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Noticing that the Left Blind Elder was still oblivious to his mistake, the Right Blind Elder could only shake his head in frustration and walk away.

This man has such a fiery temper that not even eight oxen could rein him in!

I've endured so much because of his reckless words, yet I still haven't learned my lesson.

As the Left Blind Elder watched the Right Blind Elder depart, he grumbled to himself, "You're upset again. What's wrong with me? Can't you just be honest?"

"Elder Zuo Xia, you're absolutely right. Honesty is essential," came a voice!

It was none other than Elder Prince Lin Kedong, who had just approached!

He had overheard Elder Zuo Xia's remarks, and a broad grin spread across his face!

Lin Keting was bound to face consequences for daring to engage in romantic talk with a young seventh-stage cultivator in the Tribulation Realm, and for even thinking about a genuine marriage!

As the only princess of Sun Moon City and the apple of the Emperor's eye, if she were deceived by a mere seventh-class cultivator in the Tribulation Realm, one could only imagine the Emperor's fury!

“Hmph!” Elder Zuo Xia shot a glance at Elder Prince, disregarding him completely. He huffed and left!

Since Lin Kedong and Lin Keting were not on good terms, Elder Zuo Xia naturally had no fondness for Lin Kedong either!

Lin Kedong, however, was unfazed by Elder Zuo’s attitude. After all, he had been recommended by Taoist Wuji, which meant he had to show some respect!

But he needed to report that Lin Keting had found herself a man!

Meanwhile, Lin Keting was blissfully unaware that her secret had already reached her eldest and fourth brothers, as she made her way to the palace!

“Little sister...”

Lin Kefan caught up with her, a serious expression on his face: “Tell me the truth, do you have a dual cultivation partner outside?”

“Is it that one called **? Or perhaps a young cultivator in the Tribulation Realm?”

Lin Keting was taken aback, then frowned and retorted, “Who’s spreading such nonsense? It must be that Blind Zuo. I’m going to give him a piece of my mind...”

Her thoughts immediately turned to Elder Zuo Xia, as not many were privy to this information, making him the likely source.

Elder Zuo’s loose tongue is just like that of an old woman—he simply can’t keep it shut!

“Why worry about who said it? Just say it!”

Lin Kefan pressed.

Lin Keting nodded, “Fourth brother, it wasn’t me; it was Master who suggested that I take that woman as my dual cultivation partner.”

“Impossible! How could Taoist Wuji be so reckless as to allow a young cultivator in the Tribulation Realm to be your dual cultivation partner?”

“Besides, do you even know who that girl is? Does Taoist Wuji know?”

Lin Kefan exclaimed, his excitement evident!

He only had one sister; if she were to be led astray by a young cultivator in the Tribulation Realm, Lin Kefan would not hesitate to take action!

“Fourth brother, don’t be so agitated. That’s exactly what Master said. I don’t get it either, but surely Master understands,”

Lin Keting hurried to reassure him!

“Little sister, I never imagined there would be so many talented individuals in our Sun Moon City, yet you find yourself drawn to a young cultivator from the Tribulation Realm of the Heavenly Realm.”

“Does this little monk have dyed yellow hair? If the Emperor found out, what would he think?”

Elder Prince Lin Kedong chimed in sarcastically as he approached Lin Keting!

“I’ll like whoever I choose; it has nothing to do with you!”

Lin Keting shot Lin Kedong a frosty glare.

While it may not be his business, whether it concerns my father is another matter. I’ll be reporting this to him right away.

With a playful tune on his lips, Lin Kedong walked away!

With a serious demeanor, Lin Kefan warned, “Little sister, you left Sun Moon City without permission and ventured to the Heavenly Kingdom. Now you’ve gone and done this. Father will surely be furious.”

“Take care of yourself. I’ll do my utmost to plead your case. Perhaps you could also ask Taoist Wuji to help persuade Father. That way, you might escape serious consequences.”

Lin Kefan felt utterly helpless, fearing that there was little he could do after this major blunder!

“Fourth brother, don’t fret about incurring the Emperor’s wrath. It’s just ten years of contemplation; it will be over in no time,”

Lin Keting replied fearlessly!

Having been spoiled her entire life, she felt no fear even in the face of impending punishment!

“Let’s go see what unfolds!” Lin Kefan sighed, pulling Lin Keting toward the palace!

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Upon entering the Imperial Palace, Lin Kedong spotted their father, Emperor Lin Chong, already engaged in conversation with a figure beside him.

This figure was an elderly man clad in a Taoist robe and wielding a whisk—the esteemed Taoist Wujil.

“Master!”

As soon as Lin Keting laid eyes on Taoist Wujil, she felt an urgent need for him to clarify the situation.

However, just as she opened her mouth to speak, the weight of her father's gaze silenced her.

“Ting'er, you ventured into the Heavenly Kingdom without my permission and secretly engaged with a young cultivator there. Are you trying to drive your father to madness?”

Anger etched on his face, Lin Chong confronted Lin Keting.

“Father, my little sister is naturally playful; it's only normal for her to visit the Heavenly Kingdom for some fun. Besides, she was with others, so she was in no danger. Please, don't punish her!”

Lin Kefan quickly interceded on Lin Keting's behalf!

“Quiet!” Lin Chong's frown deepened, causing Lin Kefan to fall silent in fear.

“Fourth brother, please don't plead for me. I merely went out to enjoy myself. I had a secret conversation with that young cultivator from the Tribulation Realm, and we even spent several hours together,” Lin Keting boldly declared.

Lin Keting voiced her defiance without a hint of fear!

“You...” Lin Chong was nearly apoplectic upon hearing her words!

“Father, Master was the one who instructed me to do all of this. He even suggested I go to the Battlefield of Gods and Demons in the Heavenly World.”

“And my master also advised me to become a dual-cultivation partner with that young cultivator from the Tribulation Realm. If there's punishment to be given, it should be directed toward my master!”

With a pointed finger, Lin Keting accused Taoist Wujil!

“My disciple, don’t speak such nonsense. How could your master send you to the Heavenly Realm? And how could I possibly find you a Tribulation Realm cultivator for dual cultivation?”

Taoist Wujil quickly refuted her claims!

Lin Keting was momentarily taken aback, staring at Taoist Wujil in disbelief!

It was clear that Taoist Wujil had orchestrated everything, yet he now refused to take responsibility!

“Master, why won’t you own up to it? This isn’t fair—are you trying to deceive me?”

Lin Keting never imagined her own master would attempt to trick her!

“Enough! Taoist Wujil is a figure of great respect; he wouldn’t do such a thing. You can’t shift all the blame onto him.”

“You must take responsibility for your actions. Moreover, your conflict with the Demon Seal Alliance in the Heavenly Realm resulted in the deaths of several guards. Surely, your master didn’t order that, did he?”

Lin Chong questioned Lin Keting sternly.

Lin Keting shook her head, “No, but those from the Demon Sealing Alliance deserved their fate. Master taught me that no one in the Demon Sealing League is virtuous.”

“Once again, you’re placing blame on your master. You clearly can’t recognize your own faults. If that’s the case, don’t complain when I’m strict.”

“You will go to the Imperial Mausoleum to reflect on your mistakes for ten years. You are not permitted to leave before that time...”

Lin Chong declared angrily at Lin Keting.

Furious, Lin Keting's face paled, and she clenched her teeth, "Go ahead and send me there! I'm not afraid of repenting for a hundred years..."

With that, Lin Keting turned on her heel and stormed out!

"Little sister!"

Seeing this, Lin Kefan rushed after her!

Watching this unfold, Lin Kedong smirked!

"What's so funny? Get out of here..."

Lin Chong shot a glare at Lin Kedong, prompting him to quickly suppress his laughter and make his exit!

Once Lin Kedong left, Taoist Wujil and Lin Chong exchanged knowing glances, then burst into laughter together!

"Master Wuji, I fear that this time, Ting'er will hold quite a grudge against you."

Lin Chong chuckled.

"Let her hate me as much as she wishes. The Heavenly Realm is on the brink of upheaval, and the Demon Seal Alliance is already closing in on me. I fear our days of peace are numbered."

Taoist Wujil replied with a resigned smile!

"Indeed, Sun Moon City will soon be revealed to the public. I can no longer maintain my image as the pure emperor."

"But what about the young man named ** whom you found for Ting'er, the Taoist priest?"

Lin Chong inquired with curiosity!

“Emperor Lin, fear not. You will recognize him when you see him. If he isn’t a dragon among men, how could I possibly present him to Ting’er?”

“Ting’er is not only your beloved daughter; she is also my cherished student.”

Taoist Wujil kept his cards close to his chest and revealed nothing further!

“Very well, I trust in the Taoist’s judgment. I hope that after ten years of reflection, Ting’er can steer clear of this impending disaster!”

With a soft sigh, Lin Chong fell into silence, and the two shared a moment of quiet contemplation!

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Gelu Mountain!

Zhu Qingxiu was resolute in her quest to locate the Shenjicao, for it was the only remedy that could heal her burned face.

What girl doesn’t cherish beauty? Zhu Qingxiu is no different!

Just as she was meticulously searching for the elusive Shenjicao Grass, a group of figures suddenly charged towards her!

Zhu Qingxiu’s expression shifted to one of tension and alarm!

With her sword drawn, she braced herself for a confrontation!

Unsure of the intentions of these newcomers, Zhu Qingxiu stayed on high alert!

However, when the figures drew closer, her anxiety transformed into exhilaration!

“Big Brother?”

Zhu Qingxiu lowered her sword and called out to the middle-aged man who led the group!

It turned out that these individuals were all members of the Wanjian Sect, and the man at the forefront was none other than Zhu Qingxiu’s elder brother, Fan Xianbo.

As they landed in front of her, several members quickly gathered around Zhu Qingxiu!

“Who are you?” The lead man, looking puzzled, inquired as he studied Zhu Qingxiu closely!

“Big Brother, it’s me! I’m Qingxiu...”

Zhu Qingxiu swiftly removed the mask covering her face!

Despite the burns, her features remained largely unchanged, save for a noticeable scar.

“Younger sister Qingxiu?”

Fan Xianbo’s reaction was not one of joy; instead, his face was a canvas of astonishment, laced with a hint of panic.

“Big Brother, I never imagined you were still alive! I thought our Wanjian Sect had been wiped out.”

“How is Master? If you’re here, does that mean the Master is alright?”

Zhu Qingxiu asked eagerly!

Fan Xianbo shook his head gravely: “Master fell in battle long ago, and only a handful of us remain in the Wanjian Sect.”

“Junior Sister Qingxiu, how did you manage to escape? And what happened to your face?”

“Big Brother, Master entrusted me with the Ten Thousand Sword Sect’s Jade Slip secret manual and helped me flee. However, the Sealing Demon League pursued me relentlessly. I had no choice but to seek refuge in the Dead Sea, which led to my unfortunate burns,”

Zhu Qingxiu recounted to Fan Xianbo, being truthful about her ordeal.

“What? The Jade Slip secret manual is in your possession?” Fan Xianbo exclaimed, his surprise palpable. “That explains why I couldn’t find it after searching the sect for so long...”

“Senior Brother, what do you mean?” Zhu Qingxiu inquired, having not caught his drift.

“Oh, it’s nothing!” Fan Xianbo quickly replied with a forced smile. “Junior sister, do you still have the jade slip secret manual? Please show it to me. If we have the Jade Slip, we can revive the Wanjian Sect.”

Zhu Qingxiu’s brow furrowed at Fan Xianbo’s words, filled with skepticism. “Big Brother, the Jade Slip secret manual is not to be shared with outsiders. That’s a core tenet of our Wanjian Sect. Surely you know this?”

“Yes, of course, I’m aware. I just mentioned it out of concern for the Jade Slip,”

Fan Xianbo quickly adjusted his tone. “As long as the Jade Slip is safe, we can work together to restore the Wanjian Sect.”

By this point, Zhu Qingxiu was beginning to harbor doubts about her elder brother.

“Big Brother, how did you manage to survive?”

Zhu Qingxiu pressed further.

“We escaped during the chaos and found a place to hide, which is how we evaded death,”

Fan Xianbo explained.

“Then, what brings you to Gelu Mountain?” Zhu Qingxiu continued with her questions.

“We’ve come to investigate the strange occurrences at Gelu Mountain. We hoped to stumble upon some resources or treasures. The state of the Wanjian Sect is dire, and we must find a way to survive,”

he answered. “Junior sister, what are you doing all the way out here? This place seems quite distant from Zhujia Town!”

Fan Xianbo inquired, clearly puzzled.

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I arrived here in search of the Shenjicao, which can heal the burns on my face. Zhu Qingxiu’s eyes, once filled with excitement, now showed a hint of concern!

“Don’t worry, we’ll assist you in finding it,” Fan Xianbo said, waving his hand. “Quickly, everyone, help Junior Sister locate the Divine Muscle Grass.”

As a group of people began their search, Fan Xianbo positioned himself beside Zhu Qingxiu and remarked, whether intentionally or not, “Junior Sister, the Jade Slip Secret Book is extremely vital to our Wanjian Sect. It’s imperative that you keep it secure.”

“Do you have the jade slip secret book with you? If you do, it’s crucial that you don’t let anyone else know about it...”

Although his tone sounded caring, it was clear that he was testing Zhu Qingxiu!

Fortunately, Zhu Qingxiu sensed something was off and quickly replied, “Big Brother, I don’t have the Jade Slip Secret Book with me. I’ve stored it safely, so there’s no need for you to worry.”

Upon hearing this, Fan Xianbo’s expression soured, and a flicker of coldness crossed his face as he said, “Junior Sister, I believe we should check on the jade slip secret book first. Since Master entrusted it to you for safekeeping, any mistake on your part would be a disservice to Master’s hard work.”

“Big Brother, I assure you that the place I’ve hidden it is very secure; nothing will go wrong,” Zhu Qingxiu insisted!

Seeing her defiance, Fan Xianbo’s voice turned stern: “Junior Sister, in light of the recent disaster that has befallen the Wanjian Sect and the death of our Master, as the eldest brother of the sect, I have every reason to safeguard our interests.”

“Take me to see the Jade Slip Secret Book right now. This is an order...”

Realizing Fan Xianbo was dropping the pretense, Zhu Qingxiu responded with a steely gaze, “Big Brother, only the Master of the Wanjian Sect has the right to view the secret jade slips. Even if the Master is gone, he has not passed the throne to you. You are not the Master of the Wanjian Sect, and thus, you have no authority to command me.”

Fan Xianbo’s anger flared at her words: “Junior Sister, I’m asking you one last time—will you take me to find the jade slip secret book?”

“No!” Zhu Qingxiu’s resolve was unwavering!

“Fine, then don’t blame me, Senior Brother. I’m acting in the best interest of the Wanjian Clan!”

With that, Fan Xianbo signaled to his fellow disciples, who promptly surrounded Zhu Qingxiu!

In response, Zhu Qingxiu stood her ground, fury in her eyes, and declared, “Big Brother, have you forgotten what happened to the Wanjian Sect? The Demon Sealing Alliance launched a surprise attack, and many of our brothers perished before they could defend themselves.”

“We didn’t even have the chance to activate the Cult Defense Formation. When Master helped me escape, he warned me that there might be a traitor within the sect. I suspect that traitor is you!”

“You’re speaking nonsense! It is you who has betrayed us and stolen the sect’s Jade Slip secret manual!”

“Seize them!”

Fan Xianbo commanded, and several of his disciples rushed at Zhu Qingxiu!

Zhu Qingxiu immediately joined the fray, battling alongside her fellow disciples!

Meanwhile, Fan Xianbo observed from the sidelines, biding his time for the perfect moment to strike!

Suddenly, his expression hardened, and as Zhu Qingxiu let her guard down, he swiftly moved behind her, preparing to deliver a powerful slap to her back!

“Junior Sister, why are you resisting?”

Fan Xianbo sneered coldly!

His palm was imbued with sealing power; should he connect with Zhu Qingxiu, her spiritual energy would be locked away, leaving her unable to fight back!

Once that happened, he could easily compel Zhu Qingxiu to retrieve the Jade Slip Secret Book, solidifying his position as the leader of the Wanjian Sect.

Just as Fan Xianbo was about to strike, a brilliant ray of light suddenly appeared, cleaving through the air!

Swoosh!

The flashing light sliced downward, scattering sword energy everywhere and shaking the very void!

Startled, Fan Xianbo quickly withdrew his hand and stepped back!

All others were also forced to retreat from the fierce sword light, dodging the impending attack!

** Fan Xianbo found himself next to Zhu Qingxiu, who was gripping the dragon-slaying sword with determination.

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“Miss Zhu, who are those people?”

** turned to Zhu Qingxiu and inquired!

“These are all members of the Wanjian Sect, my fellow disciples!”

Zhu Qingxiu replied!

“Brother? But didn’t you say the Wanjian Sect was destroyed?”** responded, clearly surprised!

Why were the brothers fighting among themselves?

Given the Wanjian Sect’s tragic fate, one would expect the remaining disciples to band together!

“I also believed that our Wanjian Clan had been wiped out, but I just encountered them. That middle-aged man is our elder brother, Fan Xianbo.”

Zhu Qingxiu elaborated on Fan Xianbo, then added, “He demanded that I hand over the Jade Slip secret book, but I refused, so they decided to take action.”

** immediately realized that these individuals from the Wanjian Sect were after the Jade Slip secret book that Zhu Qingxiu possessed.

“I read the Jade Slip secret book myself back in the day; it truly is a valuable item,” ** remarked.

“How did they find out you had the Jade Slip secret book?” ** asked.

I simply ran into them and let something slip in my excitement. It seems they are likely traitors to our Wanjian Clan!”

Zhu Qingxiu said, clearly infuriated!

“Junior sister, you can eat whatever you want, but be careful with your words. You’re the real traitor.”

“And who is this person? A mere seventh-class cultivator in the Tribulation Realm, how dare he meddle in the affairs of our Ten Thousand Swords Sect?”

Fan Xianbo said, his expression grim!

“What realm I’m in is none of your concern. If I choose to interfere with the Ten Thousand Swords Sect, I will, and I won’t care about your opinion.”

“What are you shouting about? You look like a traitor yourself. Just because your name is Fan Xian doesn’t mean you’re righteous; Fan Xianbo is definitely a name associated with betrayal!”

** scolded Fan Xianbo without hesitation.

Since these individuals attacked Zhu Qingxiu, they no longer warranted respect, even if they were from the Wanjian Sect. Fan Xianbo was taken aback by the insult. He never expected a seventh-level cultivator in the Tribulation Realm would dare to speak to him in such a manner!

“Boy, are you out of your mind? How dare you, a seventh-stage cultivator in the Tribulation Realm, insult me?”

“Look, I’m a Mahayana cultivator. We are clearly not on the same level.”

Fan Xianbo regarded ** with disdain.

“Big Brother, this is just a casual cultivator trying to win favor with our junior sister.”

“Junior Sister is truly charming. Even though her face is damaged, there are still men willing to stand up for her.”

“When Junior Sister was uninjured, she was undoubtedly a great beauty!”

Several of Fan Xianbo’s companions laughed heartily!

A lowly seventh-rank cultivator in the Tribulation Realm was not worth their attention!

Furthermore, looking at **, he didn’t seem like someone of high status; he was merely an occasional practitioner!

Since he was just a low-level cultivator, they felt no need to fear him!

However, they seemed to have forgotten how the sword light had forced them to retreat just moments ago!

“You’re going too far. As senior brothers, the Wanjian Sect is already in such disarray, and you still seek to lay claim to the Jade Slip secret book.”

“You even attacked me, your junior sister. If Master were here, he would undoubtedly imprison you all!”

Zhu Qingxiu glared at Fan Xianbo and his group.

“Junior sister, Master is dead; he can’t die any more than he has. I witnessed his demise with my own eyes. His very soul vanished into thin air. There’s no way he can return.”

“You’d better hand over the Jade Slip secret book to me so I can revive the Wanjian Sect. I could also appoint you as an elder of the Wanjian Sect.”

Fan Xianbo sneered at Zhu Qingxiu.

“I will never give it to you!” Zhu Qingxiu declared resolutely!

“Junior sister, think this through. This guy is supposed to be your husband, right? You’re disfigured, yet he still stands up for you. This indicates that you must have been intimate for quite some time.”

Fan Xianbo said, “If you don’t want your husband to meet a tragic end, just comply, and I can ensure you both live.”

Fan Xianbo threatened Zhu Qingxiu with her husband’s life.

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“You’re just talking nonsense! You two are the ones who are clearly sleeping together,” Zhu Qingxiu exclaimed, her annoyance evident!

“Miss Zhu, I don’t sleep... with men,” Kai retorted, his voice filled with disbelief!

Zhu Qingxiu realized her words might have been inappropriate. Embarrassed, she glanced at Kai, then shot a glare at Fan Xianbo. “Don’t project your filthy thoughts onto us! We are pure and innocent...”

Upon saying “pure and innocent,” a blush crept across Zhu Qingxiu’s cheeks, as she realized how that might sound!

After all, Kai had seen her naked; could she really call herself pure and innocent?

“Haha, look at you blushing! Who would believe that? In the Ten Thousand Swords Sect, you pretend to be a virtuous woman, but everyone knows the truth—you’re just a flirt!”

Fan Xianbo mocked her mercilessly!

“I honestly didn’t expect my senior sister to be like this. If I had known, I would have made my move back at the Ten Thousand Swords Sect.”

“Senior sister, you have such fair skin and long legs. I caught a glimpse of you while you were bathing.”

Other senior brothers joined in, hurling personal attacks at Zhu Qingxiu!

This only made Zhu Qingxiu seethe with anger, her body trembling.

“Senior sister, if you hand over the jade secret scrolls, I’ll leave right away. If you want to stay in the Ten Thousand Swords Sect, I can even offer you an elder position.”

“But if you refuse, don’t blame me for being ruthless. Not only will you both lose your lives, but I’ll also let all these senior brothers have their way with you.”

“Quite a few of them are eager for your beauty, so think carefully.”

Fan Xianbo’s threats were utterly shameless!

“Fan Xianbo, you’re inhumane...”

As she listened to his words, Zhu Qingxiu couldn’t help but point her long sword at him!

However, Fan Xianbo showed no fear. With a disdainful smirk, he said, “Sister, do you really want to fight me? I could strip you of your clothes in three strokes, you know.”

“You...!”

Zhu Qingxiu’s face burned with indignation, but deep down, she recognized that Fan Xianbo was right!

Her strength couldn’t match his, and if they fought, he might very well succeed in humiliating her!

Yet, if she stood by and let Fan Xianbo insult her, her anger would only grow!

At that moment, Zhu Qingxiu felt utterly helpless!

She couldn’t fight back, but she also couldn’t just curse him out...

“Miss Zhu, leave these shameless senior brothers to me!”

Kai stepped in front of Zhu Qingxiu, the Dragon Slashing Sword in his hand trembling slightly!

He had never encountered such shamelessness before; it was infuriating!

Seeing Kai preparing to intervene, Fan Xianbo sneered, “You, a mere seventh-grade cultivator in the Transitional Abstraction Realm, think you can be a hero and save a damsel? Look at yourself!”

“You’ll find out what I’m capable of if you give it a try.”

Kai’s aura began to radiate around him!

“Well then, since you’re seeking your own demise, I won’t hold back. But I never kill nameless people, so state your name!”

Fan Xianbo was surprisingly polite in asking Kai to introduce himself!

“Kai...”

Kai replied, his words barely escaping his lips!

Bam...!

As soon as Kai spoke, the long swords clattered to the ground from the hands of Fan Xianbo’s senior brothers, creating a sharp sound.

Fan Xianbo himself stumbled back, nearly losing his balance, staring at Kai in disbelief!

“You... you’re that Kai who was hunted down by the Demon Sealing Alliance with a bounty that lasted a hundred years?”

Fan Xianbo’s expression turned grim!

“That’s right, it’s me...”

Kai nodded in affirmation!

Upon hearing Kai’s self-introduction, instead of getting angry, Fan Xianbo took a few steps back!

There had to be a reason why a seventh-grade cultivator like him was being hunted with such a significant bounty by the Demon Sealing Alliance, and the fact that he was still standing here after all this time made Fan Xianbo reconsider his next move!

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While Fan Xianbo may be regarded as bad, he is certainly not lacking in intelligence.

“Brothers, this Kai is incredibly valuable! If we manage to capture him and turn him over to the Demon Sealing Alliance, we’ll strike it rich!”

“Let’s tackle this together! He’s only at the seventh level of the Transitional Abstraction Realm. With all of us, we should have no trouble!”

Fan Xianbo addressed the group of senior brothers behind him.

“Eldest brother, didn’t the Demon Sealing Alliance send someone after him? They had a fourth-grade Mahayana realm cultivator, and they ended up losing. Are we really up for this?”

One of the senior brothers interjected, voice raised amid the chatter.

Upon hearing this, Kai quickly realized these individuals were discussing Tian Luo Tian Shi and their recent defeat. It seemed they had ties to the Demon Sealing Alliance, which made it clear they were aware of the situation. This revelation only reinforced Kai’s suspicion that these men might have acted as traitors during the Demon Sealing Alliance’s assault on the Ten Thousand Swords Sect, possibly disabling the sect’s protective barrier.

“There’s no way this guy could have beaten a fourth-grade Mahayana cultivator without some outside help. It’s just impossible,” one of them reasoned.

“Let’s take advantage of the fact that he’s alone right now and capture him! This is our chance!”

“We need to act quickly, or we’ll regret it if his allies show up!”

Fan Xianbo pressed them to move swiftly.

After exchanging glances, several senior brothers agreed with Fan Xianbo's assessment. They swiftly picked up their fallen swords and charged toward Kai.

However, Fan Xianbo held back, choosing to observe from the sidelines. He intended to let these senior brothers gauge Kai's strength first.

It wasn't entirely accurate that Kai was merely at the seventh level of the Transition Realm. If he was concealing his true power and pretending to be weaker, that could pose a significant problem!

Fan Xianbo was keen to see how his senior brothers would fare while he watched from a safe distance.

The senior brothers unleashed their full energy as they attacked, determined to take down Kai with lethal force.

After all, Kai was a prized target for the Demon Sealing Alliance.

As they approached, Kai surprised them by sheathing his Dragon Cutting Sword!

Given that these opponents were all in the Transitional Realm, with the strongest among them merely at the peak of the ninth rank, Kai felt it would be disrespectful to use such a powerful weapon against them.

Kai sprang into action, leaping into the air before tapping his toes. In that instant, a wave of spiritual energy shot forth!

This spiritual force tore through the air, creating a shockwave that resonated through the void!

From Fan Xianbo's perspective, Kai's casual demeanor appeared to be nothing more than a performance!

After all, facing cultivators at the 8th or 9th rank of the Transitional Realm, even a first-rank Mahayana cultivator wouldn't dare to act so nonchalantly.

Now, Fan Xianbo was starting to believe that Kai wasn't merely pretending; he likely possessed genuine power, and now it was a matter of seeing how things would unfold!

“What does he think he's doing?”

The cultivators who charged at Kai were momentarily perplexed by his lackadaisical display of spiritual energy!

It was one thing for him to put away his sword, which they interpreted as an insult, but unleashing spiritual energy with just a toe tap? Was he really underestimating them that much?

Infuriated by the perceived slight, the group of cultivators summoned even greater energy and charged at Kai without hesitation!

Boom!

But just as they dismissed Kai's seemingly trivial spirit breath, it suddenly erupted near them!

A tremendous wave of Qi surged forth like a tsunami!

The force was so overwhelming that it felt as if they had been struck by cannonballs. Each of them screamed as they were sent hurtling backward, crashing into the ground and creating deep craters!

The ensuing chaos kicked up clouds of dust and debris, leaving the cultivators motionless, unable to rise!

As the dust settled, silence enveloped the scene.

Fan Xianbo's eyes widened in shock, his entire being momentarily stunned!

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He came to the startling realization that all those senior brothers were no longer capable of fighting back, leaving it unclear whether they were alive or dead!

Kai, who was only at the seventh level of the Transition Realm, had managed to take down these individuals, each of whom was supposed to be at a higher level than him, with what seemed to be ease!

This scenario felt utterly surreal.

It appeared that Kai had concealed his true strength, suggesting that he had reached the Mahayana realm, likely attaining the second rank within it!

“Didn’t you want to test my abilities? Well, have you tested me now?”

Kai shot a cold smile at Fan Xianbo as he spoke!

“I didn’t expect you to actually hide your power, but I can see you’re only at the second rank of the Mahayana realm, which means you’re on par with me. There’s no need for you to act so arrogant!”

Fan Xianbo scoffed dismissively, flipping his hand to reveal a crimson longsword!

As soon as he drew the longsword, Fan Xianbo’s aura transformed drastically, radiating a presence akin to a mysterious black hole that exuded an unsettling energy!

“That’s not a sword from my Ten Thousand Swords Sect! Where did you acquire that sinister blade?”

Zhu Qingxiu exclaimed loudly upon seeing the longsword in Fan Xianbo’s grasp!

The longswords associated with their Ten Thousand Swords Sect could never resemble this; the crimson blade was imbued with a malevolent aura!

Kai narrowed his eyes, scrutinizing the red longsword in Fan Xianbo's hand. He recognized that its aura was strikingly similar to the blood-colored longsword wielded by Tian Luo!

Understanding that Tian Luo was a devil cultivator while Fan Xianbo hailed from the esteemed Ten Thousand Swords Sect raised questions about the similarities in their weapons.

"That sword of his was likely a gift from the Demon Sealing Alliance. You must realize that the Demon Sealing Alliance possesses numerous items for demon cultivators."

"It seems your Eldest Senior Brother has become a pawn of the Demon Sealing Alliance, which explains why your Ten Thousand Swords Sect fell to them."

Kai remarked to Zhu Qingxiu!

Hearing this, Zhu Qingxiu glared at Fan Xianbo, her face filled with fury. "Fan Xianbo, is this true? Have you truly betrayed the clan? Have you really become a lackey for the Demon Sealing Alliance?"

"Did you bring harm to our Master and the entire clan?"

Zhu Qingxiu was overwhelmed with emotion, gripping her longsword tightly as rage sparked in her eyes!

"Senior Sister, stop spreading lies and don't believe everything you hear."

"All of my actions were aimed at revitalizing the Ten Thousand Swords Sect. Since you refuse to hand over the Jade Brief Secrets, then I will"

With that, Fan Xianbo swung the crimson longsword with ferocity!

A swirling blood aura instantly enveloped an area of hundreds of meters!

“Be careful” Kai yanked Zhu Qingxiu back, brandishing the Dragon Cutting Sword in a decisive chop!

However, Kai’s sword struck nothing but air; the blood aura dissipated, and he was shocked to find that Fan Xianbo had vanished!

This fellow had actually fled, abandoning his comrades without a second thought, leaving their fates uncertain!

“Damn, this guy is quite the trickster; he played me”

Kai couldn’t help but curse under his breath!

Fan Xianbo had seemingly intended to engage in combat, yet he had already plotted his escape!

Kai had anticipated a fight, completely unprepared for this sudden retreat.

Who could have guessed that someone who had seemed ready for battle would turn tail and run?

If Kai had reacted faster, he certainly wouldn’t have let this man slip away!

“Damn it, letting him escape means I missed my chance to avenge the fallen brothers and sisters of the Ten Thousand Swords Sect.”

As Fan Xianbo fled, Zhu Qingxiu gritted her teeth in frustration!

“If he got away, then so be it. He’ll come after you sooner or later; after all, the jade secret scroll is still in your possession, and he won’t be able to regain control of the Ten Thousand Swords Sect without it.”

“I’ve already located the Divine Muscle Grass; I’ll contact Ji Yun now, and we can head back”

Kai addressed Zhu Qingxiu!

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As Zhu Qingxiu nodded in agreement, Kai took out a sound transmission jade slip to summon Ji Yun back. Soon after, the three of them set off to Zhu Family Town aboard a dirigible!

Upon their arrival at Zhu Family Town, Kai wasted no time and immediately began using the Divine Muscle Grass to concoct the elixir!

In just one day, he successfully brewed the potion, and when Zhu Qingxiu took it, the burns on her face vanished like magic!

This miraculous transformation left Zhu Qingxiu immensely grateful to Kai; for a woman, beauty is often equated with life itself!

Meanwhile, Zhu Yuanji, along with his two sisters, Zhu Qingxiu and Zhu Qingyue, graciously welcomed Kai and offered him their hospitality!

“Mr. Chen, both of my daughters owe their lives to you, and I truly don’t know how to express my gratitude,” Zhu Yuanji said earnestly.

“Our Zhu Family Town may not have many precious resources, but our ancestors did leave behind a bottle of spirit blood, said to contain the blood of a Jiao Dragon. I would like to offer this to you, Mr. Chen.”

With that, Zhu Yuanji produced a white spirit purification bottle and handed it over to Kai!

As Kai grasped the bottle, he was instantly enveloped by an intense, ferocious aura!

This aura was undeniably fierce, yet Kai felt a strange sense of familiarity with it!

When his divine sense probed into the Spirit Pure Bottle, he was astonished to find a dragon shadow swimming within the blood inside!

Kai's eyes narrowed in surprise as he observed this!

“Director Zhu, is this dragon blood truly a family heirloom?” he inquired with curiosity.

“Absolutely! If it were today, with the current strength of Zhu Family Town, we wouldn't even be able to handle ordinary demonic beasts, let alone collect blood from a Jiao Dragon!”

“Mr. Chen, could it be that this Jiao Dragon blood is not genuine?” Zhu Yuanji asked, puzzled. He only knew it had been passed down through generations and was unsure of its authenticity.

“That's not the case. I just believe that the power of this Jiao Dragon must be incredibly strong, especially considering the current state of Zhu Family Town...”

Kai hesitated to finish his thought, mindful that Zhu Family Town was rather weak at the moment.

In fact, there wasn't a single Mahayana realm cultivator in the entire Zhu Family Town, and if Zhu Qingxiu hadn't been sent to the Ten Thousand Swords Sect, she likely wouldn't have reached that level!

“Sigh, our Zhu Family Town had its glory days thousands of years ago. Unfortunately, after the God-Devil War, we have been in decline, and things seem to be getting worse,” Zhu Yuanji lamented with a sigh.

Seeing his melancholy, Kai quickly followed Zhu Yuanji's lead and raised a glass in camaraderie, and the two enjoyed a hearty drink together!

It wasn't until late at night that Kai finally returned to the room that had been prepared for him!

Just as he was about to lie down, the door swung open, revealing Zhu Qingxiu in a flowing white dress!

With her face healed, Zhu Qingxiu's exquisite features and flawless skin made her an undeniable beauty!

The moonlight streamed through the room, illuminating her figure and making her white dress appear almost translucent!

Kai was momentarily taken aback at the sight!

Through the sheer fabric, he realized that Zhu Qingxiu was not wearing anything underneath!

Although he had seen her bare before, the ethereal quality of the moment ignited a rush of emotions within Kai!

"Mr. Chen, you've done so much for me, and I have nothing to offer in return. I hope to please you tonight!" she said as she approached him.

Then, she leaped onto Kai, pinning him beneath her!

"Miss Zhu, wait! I'm not that kind of person, and I don't expect any compensation for helping you," Kai protested as he tried to push her away.

"Mr. Chen, please don't feel pressured; I'm doing this of my own will," Zhu Qingxiu insisted, inching closer to him.

"Miss Zhu, this really isn't appropriate..." Kai continued to retreat.

But there was nowhere left to go as Zhu Qingxiu pounced on him once again, wrapping her arms around him, eager for deeper connection!

Kai inhaled her intoxicating scent, feeling momentarily lost in temptation—what man could truly resist this allure?

Just as he was about to give in, a voice suddenly interrupted the moment!

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“Kai, you scoundrel! You promised to be with me, yet here you are, fooling around with other women!”

“Because of your actions, I’ve endured punishment from my father for you, and I’ve been haunted by this in silence for ten long years. You’ve shattered my heart beyond repair!”

Lin Keting’s voice suddenly echoed in Kai’s ears!

Kai’s entire body shook as he quickly pushed Zhu Qingxiu away and bolted out of the room. “Miss Zhu, please understand, I didn’t save you just to take advantage of you!”

“You should rest early. I need to find a quiet place to recover my spiritual energy; helping you with alchemy has drained me!”

With that, Kai’s figure unexpectedly vanished!

As she stared at the spot where Kai had just been, Zhu Qingxiu froze. She couldn’t comprehend why Kai had turned down her advances.

Was it because she wasn’t attractive enough?

Or was it her figure that didn’t appeal to him?

What went wrong?

Confused, Zhu Qingxiu left, her face flushed with embarrassment.

Kai’s family had their own reservations, and even if Zhu Qingxiu had pursued him, it ultimately led to nothing!

In the end, she felt foolish for making herself look desperate!

Meanwhile, Kai found himself in a forest many miles away from Zhu Jia Town!

He dared not linger in Zhu Jia Town any longer; he feared Zhu Qingxiu might become a threat!

“Miss Lin, what’s going on? Why have you been locked away for reflection?”

After halting, Kai inquired about Lin Keting!

Kai was baffled as to why Lin Keting had been punished.

“You wouldn’t understand. Even if I explained, it wouldn’t matter. Just promise me you won’t go around flirting with other women,” Lin Keting replied.

“It’s only ten years; it will pass in no time! I’ll come back to you once it’s over!”

Lin Keting chose not to reveal that she was willing to wait, knowing it wouldn’t change anything!

It seemed impossible for Kai to reach Sun Moon City, and in ten years, he might not even be in the same place!

“Ten years? I ...”

Kai wanted to say more but realized he couldn’t reach Lin Keting.

He wasn’t even sure where he would be in ten years. Although a decade meant little to a cultivator, it felt like an eternity to Kai!

By then, he might already have a family with concubines and grandchildren.

Lin Keting feared that she would only be a fleeting memory by the time she sought him out.

Lost in thought, Kai reminisced about the women in his life.

“Yuqi, I wonder where you are?”

“Ruxue, Mei’er, Qing’er, Jiayi, Yuhan

“I hope you’re all doing well. When will I get to see you again?”

Kai recalled the joyful times spent with those women, a truly beautiful memory.

“Enough of this! I need to focus on cultivating ...” Kai shook his head, trying to clear his mind of distractions.

He pulled out the Spirit Pure Bottle and took out the Jiao Dragon’s blood contained within!

A shimmering mass of blood floated in the air, surrounded by a swirling aura that resembled a small dragon, radiating an impressive energy!

This was the blood of a Jiao dragon, and its noble lineage and majestic presence were far from ordinary demonic beasts!

Kai unleashed a ball of Supreme Fire, causing the blood to transform into a mist in the flames!

As the mist coalesced, it took on the form of a scaly dragon!

Clearly, this scaly dragon had just begun its transformation and wasn’t yet a true dragon!

As Kai gazed at the scaly dragon before him, he hesitated to absorb it for cultivation.

Despite the significant difference between his golden dragon true body and this scaly dragon, he recognized the effort it took to evolve from a python to a scaly dragon!

Now that it had even transformed into a Jiao dragon, it possessed part of the dragon bloodline!

Just when Kai was deliberating, a sudden flash of red light appeared, instantly consuming the mist that had formed into the scaly dragon!

Stunned, Kai turned to see that the red light was actually Cen Biqing's Dragon Crystal, which had absorbed all the essence from the scaly dragon's blood!