation had been damaged, lowering his powers by nearly two-thirds, he did not think there would be any danger below.

Even if there were, with Yin Li's strength combined with his, they should be able to handle it.

"Benefactor, are you going down?" Lin Yun asked worriedly upon seeing this, then gritted his teeth and said, "Then I'll accompany you..."

Mu Jinyu glanced at him and shook his head, "No need, you haven't fully recovered from your injuries. Stay up here and wait for us, or you can go back. After all, I am here to help you get revenge, which was the reason you led me here. Your job is done!"

"But..." Lin Yun looked conflicted.

Mu Jinyu said, "Don't worry, we'll be fine. The reason I want you to go back is that the area below might be quite large, with other exits. There's a good chance we won't come back out this way. It's inconvenient for you to wait here for us and then for us to have to notify you. Just go back..."

With Mu Jinyu's explanation, Lin Yun no longer insisted and nodded, "Alright, I understand, Benefactor..."

With that, he prepared to head back up.

Mu Jinyu glanced at him and added, "Oh, if you want to join the Heavenly Sword Faction, you can mention my name and take this."

As he spoke, Mu Jinyu tossed an object to Lin Yun.

Lin Yun caught it; it was an Identity Plaque.

It was precisely the Identity Plaque Mu Jinyu had when he was an Inner Sect Disciple in the Heavenly Sword Faction.

If Lin Yun wanted to join the Heavenly Sword Faction in the future, mentioning his name and presenting this plaque would let the Sect Leader know it was indeed Mu Jinyu's will, and they would allow Lin Yun to join.

"Thank you, Benefactor!"

Lin Yun stored the plaque and gratefully thanked Mu Jinyu.

"A win-win, that's all. Alright, I'm going down, see you if our paths cross again!"

Mu Jinyu waved his hand to Lin Yun, then jumped into the dark tunnel below.

"Gurgle..."

Yin Li called out, flicked her little tail, and followed Mu Jinyu into the tunnel below.

Lin Yun watched, casting a deep glance at the pitch-black tunnel entrance that seemed to swallow people whole, silently praying for them before heading back up the cliff.

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After experiencing a wave of disorienting weightlessness, it felt like passing through layers of transport light screens.

"Thud!"

Mu Jinyu finally felt himself land heavily on the ground!

"Damn, I feel like I've become blind here. I can't see or sense anything!"

After rising to his feet, Mu Jinyu couldn't help but speak in a tone of panic.

Then, he loudly called out, "Yin Li! Yin Li, are you there?"

No response!

This made Mu Jinyu even more anxious.

"What the heck? Could we have gotten separated while falling?"

Mu Jinyu muttered to himself in uncertainty.

He had a bit of regret, thinking he should have held onto Yin Li on their way down.

"Yin Li!"

"Yin Li?!"

"Yin Li, are you there? Say something?"

Mu Jinyu kept calling out, but heard no response.

He stayed in place, hoping that Yin Li would find him or hear his calls.

After waiting for what felt like half an hour, there was still no movement.

Mu Jinyu realized he might have really lost Yin Li.

"Sigh..."

Mu Jinyu sighed softly, feeling distressed. It was his first time experiencing this sensation of having his senses sealed, akin to being blind.

Then, Mu Jinyu decided not to wait for Yin Li anymore. They had probably parted ways, and he hoped to find her by moving forward.

"Tap, tap, tap..."

Mu Jinyu chose a direction and began walking, a sense of solitude and despair clouding over him, making him uncertain of his purpose.

"Tap!"

A heavy feeling enveloped Mu Jinyu's heart, as he felt he had stepped on something!

Something rather hard!

"Hmm?!"

Mu Jinyu squinted his eyes slightly and then knelt down to feel around underfoot.

"Hmm?! It seems to be... a Dragon Qi Crystal?"

Although engulfed in darkness and unable to see what he held, Mu Jinyu had a strong feeling that it resembled the Dragon Qi Crystal he previously acquired from Lin Yun!