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“Heavenly Plum God Race?” Yi Tianyun said as he read the writing on the paper. Yi Tianyun knew that this Hidden World Clan’s name has the same amount of power as the Heavenly Netherworld Divine Nation in Ghost World, although they have gone into hiding now.

Fortunately, finding them didn’t seem that hard as they resided on Heavenly Plum Mountain Range. Therefore, Yi Tianyun didn’t have to search throughout the whole Heaven World for their whereabouts!

“No wonder no one knows about the symbol they use. It appears to be a long-forgotten Faction!” Yi Tianyun said with a frown, but he encountered another problem as he remembered that Heavenly Plum Mountain Range wasn’t included on the list of Extremely Cold Cultivation Places. But it may be simply because the Heavenly Plum Mountain Range wasn’t accessible from the outside world, and therefore the information about that place was not known to the public.

“Now, if Shi Xueyun is really there and I blindly searched for her at the Extremely Cold Place on the list, I won’t be able to find her!” Yi Tianyun said with a smile on his face. But he wasn’t that stupid. He originally wanted to hunt for Demon Beast and accumulate his Crazy Points again to buy the Soul Guide.

“The information I got from Zuo Qiu Divine Nation is really detailed enough.” Yi Tianyun was satisfied with the information.

“That’s a relief! We Zuo Qiu Divine Nation would definitely try our best to satisfy Young Master Yi.” The Divine Envoy said with a smile on his face.

“Very good, then come over.” Yi Tianyun said as he signalled for the Zuo Qiu Divine Envoy to come closer. Yi Tianyun then pulled a Jade Pendant and gave it to him.

“You can confirm it yourself. This is the reward that I promised.” Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

The Divine Envoy immediately verified the Jade Pendant that Yi Tianyun gave him excitedly, and after a few moments, they become much more thrilled. "Thank you very much, Young Master Yi! This is a real one indeed!"

"Sure, then I would check your information anytime soon, but if I find out that you are lying, don't blame me for what happens later!" Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

"Absolutely, Young Master Yi! Our Holy King even ordered me to guide you there if you want me to, there would be no problem! We, Zuo Qiu Divine Nation, seem to be relatively close with the Heavenly Plum Clan in the past." The Divine Envoy said confidently.

"If that so? Well, no wonder you are the fastest to return." Yi Tianyun said with a smile on his face. Yi Tianyun just nodded his head in agreement as he didn't really care that much about other Divine Nations. As long as it wasn't misleading information, he wouldn't even bat an eye at the Divine Nation later!

But the Heavenly Plum Clan might be a problem later as there was no doubt that they wouldn't let any outsiders just waltz into their territory easily! There must be something that they tried to hide to take their entire clan and lived in seclusion like that.

"Yes, it was really easy to get the information after I inquire the elders at Zuo Qiu Divine Nation!" the Divine Envoy said with no shame.

At the same time, the Smelting Trial also reached its end. He Rongkun finally lost, taking the fourth position with him. Sadly, only the top three were rewarded by the Smelting Trial, and therefore He Rongkun walked out with nothing.

"He finally lost!" Wei Feizhou said with a little hint of sadness, but overall, he was satisfied that He Rongkun could go that far!

"Master, I am sorry! I lost!" He Rongkun said as soon as he came down with a frustrated look on his face. He honestly thought that he could achieve the top three position, but it was tough!

"It's fine! You honestly have worked yourself very hard! You exceeded my expectation. Now, if you have a better master that could improve your Martial Arts, it'd be a totally different story!" Wei Feizhou said with a proud look on his face, but there was a hint of remorse too.

Wei Feizhou knew that one other reason that He Rongkun lost the Smelting Trial was because Wei Feizhou couldn't provide a better Martial Arts for him.

"Your Innate Ability is great; too bad you are too early!" Yi Tianyun said with a smile on his face. Yi Tianyun then patted He Rongkun's back several times, and a light appeared on Yi Tianyun's hand. He Rongkun suddenly saw a memory that was not his own on his mind. "Now, this is to improve your Martial Art. If you learn from that memory I just gave you, no one would ever say that your Martial Arts is lacking again!" Yi Tianyun said excitedly.

He Rongkun closed his eyes immediately as the memory itself was actually a little bit overwhelming, and thus he couldn't say a proper thanks for Yi Tianyun.

"Thank you very much once again, Young Master Yi! Being able to meet you is really a blessing in my life!" Wei Feizhou said as he knelt in front of Yi Tianyun respectfully. He didn't know what Martial Arts that Yi Tianyun has given to He Rongkun, but he knew it was definitely something special!

"Get up. There's no need for you to kneel. You should have faith in your disciple and take advantage of my gift in the future!" Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

Others began to look at Wei Feizhou in envy as they also thought it would be nice to receive the same treatment from Yi Tianyun.

"Young Master Yi, this may sound shameless coming from me after all you've done, but I have some request for you!" Wei Feizhou said as he still knelt in front of Yi Tianyun.

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Yi Tianyun looked at Wei Feizhou inquisitively, but he didn't say anything as he still waits for Wei Feizhou for what he wants. "Is it taking your disciple as mine?" Yi Tianyun made a guess.

“Yes! I know He Rongkun’s innate ability is good, but I am not a master who could help him grow. I want Young Master Yi to take him under your wings and maybe consider him as your servant at first. I believe that he will grow as long as he is next to you.” Wei Feizhou said confidently. But it was still a big decision for him to let his disciple go like this.

Now that He Rongkun had a great Martial Art and weapon. In a few years, he believed that He Rongkun would surpass him. At the same time, Yi Tianyun already knew what Wei Feizhou wants. He has already experienced a lot of things and already noticed that Wei Feizhou really wanted the best for He Rongkun.

“Why are you willing to do this?” Yi Tianyun asked.

“He Rongkun was blessed. If he keeps walking by my side, I am afraid he wouldn’t improve. If it were with you, Young Master Yi, I believe it would be so much different. No matter where I go, I know that there is no way I can get so much resource to provide for him.” Wei Feizhou said honestly.

Yi Tianyun admired Wei Feizhou as he saw a great man in him. It was clear to Yi Tianyun that Wei Feizhou wasn’t a man who wanted treasure and glory for himself.

“He is surely good, but I am afraid I don’t have time to take him back with me now, but just give me an address, and I will come to get him later!” Yi Tianyun said with a smile on his face. Yi Tianyun also knew that He Rongkun was a good pick. He is like a diamond in the rough that needed to be polished. If someone did it right, he would become a precious diamond later!

“Thank you very much, Young Master!” Wei Feizhou said excitedly. He finally could give He Rongkun a promising future, and that made him really happy!

“But, you will also come with me. If you are a rogue cultivator, then there would be no problem at all.” Yi Tianyun said casually.

“Are you sure? Thank you very much, Young master!” Wei Feizhou said as he felt thrilled that Yi Tianyun would also invite him over. He knew that he had no potential at all. His power would roughly stay the same no matter what he did.

“Sure, why would I lie?” Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

“No, my apologies, Young master! But I am just a weak cultivator, and I am afraid I would be a burden later.” Wei Feizhou said worriedly.

“I never take people for their power. It’s what’s inside that matters!” Yi Tianyun said with a smile.

“Thank you very much for valuing me so highly, young master! I promise I would never betray you!” Wei Feizhou said confidently.

“Sure, now get up! Your disciple will be here shortly. Now, I will give you two options. It is either give me an address for me to find you later or wait here for me to return.” Yi Tianyun said casually.

“Of course, young master! We will wait here!” Wei Feizhou said respectfully as he knew that waiting in this place would be convenient and safe.

They had so many treasures that Yi Tianyun gave them, and therefore, Wei Feizhou knew that people were watching. He couldn’t risk going out as he knew that people might attack him to take those treasures off his hands later.

“If that’s the case, I will arrange a good cultivation place for you two while you wait for me to return.” Yi Tianyun said casually.

At the same time, He Rongkun arrived and was perplexed as he saw Yi Tianyun. “Little brother Yi ...” but before he could say another word...

“Call him Young Master for now on! In the future, we will be working for him!” Wei Feizhou scolded He Rongkun, so he had to immediately nod before he got in trouble.

“It is time for me to leave, so stay here for now.” Yi Tianyun waved and disappeared from everyone’s sight!

Everyone was surprised once again as they noticed that the technique Yi Tianyun used just now was none other than teleportation! Furthermore, the Divine Envoys couldn't believe that Zuo Qiu Divine Nation would be the first to return. On top of that, they also provided the necessary information for Yi Tianyun!

But it seem Yi Tianyun didn't teleport that far as he returned to the market section. People tried to get his attention, but Yi Tianyun was too lazy to pay attention to them. Yi Tianyun then made his way outside the city, but not before he attracted a bunch of greedy people in his wake.

Some of them started to follow Yi Tianyun sneakily. Yi Tianyun actually noticed them but paid them no mind as he knew that the criminals who followed him were just small fries. At the Heaven Ascending Divine Altar's gate, Yi Tianyun prepared to fly towards the Heavenly Plum Mountain Range. His goal was to find Shi Xueyun, and there was nothing left to do here.

But as soon as he stepped out of Heaven Ascending Divine Altar, a bunch of cultivators immediately surrounded him and blocked his path. But they were confused as they saw that Yi Tianyun only smirked at them.

"I know this stuff would happen, but I am thankful that you all would be my meal today! A meal for my Experience and Crazy Points!" Yi Tianyun said with a laugh.

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Yi Tianyun was surrounded by many cultivators. Most of them were at Spirit King Stage, while the strongest was at 7th Layer Spirit King Stage. Yi Tianyun noticed the greed in their eyes, but he didn't show any emotion at all. He is, after all, the inheritor of Heaven Creating Divine King!

"We don't ask much, brother. Just give us 50% of Heaven Creating Divine King inheritance, and we will let you go."

"We will also take the Divine Rune Knowledge too! If you give it to us, we won't need anything else."

"Well, maybe a Martial Art called Universe Divine Secret Art would suffice too!"

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Yi Tianyun was smiling deep down as he finally found some free Exp and Crazy Points!

“What would you do if I don’t give you anything?” Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

“That is simple. We will just take it by force! We will use Soul Searching Technique on you!” One of them said confidently.

The cultivators that surrounded Yi Tianyun this time were rogue cultivators, but the Divine Envoys from Zuo Qiu Divine Nation also happened to be nearby. They neither attack Yi Tianyun nor had anything malicious in mind, but they just stood there as they didn’t want to get dragged into this mess. After all, these rogue cultivators were more powerful than them.

“Are you the one who will soul search me? A group of weakling really tried their best to get some meat, I see.” Yi Tianyun said mockingly.

“Arrogant brat! Do you think you’re still under the Heaven Ascending Divine Altar’s protection? No! you are on our turf now, brat!” one of the Spirit King Expert said coldly.

“Yes, you may be able to control the Heaven Ascending Divine Altar, but here, there is nothing you can do!”

These cultivators all thought that Yi Tianyun would be defenceless once he got out of Heaven Ascending Divine Altar as Yi Tianyun was still a teenager.

“You really thought that I’m just a powerless kid? Did you think I am just relying on Heaven Ascending Divine Altar?” Yi Tianyun said in mock surprise.

“Stop wasting our time, brat! Just give it to us, and you will be spared!” an expert said annoyedly, but some of them began to sense that something was off. Yi Tianyun was still calm despite facing so many experts!

“In that case, let me give you a first-hand experience of what I can do.” Yi Tianyun said as he immediately pulled out Heavenly Netherworld Divine Sword and released the Netherworld flames that instantly sent chill down everyone’s spine. Yi Tianyun then swung his swords horizontally, cutting a bunch of cultivators in front of him in two. However, the extreme cold from the Heavenly Netherworld Divine Sword immediately turned everyone it slashed into an ice sculpture.

‘DING!’

‘Successfully killed a Spirit King Expert!’

‘Reward:’

‘DING!’

‘Successfully killed a Spirit ...’

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That many cultivators were killed so easily. No one was able to react at all as Yi Tianyun’s movements were too fast! But Yi Tianyun didn’t stop there. He walked forward a few steps and kept slashing his swords towards the rest of the expert.

“He is a demon!” the cultivators far in the back shouted horrifiedly. It was clear that their assumption of the boy in front of them was simply relying on the Heaven Ascending Divine Altar’s power was wrong. The boy’s power was so tremendous that they wouldn’t be able to fight back at all no matter how many cultivators they brought with them!

The cultivators on the back immediately tried to flee, but some tried to attack Yi Tianyun out of stubbornness. It was clear that the greed in their eyes already turned off the reasoning part of their brain!

But no matter what they did, they couldn’t even get close to Yi Tianyun!

Yi Tianyun, however, still used his Crazy Exp Mode. he didn't need Crazy Points that much as he now had a clue where to search for Shi Xueyun. So, he wanted to get as much Exp as he can from these people.

"Honestly, I wouldn't mind killing all of you. May you all rest in peace as my nutrients." Yi Tianyun said as he slowly walked forward and swung his sword effortlessly.

"Escape! We can't win against him!" the experts started to shout in horror.

"Awww, come on, don't leave!" Yi Tianyun shouted sarcastically as he started to hunt the cultivator. None of the cultivators could escape from Yi Tianyun as he started to dash forwards to kill the cultivators quicker.

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The air was filled with a thick metallic smell, and the ground was damp and dyed red with blood, followed by screams that amped the dreadful atmosphere.

"The devil is here! Run away!" a cultivator shouted in horror.

"How can he be so powerful? He didn't even use the Heaven Ascending Divine Altar's power!"

"It seems like he's in late Spirit King Stage!" the cultivators said one after another as they clearly couldn't handle Yi Tianyun. But Yi Tianyun's speed was just on a whole different level as he easily caught up to the fleeing cultivators one by one.

"We are fortunate to not cross our swords with him!" Zuo Qiu Divine Envoys said as he was shocked to see the scene unfolding in front of him.

They didn't have any intention to join the battle from the start as they've already secured the Heaven Creating Divine King's Divine Rune Knowledge earlier, and as it turned out, their decision was correct! If they joined the battle here, they would be massacred too.

"This is too much! Heaven Creating Divine King's successor is a massacre god!" the other cultivators who watched the scene from afar commented.

At the same time, everyone saw that a Saint King Expert finally came as they flew towards the battle. They wanted to fight Yi Tianyun themselves as their greed got better of them! Obviously, they didn't want Heaven Creating Divine King's successor to be killed by others!

As the Saint King Experts landed on the ground, a powerful wave of aura covered the land. That was the aura of the Saint King experts. Even the Spirit King cultivators who were running away to save their life suddenly found another hope.

"Liu Guang Saint King, save us from that demon!" the fleeing cultivators all shouted hopefully.

The cultivators who watched the battle from afar were worried about Yi Tianyun now. After all, Saint King Experts were much more powerful than Spirit King Experts, and now that Yi Tianyun was on those Spirit King Experts' radar, they didn't think Yi Tianyun could get out safely.

"That is the Liu Guang Saint King! He is the fastest cultivator on Saint King's level! I have seen he killed someone in a blink of an eye."

"This time, the Heaven Creating Divine King's successor is finished for sure!"

The cultivators said as they commented on the battle from the side. They believed that Yi Tianyun wasn't as fast as the Liu Guang Saint King.

"Don't get ahead of yourself now!" Yi Tianyun said coldly as he flashed on the spot and reappeared behind the Liu Guang Saint King. Yi Tianyun then slashed the Saint King's neck, cutting his head off clean.

Liu Guang Saint King felt the imminent danger from his back, but he clearly was too late to react!

'DING!'

'Successfully killed Liu Guang Saint King!'

'Reward: 2.3 billion Exp, 250.000 Cps, 12.000 Sps, Liu Guang Martial Art, Breaking Space Secret Art, Liu Guang Divine Sword, Liu Guang Armour, Liu Guang Divine Talisman.'

Liu Guang Saint King was killed in an instant! Everyone thought that Liu Guang Saint King was faster than Yi Tianyun, but obviously, that wasn't the case! Yi Tianyun's speed was terrifyingly fast as no one even noticed that Liu Guang Saint King's head has already fallen to the ground.

Three pieces of Desolate Ancient Set boosted Yi Tianyun's power and speed greatly. Because of that, Yi Tianyun didn't even need to use his Crazy Damage Mode as his power was already far beyond his current cultivation level. Moreover, Liu Guang Saint King was only at the 2nd Layer Saint King Stage.

At this point, only Saint King Peak Stage cultivators or above might prove to be a challenge for Yi Tianyun.

The people gasped after they saw that Liu Guang Saint King was killed! The way that Liu Guang Saint King is killed was shocking to them because it was like Yi Tianyun just killed a Body Refinement Cultivator!

"Now, who else got the guts to face me? Is there any Old Ancestor rank who wants to fight me? I will welcome anyone!" Yi Tianyun said towards the crowds intensely.

The people on the side were all silent as they knew that they couldn't possibly win a fight against Yi Tianyun. They already knew that the cultivators from earlier were all too greedy, and as a result, they threw their life away.

At the same time, some people began to remember that Yi Tianyun said that he has already destroyed Empire and Divine Nation by himself, and upon seeing the scene in front of them now, they finally believed it was probably real!

Usually, a fight between Saint Kings was intense as they wouldn't be easily killed, but that didn't seem to be the case for Yi Tianyun!

Everyone couldn't recover from the shock due to what they just saw!

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After that fiasco, Yi Tianyun flashed towards the remaining cultivators that attacked him earlier.

“Did I say you may go?” Yi Tianyun said coldly.

Yi Tianyun saw as the rest of them immediately froze on spot.

“I am a cultivator from Eastern God Divine Nation! If you kill me, our Old Ancestor will track you down!” the cultivator said nervously, but Yi Tianyun didn’t even care as he immediately split the cultivator’s head in two.

“Did you think for a second that I would care about that? I don’t think threatening me now will do you any good. As I said, you can call your Old Ancestor here and I will welcome them myself!” Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

Everyone began to shake in their boots as they didn’t know what else to do to save their life. Several of them began to beg for Yi Tianyun’s forgiveness as they kneeled in front of Yi Tianyun with various reasons. But Yi Tianyun was merciless! He killed the begging cultivator like any others.

“I remember all of you coming at me with the intention to kill earlier! I don’t think any of you was forced or doing something out of your free will there and therefore, you don’t have the right to beg! I have to say that all of you were really have a faulty judgement! If I really rely on Heaven Ascending Divine Altar’s power, how do you think I got the inheritor in the first place?” Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

“I am wrong, young master! Please! I will give you everything I have in exchange for my life!” one cultivator said while crying fearfully. But Yi Tianyun still killed him mercilessly!

“I don’t think anything you give me would make up for it!” Yi Tianyun said as he collected the storage ring from the cultivators that he killed. Everyone was frightened even more as they realised that Yi Tianyun would get everything in their possession after he killed them anyway! It was no use begging for mercy with treasures on the line.

The bystanders were also speechless as they realised that Yi Tianyun worked with efficiency!

“Now, I will let you contact someone to help you out! But you can only use a communication means from here! I will welcome everyone that helps you!” Yi Tianyun said with a taunting smile on his face. He wanted to see how far the cultivators here would go to save their life. He wanted to compare it with the Ghost World cultivators.

The cultivators were speechless as they didn’t know what Yi Tianyun was thinking. They knew that their life was on the line, but most of them were rogue cultivators, so they didn’t have anyone to help them out there!

“It seems that you don’t want to call for anyone, if that’s it, then farewell!” Yi Tianyun said as he extended his fingers and a few cultivators in around ten miles radius were killed instantly!

The cultivators who were watching took a step back as they were startled by the murderous aura coming from Yi Tianyun. Some of them even had a horrified expression on their face as they could no longer saw Yi Tianyun as a normal cultivator.

Some factions that happened to watch the situation also shook their heads as they realised that Yi Tianyun couldn’t be easily defeated. After seeing the Liu Guang Saint King was easily killed earlier, they knew that Yi Tianyun was at least at the Saint King Peak Stage!

They didn’t even know anyone who was at that level right now. As far as they knew, every cultivator at that level were cultivating far away or busy doing their own business. There was no way they would risk their life for a bunch of lowly cultivators like them!

Furthermore, Yi Tianyun was the inheritor of Heaven Creating Divine King, therefore the Saint King had to make sure the extent of Yi Tianyun’s Divine Rune skill first! Otherwise, they would just fall to Yi Tianyun’s trap foolishly.

Looking at everyone horrified expression, Yi Tianyun just sighed and left the area quickly. He wanted to find Shi Xueyun on Heavenly Plum Mountain Range as quick as possible. Furthermore, he has already killed all cultivators who tried to attack him earlier.

On the side, Zuo Qiu Divine Envoys immediately realised that they were also in danger. Seeing that the cultivators couldn't handle Yi Tianyun, Zuo Qiu Divine Envoys who were in possession of the Divine Rune Knowledge from Yi Tianyun would be targeted next!

"We have to report everything that happened here to the Holy King later, but first we have to hurry back before anyone realises that we are the next target!" the Zuo Qiu Divine Envoy said hastily.

It didn't occur to the Divine Envoys from another Divine Nation to intercept the Zuo Qiu Divine Envoys and they hastily returned to their respective Divine Nation to report about Yi Tianyun instead. One thing for sure, a disrespectful attitude towards Yi Tianyun in the future was bad news!

At the same time, Yi Tianyun really missed Shi Xueyun after not seeing her for more than a year. He didn't accept the Zuo Qiu Divine Envoy's offer to take him there as he didn't have the patience to wait. He knew that it would be faster if he was alone!

The Divine Rune on Heavenly Plum Mountain Range was surely hard, but could it beat the Divine Rune of Heaven Creating Divine King?

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The Heavenly Plum Mountain Range was located at the north of the Pan Cloud Continent and had a relatively cold area temperature. This place wasn't a proper cultivation area as the climate was too harsh but didn't provide a good Cold Spiritual Energy to help the ice cultivators. However, it might be because of the Divine Rune that the Hidden World Clan used to conceal their hideout.

After a period of flight, Yi Tianyun finally arrived at the foot of the mountain range. He had to say that Heavenly Plum Mountain Range was really far from Heaven Ascending Divine Altar. Even with his incredible speed, Yi Tianyun still had to take more than a week to get there. The place itself was really isolated. It was surrounded by mountains and forests with no village in sight. Not even a single demon beast was sighted either!

However, there was a lingering fog on the top of the highest mountain that Yi Tianyun couldn't quite perceive what was behind it. But Yi Tianyun was quite confused by the name of the place as he saw no Plum Blossom growing there despite the name Heavenly Plum Mountain Range!

As Yi Tianyun walked around, he finally realised that the thin white fog that covered the place was a maze, and once he walked past the thin fog, he saw the real identity of the mountain range itself! Yi Tianyun finally saw several young boys and ladies who seemed to be preparing some kind of trial.

“Hey, can I join the trial?” Yi Tianyun asked politely. He knew that even though this was a Hidden World Clan’s hideout, they still had to recruit a fresh cultivator for their regeneration. Shi Xueyun was the best example of that! They certainly couldn’t survive with themselves as they eventually wouldn’t have enough successor for the next generation.

So, if he can join the Smelting Trial that the Hidden World Clan has prepared, he would be able to sneak in without too much effort, and he would be able to investigate without anyone getting suspicious.

For example, he could see what has the faction done to their disciple and how they treated their disciple in all aspects so that he knew whether Shi Xueyun has been treated well or not.

As he saw no one really minded his presence, Yi Tianyun then followed the group of young men and women. He saw that most of them were at a tender age of 16 or 17, not too old, but definitely not a kid anymore. Their cultivation was at Body Refinement Stage, which in theory, was quite bad for their age. Yi Tianyun was quite surprised as he saw the Heavenly Plum Race recruited these weak teenagers.

“You have to follow me, or you will lose your way in there! If you lose me, you will get lost, and no one can come and save you from your misery!” The leader of the group shouted sternly.

This leader is a handsome young man at a 6th Layer Core Condensation Stage cultivation. He was qualified enough to become a team leader in Yi Tianyun’s standard, but as he saw several impatient faces from the crowds, he knew that the situation wouldn’t be under control for much longer.

“Hey, why haven’t I seen you earlier?” the leader asked as he saw Yi Tianyun looking around.

“I suppose you were counting when I took my time for number two earlier, so you might’ve missed me there.” Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

“No wonder, but please don’t stray out of the group; it would be dangerous!” The leader said with a smile on his face.

They immediately hit it off along the way as Yi Tianyun generally knew that these Smelting Trials were made for recruitment from the Heavenly Plum race. It was no wonder either as both of them were slightly older and had higher cultivation compared to the rest of the recruits.

Body Refinement Stage wasn't that low theoretically as it was sufficient for a public area. What good was a high cultivation level if you ended up becoming a trader or cleaner? After all, there were endless ways of getting a good income in this world.

But, there was a case of a wealthy family that helped help their children breakthrough, and thus they would end up becoming a cultivator!

That was what these teenagers were doing. They clearly didn't have enough resources to breakthrough on their own, and thus trying their luck on the smelting trials that they somehow joined in.

The one who talks with Yi Tianyun was called Xiao Wu, a very common name, and he was from a completely average family that you could find anywhere. There was nothing special about him. However, he was honest, and it seemed that he was quite humble despite his cultivation being a bit higher than the rest.

But the mood here wasn't that great as it was clear for Yi Tianyun that not all of these teenagers were trying their best. It seemed that they only want to get a little reward for trying, maybe a martial arts or medicinal pills.

They didn't expect anything special as they didn't think that they could do much on these Smelting Trial.

"This is the epitome of the lowest of Cultivation World!" Yi Tianyun said as he shook his head with a sigh. These people were the embarrassment of the cultivation world as they didn't think about their future at all!

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"Jiang Hong, you are finally back! What took you so long?" a young man suddenly showed up on the road and complained to the leader of the group.

"I am a little worried some of them would get lost if we move too fast. If you're gonna complain, then you should recruit people next time!" Jiang Hong said as he felt annoyed by the young man's complaint.

"No, never mind! I knew it was a pain to recruit people sometimes. But clearly, you are doing a good job, aren't you? 57 people in total?" Jiang Yi said as he observed the new recruits.

"Well, this time, we got quite a lot of people who want to try out their luck to become part of our clan." Jiang Hong said indifferently.

"Well, it's still a lot of number! Maybe, recruiting people is your hidden talent! But, I am afraid you have to return them to the nearest village later after the recruitment has finished as we only accepted 15 people this time." Jiang Yi said teasingly.

"You mean I have to guide them again?" Jiang Hong said as he was a little bit surprised.

"Yes, you are the one who brought them along, so you would be the one to return them safely too! That was the order that I received anyway." Jiang Yi said reluctantly.

"Damn! You should've told me that sooner so that I wouldn't bring back so many people!" Jiang Hong said annoyedly.

The recruits who heard the news began to get worried as they also did their best to hike the mountain, only to find out that most of them would have to go back.

"Don't let that get you down, people. We will compensate you with a good return gift. You don't have to worry about returning empty-handed." Jiang Yi said to the recruits with a smile on his face. However, some people still have an unsatisfied look on their faces.

"We will take 12 women while we only need 3 men this time." Jiang Yi added. This time, the male recruits' hearts sank as they know that they have to work extra hard just to get the spot. The worst part was they were mostly men in here.

“Now, there are stones around you. Your first task is to move one of them.” Jiang Yi said as he moved the boulder on his side. It wasn’t an easy task as one boulder weighed around 500 kg!

Although the recruits felt so helpless, they had no choice but to obey as they couldn’t complain to the people of the faction they wanted to join. Several of them could move the boulder a little bit, but the rest of them couldn’t move it at all. Of course, this task wasn’t a challenge for Yi Tianyun.

Yi Tianyun couldn’t help but think that the Smelting Trial was too easy! But now he knew that he couldn’t wait to see Shi Xueyun again as he finally knew that he could give a better surprise to her!

Xiao Wu also advanced swimmingly as he had higher cultivation than most of the recruits there. “You are definitely better than most people here! I thought you would fail the task there for a sec. it will be a bummer if I have no one else to talk to.” Xiao Wu said as he patted Yi Tianyun’s shoulder with a smile on his face.

“Well, is there no one else who wants to talk to you here?” Yi Tianyun asked lightly.

“Well, everyone saw me as intimidating for some reason. I have excess power, but it’s not my fault, you know.” Xiao Wu said annoyedly.

“Well, it’s better to have a bit more power, I would say.” Yi Tianyun said with a shrug.

The high cultivation that Yi Tianyun was thanks to the Crazy Levelling System that he got. If it were not because of that, he would never be able to get the martial arts and bloodlines that he has now. From the looks of it, Yi Tianyun knew that Xiao Wu’s ancestor should be a Saint King Expert, but clearly, the cultivation of his family has declined.

“Now, for the second task, you have to move one of these boulders next!” Jiang Yi said as he pointed to a bigger boulder that would weigh around 900 kg.

This time, the recruits tried to move the boulder one by one, and more people were eliminated as they couldn’t move it even one bit. When it was Yi Tianyun’s turn, he pretended to have a hard time moving the boulder even though he succeeded in the end.

"You are good! You're clearly stronger than most people here. I suppose you're at the 7th layer Body Refinement stage?" Jiang Yi said as he looked at Yi Tianyun.

"Yes, I was." Yi Tianyun said with a smile and moved to the side so that he didn't get in the way of the Smelting Trial. He can see the jealousy in the recruits' eyes, but he knew that they couldn't do anything about it. And after that, it was finally Xiao Wu's turn. Xiao Wu immediately hugged the huge stone and moved it aside. He tried the best he could as his face clearly flushed from enduring the weight of the boulder.

Yi Tianyun can clearly saw that Xiao Wu had a good innate power within him that allowed him to move the boulder, and if his hunch was right, it was Strength God Bloodline! It was a pretty amazing bloodline, and obviously, Jiang Yi also noticed it.

"Good, you passed!" Jiang Yi said as he appreciated Xiao Wu's innate power.

"Hey, isn't that a little bad? What good would strength be later? Anyone could also have them using the normal method, couldn't they?" Jiang Hong said indifferently. He clearly didn't think that Xiao Wu's innate power was anything special.

Yi Tianyun started to frown as the people from a faction shouldn't say something like that. Meanwhile, Jiang Yi just shook his head to Jiang Hong's comment.

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Jiang Yi and the others had a feeling that Xiao Wu wouldn't have a bright future, but Yi Tianyun didn't share the same opinion! They surely missed big time if they thought that Xiao Wu didn't have potential at all! In fact, Xiao Wu merely relying on his own power without using his bloodline was the proof that he would go far.

Now that Yi Tianyun realized that Xiao Wu had a quite rare bloodline, Yi Tianyun was positive that Xiao Wu could become a great general in the future. After a little training, Xiao Wu can become the commander of the front line!

"I almost failed. I guess I can't go on like this!" Xiao Wu said as he scratched his head shamefully. He already calmed himself down after moving the boulder.

“No, you have to go on, but maybe not here!” Yi Tianyun said with a smile on his face. Yi Tianyun wanted to invite Xiao Wu to Heavenly Clouds Empire so that he could become the general that Yi Tianyun envisioned. Clearly, Yi Tianyun had the means and resources to further develop Xiao Wu’s potential.

But Yi Tianyun began to wonder whether he could apply the Evil Spirit Bloodline to Xiao Wu later. Yi Tianyun’s idea was based on the fact that Xiao Wu’s current power had the same alignment as the Evil Spirit Bloodline. If he could combine the two, Xiao Wu could become the general that could literally destroy anything on his path!

“Well, Brother Yi is too nice! The people in my village thought that I am only good for ploughing and taking care of the cows!” Xiao Wu said with a sad smile.

“That’s their loss!” Yi Tianyun said indifferently. But it was the truth! Xiao Wu’s power was wasted on farming jobs. Although it would make farming easier, it still wasn’t the best-case scenario for Xiao Wu!

“Okay, you two passed the trial, and the rest can go back to their village.” Jiang Yi said indifferently.

“Wait, isn’t it supposed to be three people?” one of the recruits asked dumbfoundedly. Yi Tianyun and Xiao Wu filled two slots out of three, so there was supposed to be one more slot for the men.

“The two of them are strong enough to beat several of you at the same time, and the rest of you also didn’t pass the final trial, so we don’t need you now.” Jiang Yi said indifferently.

The recruits who failed had no choice but to leave as they didn’t know what else to do, but before leaving, Jiang Yi gave them a lot of Body Refinement Pills to speed up their cultivation speed, these pills were actually cheap but it was still better than nothing.

Then again, the recruits came from poor households, so they were happy to get a bunch of Body Refinement Pills that they couldn’t afford on their own.

“You two come with me, and I hope you return faster this time Jiang Hong,!” Jiang Yi said teasingly towards Jiang Hong.

“Okay!” Jiang Hong said with an annoyed face.

The failed recruits were complaining as they didn’t have the chance to rest, but they followed Jiang Hong nonetheless and left while all the female recruits fortunately passed!

“I didn’t expect two of us could pass the trial!” Xiao Wu said with awe on his face.

“Well, it is normal considering your cultivation. The trial might seem harsh, but it was necessary for them to do this to root out the weak recruits.” Yi Tianyun said as he shook his head.

“Now follow me, don’t get lost!” Jiang Yi said as he made a sign to follow him. As soon as he said that, they immediately walked into a forest. The others were obviously awed to see the sudden change in their surrounding.

“Their Great Array formation isn’t bad. Clearly, people would have a tough time invading this place.” Yi Tianyun said as he looked around the forest layout. Under Jiang Yi’s leadership, they got out of the forest in no time, and the first thing Yi Tianyun noticed was the cold air and the strong smell of plum.

After that, Yi Tianyun saw a snow-capped mountain full of blossoming plum blossoms. The plum was in stark contrast to the white snow ground. Furthermore, these plums were different than a normal plum as their colour was much brighter pink than normal, which meant that these plum blossoms were actually a large piece of elixir’s material!

“This is amazing! I have never seen such wonderful scenery before! It’s like a miracle! we are in a forest just now, but suddenly we are surrounded by snow!” Xiao Wu said with an awe-struck face.

Yi Tianyun was also very interested in this place, but he was wondering where Shi Xueyun was now. Clearly, this place was a good place for Ice Attribute Cultivator! Yi Tianyun smiled to himself as he successfully infiltrated the hidden faction without much effort. It was clearly better than trying to get in with force!

Now, he only had to see Shi Xueyun’s condition to assess what his action would be next! When Shi Xueyun left the Heavenly Clouds Empire, the one who invited her also left a lot of treasures. That fact

alone told Yi Tianyun that the enemy wasn't looking for a fight. That was also the reason why Yi Tianyun infiltrated the place without making a fuss like this!

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Jiang Yi then guided them towards a modest building built with wooden planks, which would be their temporary place to stay. The inside was fairly big and warm, too, enough to accommodate several people.

Xiao Wu was amazed by the accommodation provided as he never expected the hut to be quite warm like this. Yi Tianyun smiled as he knew that the rather simple wooden planks that constituted the house were the wood extracted from Tianmei, which had an absolute insulation effect.

In the meantime, Jiang Yi told them the faction's rule in general. The only thing that was a little bit weird for Yi Tianyun was the rule that said they shouldn't walk around the place without permission as they could be driven out or, worse, be punished for it.

After reciting the rules, Jiang Yi then left the recruits so that they could rest. After all, they should be tired after hiking up the mountain and taking part at the smelting trial! The men and women were separated accordingly as Xiao Wu and Yi Tianyun got to share one hut while the women were split into several huts.

"Xiao Wu, stay here and rest. I will walk outside for a bit." Yi Tianyun said as he smiled.

"Little brother Yi, you will break the rules if you walk out aimlessly." Xiao Wu said with a worried look on his face. Xiao Wu was a very honest person, so he was worried that Yi Tianyun might get into trouble later.

"It is okay! I may not stay here for long. You should come with me later. After all, this place would be a waste of your potential." Yi Tianyun said confidently. After all, he was already at Saint King level, so he didn't really care what the people there would do.

"What do you mean by that, little brother Yi?" Xiao Wu asked in confusion, but Yi Tianyun has already left, and Xiao Wu could no longer see him around anymore.

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After leaving, Yi Tianyun went straight into Heavenly Plum Palace, the heart of Heavenly Plum Mountain Range. There were so many towering building on the huge snow mountain. Had it not for the Great Array that protected this place, people would be able to see the building from the foot of the mountain.

Furthermore, Yi Tianyun was impressed by the Divine Rune that constituted this place as he realised that it might be a Divine Rune Creator Rank that made all of this possible. Yi Tianyun kept observing as he was really fascinated by the Divine Rune, but soon enough, he finally sensed Shi Xueyun's spiritual power at one of the buildings.

"She really is here!" Yi Tianyun said excitedly. "Aunt, I am coming!" Yi Tianyun said as he made himself invisible. As long as it wasn't a Saint King expert, no one would be able to see him.

Meanwhile, inside the Heavenly Plum Palace, Shi Xueyun was looking out of a window. Her beautiful eyes were filled with sadness, but her aura had gotten much stronger than before as she was now at the 3rd Layer Void Spirit Cultivation Stage. She has truly advanced by leaps and bounds. It took her only a little over a year to breakthrough into this stage. At this rate, she would be able to enter Spirit King Stage in no time!

"Wait for me, Tianyun! I will become strong enough to support you later! But surely I missed you after not seeing you for over a year!" Shi Xueyun said to herself while sighing at the snowy landscape in front of her.

At the same time, there was a knock on the door, and Shi Xueyun's expression suddenly became cold.

"Young Master Mei, I already told you that I am tired! I didn't want to meet anyone today!" Shi Xueyun said indifferently.

But the door was still pushed open, and a handsome young man came in with a piece of jewel in his hand. The jewel looked chilly and radiated a faint light. Anyone could see that the jewel was something that could help the cultivation of an ice cultivator.

“Xueyun, I brought you a piece of Ice Divine Jade. It would be able to help you cultivate even faster! I know that you are tired, but with this jewel, you will be able to cultivate effortlessly.” Young Master Mei said with a smile on his face. His cultivation has already reached the 8th Layer Void Spirit Stage, which was impressive for someone his age.

“Thank you very much, Young Master Mei. You don’t have to call me by my name, Junior Sister is fine.” Shi Xueyun said coldly.

“Xueyun, don’t be so cold!” Young Master Mei said as he walked forward to hold Shi Xueyun’s hands, but Shi Xueyun immediately backed away.

“Young Master Mei, please pay attention to yourself now.” Shi Xueyun said solemnly.

“Xueyun! You thought I didn’t know what’s going on in your head? You kept saying Tianyun in your sleep! I don’t know who that is, but do you think his status would be higher than me!?” Young Master Mei said coldly. “I am the Young Master of Heavenly Plum God Clan! With that, I will have the chance to become the Lord of Heavenly Plum God Clan in the future! Our cultivation and element are a match too, isn’t it better for you to become my Dao Companion?” Young Master Mei said with a smirk on his face.

His eyes were full of possessiveness as he looked at Shi Xueyun eagerly. Shi Xueyun was the most beautiful woman he ever saw, so he wanted Shi Xueyun to become his Dao Companion badly!

“Young Master Mei, I am sorry, but I am not interested!” Shi Xueyun responded coldly. She wouldn’t be afraid of rejecting anyone even if it was a Divine King standing in front of her!

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Young Master Mei was truly the young master of the Heavenly Plum God Clan. His cultivation level was high for his age, and undoubtedly, he would be the next Lord of the clan. It was reasonable to say that Young Master Mei might be a good candidate for someone like Shi Xueyun, but she didn’t see the need to accept Young Master Mei’s offer as she truly had no interest in him.

“You didn’t find me interesting? I don’t know who this Yi Tianyun might be, but I will crush him if it means having you for myself! There’s no way your Mortal World Faction can match our Heavenly Plum God Clan!” Young Master Mei said coldly.

"If I send several Spirit King Experts to the Mortal World, did you seriously think your faction can handle them?" Young Master Mei said coldly.

Shi Xueyun's expression immediately became colder as she looked at Young Master Mei in the eye. Her murderous aura couldn't be contained anymore as she didn't take Young Master Mei's threat lightly.

"Don't you dare try to threaten me now!" Shi Xueyun said with a threatening voice.

"It seems that you didn't quite understand me here, don't forget why you can cultivate so fast here. Heavenly Plum God Clan wouldn't let you leave before you marry someone worthy of your status! I know what you are thinking. You wanted to leave after your cultivation is good enough to find your lover, don't you?" Young Master Mei said with a smirk on his face.

"No way! That is impossible. The master told me that wouldn't happen to me!" Shi Xueyun said with a sad expression.

"You mean Elder Wan? She can tell you anything, but at the end of the day, the Great Elder's words are the absolute one. And the Great Elder is my mother, and therefore I suggest for your and your faction in Mortal World's safety, you should become my Dao Companion!" Young Master Mei said with a smug look on his face.

Shi Xueyun's complexion turned 180 as she was really worried and afraid of what Young Master Mei could do, so she just remained silent.

"What happened here? Young Master Mei? What are you doing here?" A woman said as she walked in.

"Master! Does the disciple here have to marry someone from Heavenly Plum God Clan?" Shi Xueyun immediately asked as she saw Elder Wan.

"Shi Xueyun, that might be the case now. For the sake of the faction, you might have to marry someone from the faction, regardless of who it is." Elder Wan said with embarrassment clear on her face.

“That is not what you told me before, master! I know that I have to repay the faction somehow, but I don’t think I want to sacrifice my freedom!” Shi Xueyun said solemnly. She knew that she had to repay Heavenly Plum God Clan somehow, but she still wanted to be with Yi Tianyun!

“You are too naïve to think that our Heavenly Plum God Race would let you leave anytime you want! It is literally impossible after you’ve used up so much resource for yourself! Now, do you think I am not worthy of you? Or do you think the person you like is more powerful than me? I promise you, if I ever see him, I would crush him to death!” Young Master Mei said with a smirk on his face.

“Xueyun, your bloodline is best to mingle with our Heavenly Plum God Clan. You should forget about everything you left in the Mortal World. The person you miss would surely understand that!” Elder Wan persuaded.

“I’ve already said from the beginning that I won’t give you my freedom if I join this faction! Now, you’re all just a big disappointment!” Shi Xueyun said coldly.

“Now, think it over again, Xueyun. Did you have any other choice here? Just marry me, and I promise you that we would visit your Mortal World faction someday! Furthermore, aren’t I more handsome than the guy you left there?” Young Master Mei said with confidence.

“No, there’s not even a thing better about you than him!” Shi Xueyun said coldly.

“It seems that you still don’t understand your position here. Maybe you will understand it after I put you in the ice cage so that you can cool your heads down in there!” Young Master Mei said annoyedly.

Elder Wan sighed, but she didn’t do anything to help out Shi Xueyun.

“Master, I didn’t expect you to plan this from the beginning!” Shi Xueyun said while shaking her head in disappointment.

“Being your master is the last resort. I know from the beginning that your physique and innate ability would produce a strong descendant for our Heavenly Plum God Clan.” Elder Wan sighed. She was on a mission to improve the quality of the Heavenly Plum God Clan’s descendant as it was steadily declining.

They surely couldn't let Shi Xueyun go as she had the best innate ability and physique that Elder Wan has ever seen in a long time.

"It seems there's no other way out other than by force." Shi Xueyun said as she pulled a long sword.

"Fighting me? Do you think you force your way out? You are alone here. How do you think you can escape the palace alone? Furthermore, as long as you are in Heaven World, you wouldn't be able to escape!" Young Master Mei said with a smirk on his face.

Shi Xueyun's face was full of conviction. She was prepared to fight her way out no matter what, for Yi Tianyun's sake. She hoped that Yi Tianyun was there to save her, but it was impossible! At least that was what she thought.

"Oh, you dare touch my woman? I will bury you six feet under, kid!" Yi Tianyun's voice came from the door, and as Shi Xueyun looked at the door, she saw a figure that she thought would never see again!