

Nine-Dragon 131

Chapter 131: Might of the Six Fingers of Destruction

"One move? You live up to your name as the insolent fool with no regard for the rules of the faction. I cannot compare to your insolence!" Chen Xiang laughed in anger.

"Since this is the case, let's see how you're going to defeat me with one move!"

Whoosh—

The Third Level Upper Tier Holy King was fast, causing many to look on in awe. He was stronger than any enemy Su Yu had faced before.

In the blink of an eye, Chen Xiang had disappeared from his original position, leaving behind a string of afterimages as he dashed toward Su Yu!

After Su Yu processed where Chen Xiang was, Chen Xiang's original body had already charged right in front of him!

Chen Xian let out a cold laugh, striking Su Yu with his palm. "Your abilities are average!"

Crash—

His palm easily pierced Su Yu's body. Su Yu did not even have time to react.

Everyone was shocked!

Chen Xiang had won too easily, much easier than how Su Yu defeated Song Yu. But then, Chen Xiang's smile turned rigid. His palm had just struck air.

Looking ahead, Su Yu's figure scattered into the wind.

"It was an illusion!" The Law Enforcement Tribunal disciples observing in the corner were surprised.

The disciples of the Law Enforcement Tribunal had much practice and training, observational skills were their specialty.

But nobody had spotted Su Yu's illusion!

Wang Shenxue's calm expression gradually turned serious. "What speed! Even I didn't notice!"

Deep in Mo Wu's eyes, there was a shred of surprise. "What an unbelievable movement technique! He must have evaded at the last possible moment, but was too fast to trace with the naked eye."

Cao Xuan squinted his eyes. "Hmph! His movement technique is alright!"

Only the Second Elder and the Tenth Elder remained calm, everything was still under their control.

Chen Xiang's heart skipped a beat. He could not follow Su Yu's speed! Su Yu's movement technique was better than his own!

Exhale—

Chen Xiang looked up. A purple figure stood calmly on his head, wings of ice sprouted from his back. The wings let out a cold glow, silently flapping.

"You couldn't even hit my original body, and you still have the guts to call Song Yu trash?" Su Yu calmly spat.

Under the stage, Song Yu was stunned. The indignance in her heart receded a little. When she looked at Su Yu again, her gaze much gentler than before.

Su Yu was fighting for her.

Chen Xiang's face changed. He clenched his teeth, materializing wings of spirit energy and flying up in the air.

"You dare be so brazen just because of your movement technique? Your abilities are average!" Chen Xiang growled furiously.

He flew toward Su Yu, calculating the angle and timing of his attack. His palm struck down ferociously! "Dragon Splitting Palm!"

His palm was like a heavenly sword executing everything in its path. It was as if he was trying to execute a dragon!

The air danced wildly, spirit energy spilling out! The power of a Legacy level technique nearly at Stage One Upper Tier shook the heavens!

Su Yu remained calm. He lightly exhaled, materializing the chilly energy in his body onto his right palm!

Activating his Icy Divine Wings, which he had cultivated to Stage One Upper Tier, his large wings started to move!

Whoosh—

Su Yu's figure disappeared from thin air!

Chen Xiang's expression changed. "Despicable vermin, escaping again..."

Whoosh—

Before he could finish his sentence, a figure seemed to have teleported to a foot in front of him!

Their palms clashed!

Rumble—

Shards of ice flew everywhere as cold winds howled!

The terrifying spirit energy spread into the surroundings, bringing up monstrous winds which carried countless shards of ice. The disciples around the practice venue all retreated!

In the chilly winds, Song Yu squinted her eyes, trying to get an understanding of the situation.

Ice shards flew everywhere, creating a snowstorm.

Song Yu's pupils contracted in shock.

A purple figure stood in the middle of the wind and snow. By his feet was a figure groaned pathetically!

When the currents subsided and everything became clear, many people were surprised!

Chen Xiang had been defeated by Su Yu with just a palm!

The Dragon Splitting Palm was frozen in a block of ice. Chen Xiang had been hit by a large impact and was suppressed to the ground, a web of cracks spreading beneath him.

Chen Xiang was crushed, spitting out a mouthful of blood. He looked at Su Yu with fear in his eyes!

"Your... your spirit energy is stronger than mine! How is that possible? Even the legacy level technique of the faction, the Thousand Traces Code could not expand the power of your spirit energy to such an extent!" Chen Xiang's face was full of disbelief.

What Su Yu cultivated was not the Thousand Traces Code, but instead the Sigh of Ice from the Divine Ice Ancient Kingdom!

In terms of expanding his spirit energy, it was far superior to that of the Thousand Traces Code.

Su Yu had reached Stage One Upper Tier of his technique, so his spirit energy was seven times higher than opponents of his level. His power was equivalent to that of a Third Level Peak Holy King.

Chen Xiang was naturally unable to compete with him.

The ancient eyes of the Second Elder sized up Su Yu, slightly surprised.

If her eyes did not mistake her, this was already the second Legacy level technique Su Yu had used!

He had one movement technique and a technique to expand his spirit energy. These were not legacy level techniques of the faction, where did he get them?

The Tenth Elder also observed this, his eyes contracting into a slit. This disciple of Li Guang was crafty indeed!

But when he glimpsed his own disciple Cao Xuan, his heart relaxed.

No matter how strong Su Yu was, he would never be stronger than Cao Xuan.

Coldly looking at Chen Xiang, Su Yu gradually retracted his wings of ice. "I was not brazen, but you are too weak! Since you were defeated by me in one move, should you be punished by the rest of the disciples from the Law Enforcement Tribunal?"

Chen Xiang was filled with anger and shame. He had punished Song Yu for losing in one strike and called her trash. Now he was also defeated in one strike. Was he to be punished by Wang Shexue?

"The sixth battle, Wang Shexue against Chen Xiang!"

Wang Shexue raised his eyebrows, slowly walking toward the stage. He shook his head in disappointment as he walked past Chen Xiang.

Chen Xiang's body trembled, fear creeping across his face.

"I... admit defeat." Chen Xiang chose to surrender. He feared Wang Shexue would punish him like he had punished Song Yu.

But, most importantly, he was definitely no match for Wang Shexue. He could not even touch Wang Shexue.

Wang Shexue did not attempt to stop him, only deepening his disappointment. "Your abilities are far weaker than Su Yu. Your abilities are bad, and your attitude is even worse. Your defeat was completely expected."

Chen Xiang could not retort. He lowered his head in shame even though he felt indignant. If Su Yu had not had that strange levels of spirit energy, how could he have won? He had almost reached Stage One Upper Tier of a Legacy level technique!

If they had the same levels of spirit energy, Su Yu would have been blasted to shreds.

"The seventh battle, Wang Shexue against Cao Xuan!"

Cao Xuan did not move, not even looking directly at the arena. He waited for a moment, but he did not hear Wang Shexue surrender. He raised his eyes and looked over. "You are not choosing to admit defeat?"

"Even though I am weaker than you, the battle must continue!" Wang Shexue's gaze was resolute.

His gaze fell on Su Yu. Admiration and praise-filled his heart even though the disciples of the Law Enforcement tribunal only had negative feelings about Su Yu.

But Wang Shexue had personally seen the Fallen Star Contest. Su Yu's determination had deeply shaken his soul.

In fact, after witnessing the contest that day, Wang Shexue was inspired.

Su Yu's bravery and willingness to do whatever it took to gain power, even though he was weaker than Cao Xuan, was incredible! His soul would not be extinguished.

Cao Xuan's lips formed a belittling smile. Seeing as there were elders present, he had to enter the battle.

Whoosh—

An air crackling sound boomed. Wang Shexue had already made his move, but Cao Xuan's figure still stood at his original position.

Wang Shexue wrinkled his brows as he looked over. "Why does Senior Cao not want to spar with his junior?"

But a faint mocking laugh suddenly spread from the practice venue. "You can't even follow me, what is there to spar?"

Wang Shexue suddenly turned back! Cao Xuan was standing behind him with his hands behind his back!

When Wang Shexue returned his gaze to the Tenth Elder, Cao Xuan gradually dissolved into the air.

"An illusion!" Wang Shexue was completely shocked!

Cao Xuan's cultivation level was clearly suppressed to Second Level Peak Holy King, but his speed still surpassed the limits of what the human eye could follow.

Wang Shexue was expectant. He cupped his hands in respect. "Teach me, Senior Cao!"

The words 'teach me' were definitely not said out of politeness. With Cao Xuan's abilities and status, Wang Shexue definitely did not have the right to spar with him. But now, thanks to the fight between Cao Xuan and Su Yu, he had been granted a chance to spar him.

Wang Shexue did not know if he could last ten moves against Cao Xuan, even if he suppressed his cultivation level to a whole level below his.

At least three moves, that was Wang Shexue's bottom line. If he could last more than ten moves, he would be satisfied.

After all, the opponent he faced had entered the Dragon Realm. His techniques and experience were still present!

"Teach you? There's no need"—Cao Xuan coldly shook his head—"I'll let you have the first three moves. After that, just admit defeat and get down of the stage. My opponent is Su Yu, I don't have time to dawdle with you."

Wang Shexue was slightly startled, his face red from humiliation. "Senior Cao, why do you look down on me so much?"

"If you want to strike, strike now! Otherwise, you won't ever have the chance to strike!" Cao Xuan grunted!

No chance to strike? Wang Shexue felt terribly indignant!

"Since that is the case, forgive me!" Wang Shexue let out a low grunt, striking decisively!
"Heavenly Dragon Strike!"

Wang Shexue retracted his fists before suddenly striking out like two heavenly dragons emerging out of the sea!

Two yellow dragon-shaped figures shot out from his fists. The dragons howled, letting out an aura that threatened to extinguish all life! The two dragons ferociously charged forward, as if attempting to crumble the lakes and mountains!

Su Yu was astonished, this technique was a Stage One Upper Tier legacy-level technique! In fact, it was already nearing Stage One Peak.

Its power was horrifying!

Cao Xuan was a little surprised, but his expression was quickly replaced by a mocking smile.

Whoosh—

His figure suddenly disappeared, not taking advantage to counterattack Wang Shexue, but instead... charging straight towards the twin dragons!

"Six Fingers of Destruction!!" Cao Xuan let out a low grunt!

Even though his cultivation level was only at Second Level Peak Holy King, six of his fingers materialized a horrifying blaze! Pointing to the air, the flames consumed everything! The dust in the air was all incinerated.

Creak—

The two terrifying dragon figures were also incinerated!

A small spark traced the figure of the dragon towards Wang Shexue!

Wang Shexue's expression suddenly changed. "Stage One Peak Legacy level technique!"

Seeing the power of Cao Xuan's attack, Wang Shexue hurriedly broke off from his twin dragons.

But it was too late!

Creak—

The flames immediately engulfed his body, incinerating the hair and robes on his body! The smell of burnt flesh accompanied Wang Shexue's contorted expression!

The Second Elder creased her brows gently, flicking her fingers.

Whoosh—

The flames were extinguished. Wang Shexue's body had turned black and he slipped into a coma!

The disciples of the Law Enforcement Tribunal were immensely shocked.

The highest of the Four Rising Stars could not even last one move against Cao Xuan, who had suppressed his cultivation level to one level below his!

"You couldn't even take advantage of the three moves I gave you, and you dare talk about me teaching you?" Cao Xuan mocked.

Cao Xuan had not truly attacked. Only a small sliver of power had wandered over to Wang Shexue, but Wang Shexue was thoroughly defeated!

"The final match, Cao Xuan against Su Yu!"

Whoosh—

As soon as the referee said this Su Yu flew over! A merciless expression spread from his cold eyes. He had waited for this fight for a long time!

Cao Xuan's expression was also cold. "You have finally come!"

That was no need for any other words between the two.

This practice venue was their stage. It was a stage prepared for their fight!

Su Yu closed his eyes, taking in a deep breath. Then, he suddenly opened his eyes. "Let's fight!"

Chapter 132: Ice flames

"I, Cao Xuan, will definitely obtain your woman!" Cao Xuan wore a mocking smile.

Su Yu did not regard his words. His gaze was collected. Chilly energy slowly gathered around his body, preparing for the battle.

Thinking that Su Yu was a cornered animal, Cao Xuan's mocking smile grew wider. "Great! The more you struggle, the more meaningful it is for me to trample you! In the past, my teacher stole your teacher's woman. Today, let me, Cao Xuan, steal your woman! Your woman is mine! What a pitiful pair, even your fates are the same!"

These words were projected telepathically. After all, Han Zhi was just under the stage!

Su Yu's calm eyes had a ripple of emotion, a shred of hatred flickered in his gaze!

A hundred years ago, Han Zhi had stolen Li Guang's woman. Now, Han Zhi's disciple was going to use this battle to steal the woman of Li Guang's disciple!

"First, you won't be able to steal my woman with your abilities! Second, I, Su Yu, will take the lives of you and your teacher one by one!" Su Yu calmly replied.

Cao Xuan stood with his hands behind his back, just like how he did standing on the garuda back at the Shenyue Island. He seemed to regard everyone as ants, looking at them with a belittling gaze.

"Say that after you survive one of my attacks! Against you, I will not hold back!"

Crack—

The chilly energy in Su Yu's body billowed, radiating into the surroundings with the bottom of his feet at the center of the cold circle!

The cold temperature turned the entire practice venue into an icy wasteland. The frost spread toward Cao Xuan's feet, but at the last second, it turned away from him!

It was as though Cao Xuan was a ball of wildfire, causing the chilly energy to retreat away from him!

"Just your pitiful chilly energy cannot do anything to me!" Cao Xuan mocked, "Six Fingers of Destruction!"

He nonchalantly extended six fingers, each encircled with an intense flame! The dust in the air was incinerated.

Creak—

He flicked his finger, sending embers in every direction.

Everywhere the embers landed the frost disintegrated into white vapors of water.

In the blink of an eye, all the ice on the practice venue had disappeared aside for a small circle around Su Yu!

Wang Shenxue, who was gradually waking up from his coma, stared at the scene. His eyes fluttered with a deep shock.

Even though Cao Xuan had suppressed his cultivation level, his battle power was still much stronger than a Third Level Holy King. The Six Fingers of Destruction was a fire style technique, a hard counter to Su Yu's techniques!

Flames are the nemesis of ice.

"Blame your fate for facing me!" Cao Xuan let out a mocking laugh. "Your techniques are countered by mine and your fate will also be countered by me, Cao Xuan!"

The ancient eyes of the Second Elder involuntarily showed signs of worry.

The ice techniques that Su Yu relied on heavily were countered, his chance of victory was shrinking.

Su Yu did not move, his expression still calm.

Cao Xuan squinted his eyes. "Hmph! Do you know how annoying your calm expression is?"

Be it at Shenyue Island or yesterday when he'd disrupted the marriage, Su Yu's expression had always been calm.

Su Yu was an ant who did not know when to give up, much to the annoyance of Cao Xuan.

"I'll send you on your way! Always pretending to be calm!" Cao Xuan let out a grunt! "Six Fingers of Destruction!"

Creak—

The fiery red flames radiated with an intense heat, circling between his six fingers.

Whoosh—

Cao Xuan's movement techniques were also immensely powerful. He closed into Su Yu's side in just the blink of an eye. His six fingers gave off an intense light, pointing toward Su Yu's chest. "I have countered the ice techniques you use, how can you still be so proud?"

Rumble—

The Six Fingers of Destruction attack was closing in!

Su Yu's eyes shot out an icy light. "Intense flames... I'm sorry, I have that too!!"

What? Had Su Yu also cultivated fire style techniques? That's impossible! Since he had focused on the path of ice, suddenly cultivating fire style techniques would cause a clash, causing more harm than good!

"Glazed Ice Flame!" Su Yu let out a low grunt!

Creak—

An azure flame appeared around Su Yu's body! The flames were three feet high, enveloping the entirety of Su Yu's body. The fierce azure flames caused Su Yu's scrawny figure to look incredibly giant.

The dancing flames shook the hearts of many.

"How can that be? To cultivate both ice and fire techniques at the same time, is that even possible?" Many disciples were dumbfounded.

The Tenth Elder's expression was collected as he savored his tea. When he glanced toward the intense flames, his pupils contracted. When he fully observed the situation, a shred of confusion entered his eyes.

The Second Elder had a look of surprise as well. "Those are indeed flames... but they are not flames created by fire. They are... ice flames!!"

Flames created by concentrated chilly energy!

Cao Xuan attacked, but was unprepared for the three feet high flames erupting from Su Yu's body, color draining from his face. "This is... the most difficult Legacy level technique to cultivate, hidden deep within the depository. Its power is incredible, it's the Glazed Ice Flame!"

He felt a shock he had never felt in all his life!

The Glazed Ice Flame was the most difficult Legacy level technique to cultivate in the depository!

In the history of the Liuxian faction, no one had successfully cultivated this technique!

According to rumors, even cultivating it to Lower Tier would need at least ten years. Slow learners would need as much as fifty years! One could even master a large part of a complete Legacy level technique with that amount of time. Why would anybody waste their time on reaching the Lower Tier of a fragment of a Legacy level technique?

No one had ever touched the manual.

How long had Su Yu been here at all? According to calculations, Su Yu had only been here for slightly over a month, but he had succeeded in cultivating such a technique?

Su Yu had almost learned the Glazed Ice Flame already, but with the help of the chilly energy of the Icy Pearl under the Icy Azure Lake, he had finally broken through to Stage One Lower Tier!

"Congratulations, you are correct!" Su Yu showed a cold smile!

He suddenly attacked with his right palm!

The azure ice flames blanketed the surroundings, attempting to swallow everything in their path! The ice flames were intensely cold. They were beautiful and radiant, much to the awe of everyone!

The rare ice flames were finally shown to the world!

Creak—

Even the intensely hot Six Fingers of Destruction were extinguished by the azure ice flames!

A layer of ice flames latched onto Cao Xuan's finger, rapidly spreading throughout his entire body.

Ah—

Cao Xuan let out a pathetic shout. The ice flames burned his life-force away.

Looking at the ice flames, he could see they were not destroying everything like normal flames would!

Red and green wounds fused together throughout Cao Xuan's body.

The azure ice flames were eventually swallowed by the raging flames.

Exhale—

Cao Xuan's breathing was heavy, his expression looking a little haggard!

A shred of fear appeared in his eyes. Had he hesitated for a moment longer, the terrifying ice flames would have engulfed his entire body!

Deep anger and shame were written on Cao Xuan's face! He had been extremely confident previously, but he had nearly been defeated by Su Yu's first attack!

Cao Xuan felt stares of doubt aimed in his direction. This fight had put his reputation in jeopardy.

"Hmph! I have merely used thirty percent of my abilities! It's too early for you to be arrogant!" Cao Xuan ferociously lifted his head, clenching his teeth in fury.

He was not bluffing. Against Su Yu, he had only used thirty percent of his abilities.

He had thought that thirty percent of his usual strength would be enough to completely defeat Su Yu, but instead...

Cao Xuan clenched his teeth. "Alright. With my full power, I'll beat you with one move!"

"Six Fingers of Destruction!" He did not look down on Su Yu anymore. The flames on Cao Xuan's fingertips burned wildly!

A tower of fiery red flames enveloped his entire body from his fingers. With a rumble, the tower of flame burned four feet high!

The flames harbored an intense heat, causing Su Yu's ice flames to waver!

"Not good, Su Yu!" The disciples below the stage were worried for Su Yu!

"Glazed Ice Flame was the hardest Legacy level technique to cultivate, but it has the most power. But Su Yu had only cultivated it to Stage One Lower Tier. Ultimately, it still cannot match up to a Stage One Peak Legacy level technique."

The wavering eyes of the Tenth Elder gradually calmed down. He once again went back to savoring his tea, a faint smile creeping across his face. "To be able to cultivate the Glazed Ice Flame was surprising indeed, but unfortunately the victor has already been decided."

The Second Elder was worried. If that was the technique that gave Su Yu his confidence, the outcome of this match had already been decided. Cao Xuan's fierce glare shot forward, his six fingers developing a piercing flame!

"Apologies, but your woman is mine! Grovel under the might of a Stage One Peak!" Cao Xuan's victory was imminent, his six fingers striking Su Yu with the piercing flame!

Su Yu did not try to defend himself. The ice flames around his body died down!

He was going to use his body to block Cao Xuan's blow!

Amid the confusion, a purple glow appeared below Su Yu's feet. An eerie, destructive power took on a physical form, radiating into the surroundings!

A cold voice came from Su Yu's direction, "Stage One Peak... Sorry, but I have that too!"

Su Yu also had flames!

Whoosh, whoosh—

The faint sound of something spiraling accompanied the destructive force, entering the ears of the spectators.

Looking down, many ladies shivered with excitement—they were unable to suppress their affection.

Under Su Yu's feet, a giant purple lotus several feet long was spiraling midair!

The image of the flower was clear, the veins on its petals distinct.

Nine petals danced silently in the wind. The flower swayed gently. The exquisite flower was graceful like a fairy.

It was lifelike, too beautiful to be an illusion.

But, while the purple lotus was beautiful, the purple thunder flares that spread from it were terrifying. It was covered in terrifying energy!

The destructive spirit energy was violent and terrifying, causing the hearts of many to thump wildly. Even catching a glimpse of it would cause unease.

Many of the disciples involuntarily stepped back. Their intuition told them that the purple lotus was extraordinarily dangerous.

The Second Elder shuddered. She stared for a moment, deep in shock. "Thunder style Legacy level technique, Stage One Peak!"

The Tenth Elder's collected expression turned rigid, an unease welling up within him. What kind of demon-like levels of perception did Su Yu possess? He had cultivated the hardest Legacy level technique in just a month! Now, he had achieved Stage One Peak of a Legacy level technique at just fourteen years of age!

Where did Li Guang find such a disciple? Why did he bring so much unease? Feeling such unease, even as an elder, one could see how much of an impact Su Yu had made on the Tenth Elder's heart!

A killing intent rose in the Tenth Elder's gaze but extinguished under the gaze of the Second Elder.

It was too late to kill Su Yu! The perfect time for that had passed!

The purple light illuminated the practice venue. Su Yu looked like a celestial being atop the destructive purple lotus. He was like a lotus child from an ancient legend.

Purple Star Thunderbolt had been on the precipice of Stage One Peak. Under the Icy Azure lake, Su Yu had achieved a breakthrough and had finally entered Stage One Peak!

Cao Xuan's cold smile suddenly turned rigid. An uncomfortable sensation welled up within him!

Su Yu laughed mercilessly. "This is a strike especially prepared for you! Appreciate it!"

With a tap of his toe, the purple lotus spun wildly. At that moment, the purple light pierced all directions!

Chapter 133: Divine Punishment of Ice and Thunder

Rumble—

The thunder was rolling, shaking the earth!

The practice venue blew up into pieces, multiple cracks spreading outward in all directions. The powerful waves radiated all around the venue. Dust flew into the air. The dust danced with the arcs of lightning as if a landslide had just occurred!

Many disciples backed away in a hurry. The duel between two Stage One Peak Legacy level techniques was truly horrifying!

The dust and smoke scattered, falling back onto the ground.

The expressions of many from the crowd changed when they looked for the second time! The practice venue was demolished, rubble and debris everywhere.

All they saw were two figures standing on the ground!

One was poised with grace, his purple robe dancing in the wind. His silver hair was swaying wildly as he stood with his hands behind his back.

The other was in tattered robes, his exposed skin was badly burnt. A nauseating smell hit the crowd.

It was immediately obvious who had won the clash!

Su Yu was unharmed, but Cao Xuan was injured. His face was pale and haggard.

In a full-on contest of power, Su Yu had come out on top!

Both techniques were Stage One Peak Legacy level techniques. Su Yu had won because his spirit energy was much higher than his opponent's, reaching the level of a Third Level Peak Holy King.

Cao Xuan had the advantage of his biological limits surpassing that of a Holy King's. Otherwise, the Purple Star Thunderbolt would have been enough to take his life, instead of merely leaving him with light injuries.

But, without question, Su Yu had won this fight!

"You, even with your full powers, are still not my opponent!" Su Yu wore a cold smile. "The only advantage you have was that you had six more years to cultivate than me. In front of me, you have no right to be proud!"

In the past, in Cao Xuan's eyes, Su Yu did not even have the right to speak to him. But today, when they were at the same cultivation level, he could not defeat Su Yu.

This, undoubtedly, was a mockery.

"Victor, Su Yu!" the referee announced.

He had used his abilities to achieve victory, succeeding in taking Qin Xianer back! From this point on, there would be no relationship between Cao Xuan and Qin Xianer! Xu Rong's plans had ultimately been destroyed.

The Second Elder nodded her head. The abilities Su Yu had kept hidden were indeed cause for surprise.

Cao Xuan had been rightfully defeated by Su Yu.

The Tenth Elder had a sinister look on his face. The battle he had been extremely confident about had ended in a defeat!

Losing Qin Xianer was but a small matter, but sullyng their reputation was a grave mistake!

A person who had entered the Dragon Realm, with his techniques and battle experience, had lost to a person of the same level as him! In fact, if he did not have the constitution of the Dragon Realm, his life would have been forfeit!

The Tenth Elder had mixed emotions, cursing under his breath. "Li Guang, ah Li Guang! You have already died, why have you left behind a disciple to find trouble with me?"

The battle had come to an end!

No matter what techniques Cao Xuan employed, they were countered by Su Yu. He had been thoroughly defeated.

Glancing at Cao Xuan, Su Yu turned to leave the practice venue. His heart was relaxed. He could finally be reunited with Xianer.

"Ah! What are you doing!" the referee shouted in surprise!

A sharp piercing sound assaulted Su Yu's ears! An all-consuming aura filled the arena like a monster about to swallow Su Yu whole!

It was horrifying; every hair on Su Yu's head stood up. A feeling of unease welled up in his heart!

Behind him, Cao Xuan's eyes were filled with killing intent!

"What are you? Winning against me? Die!" Cao Xuan had disregarded the rules. He shattered the limit on his cultivation level and was charging toward Su Yu to deal a killing blow!

Su Yu suddenly turned his head, his heart thumping wildly. He had caught a glimpse of death.

An icy cold glare encircled in his eyes, followed by an intense killing intent. "If you can't afford to lose, then don't battle!"

"I'll kill you!" Cao Xuan was furious. He did not take the loss well. He had lost to an ant that he looked down upon!

"Hmph! If that's the case, then don't blame me!" Su Yu pointed his fingers toward his eyes, removing two thin contacts. His paranormal red and purple eyes were shown to the world!

"Who do you think you are? I could kill you at my whim..."

His words were cut short as he saw the light from Su Yu's purple left eye!

"Seal of Time!" He grunted heartily. Su Yu controlled all of time with one eye, trapping Cao Xuan into a frozen state!

Cao Xuan's thoughts and instincts were still present, but he could no longer control his body! The cultivation level he was restoring came to a halt. The sneak attack he was attempting came to a stop.

His entire body fell forward briefly before he regained control.

His face was shocked. Cao Xuan involuntarily retreated, maintaining a distance between them.

He thought Su Yu's purple eye was too strange. Nothing should be able to freeze Cao Xuan in the currents of time!

Thus, he made the smart choice to retreat, waiting for his cultivation level to once again enter the Dragon Realm before killing Su Yu with a flick of his finger!

Cao Xuan was relieved he had decided to retreat when he that saw Su Yu had materialized a spear of flames while Cao Xuan was frozen.

It had the color of ice flames, but also the same deep purple glows of the lightning flares!

Purple and blue, ice and lightning fused together to form a three-foot-long spear!

The spear's aura of destruction caused the skin of many to crawl. Its power was far greater than that the giant purple lotus's!

Its threat was enough to cause Cao Xuan, with a dragon's constitution, to suffer severe injuries. It might even have killed him!

The skin on his scalp crawled. Cao Xuan was in shock, losing his voice. "Half Divine grade Holy Decree!"

The Holy Decree was usually cultivated to Top Class Saint grade before plateauing. Even people in the Dragon Realm stopped at that level.

Many people gave up on cultivating the Holy Decree after entering the realm of the Holy King and learning to control spirit energy, for the levels of the Holy Decree above Saint grade were extremely hard to cultivate. Without a special affinity and an insane level of perception, it was very difficult for anyone to succeed.

But Su Yu had cultivated his Holy Decree to a fearsome Half Divine grade!

The Second Elder and Tenth Elder were rushing to stop Cao Xuan, they did not expect Su Yu to show off his trump card—the Half Divine grade Holy Decree!

The Half Divine grade Holy Decree that required years to cultivate was used by Su Yu, a fourteen-year-old youth!

"Stop!" The eyelids of the Tenth Elder twitched. This move was enough of a threat to Cao Xuan!

Su Yu did not regard his words. He wielded the spear, throwing it toward Cao Xuan!

The spear, infused with azure and purple flames radiated a skin-crawling destructive power!

The ice flames and thunder flares had fused into one! It had taken the form of a spear, flying toward Cao Xuan!

Cao Xuan, in a state of terror, hurriedly flew back in retreat. The distance between Cao Xuan and the spear was great enough that he had enough time to evade it.

Once he made sure that he was no longer in any immediate danger, his lips formed a mocking smile. "Its power is passable, but unfortunately the person using the technique is a pathetic nuisance!"

A pathetic nuisance? Su Yu's red right eye suddenly shone brightly!

"Space Manipulation!"

Everywhere the red light shone, Su Yu was in control!

In Cao Xuan's sudden bewilderment and panic, he was suddenly shoved forward!

Creak—

Cao Xuan had been forcefully teleported to just a foot away from the spear of flames!

Cao Xuan barely had enough time to muster out a pathetic howl!

"Heavenly Punishment of Ice and Thunder!" With Su Yu's low grunt, the spear of divine punishment, fused with ice and thunder flames, pierced Cao Xuan!

Rumble—

An earth-shaking sound, much louder than the purple lotus, shook the entire Law Enforcement Tribunal! The entire Liuxian Faction including both Inner and Outer Sanctums was shaken by this terrifying sound.

The sound seemed to have a physical form, blasting away the roof of the Law Enforcement Tribunal!

Multiple disciples were caught in the resulting energy waves and were sent flying!

The rolling dust and debris were swept up by the energy waves, spreading in all directions! The shocking scene caused everyone to gasp!

Was this still a blow from a Second Level Holy King?

No! Not even a Third Level Holy King could have an attack this powerful!

When the smoke and dust subsided, the crowd looked on in shock.

They saw the crumbling walls of the practice venue, cracks spreading in all directions as the walls were on the verge of collapse.

A bloody youth with tattered robes was pinned to the wall! A smooth spear made of purple and azure flames was flowing through his body, destroying his life force!

It was Cao Xuan!

There was no undamaged spot on his body. His flesh had been torn apart!

A hole had been torn through his stomach and his breathing was shallow. His eyes were glazed over as he forcefully fought to stay sober.

He had been defeated again!

Ever since the battle began, he had been defeated time and time again by Su Yu!

Su Yu countered Cao Xuan's flames with his eyes!

Su Yu countered the Stage One Top Class technique he had with the Purple Star Thunderbolt!

Su Yu had countered Cao Xuan's sneaky full-powered attack by using his trump card!

From the beginning, Su Yu had systematically defeated him! He had trampled on his dignity and pride!

In fact, Cao Xuan had never managed to inflict any injuries on Su Yu!

The difference between them had led Cao Xuan to utter defeat! A humiliation he had never felt in his life turned into a deep hatred. He raised his head, his eyes shooting out a bitter glare. "Su Yu! Do you think that you have won? Did you think that you could get your woman back by winning against me?" Cao Xuan was agitated, spitting out a mouthful of blood which caused his appearance to look even more ferocious.

"I would suggest you go check on your fiancée now! If you wish to save her, you should obediently give her to me!" Cao Xuan let out a maniacal laugh as if he had latched onto Su Yu's weakness.

It was as if he was the ultimate winner!

Whoosh—

A gust of wind filled the surrounding area. Su Yu's figure descended in front of him, disregarding Cao Xuan's words. He pointed a finger at Cao Xuan's chest!

He wanted to kill him, even though he was severely injured!

"Vermin! That's enough!" A sinister, low growl came from behind Su Yu!

Su Yu's body trembled. The vital and spiritual energy in his body was disrupted. He tumbled onto the floor.

The Tenth Elder flickered over, retrieving Cao Xuan from the wall. He checked Cao Xuan's injuries angrily.

Not only had Cao Xuan's flesh been torn apart, but multiple bones had been broken as well. The nerves and vital energy channels in his body were shattered!

There were still remnants of ice and thunder destroying the insides of Cao Xuan!

Even though Cao Xuan wasn't dead, he was basically crippled! To fully recover would take him at least half a year!

"Being so merciless at such a young age and harming your fellow disciples... I will not forgive you!" The Tenth Elder squinted as his killing intent surfaced.

Whoosh—

The figure of a lady blocked Su Yu, an ugly face displaying a malicious intent. "Why do you wish to be unreasonable here?"

"Cao Xuan disregarded the rules and removed the limit on his cultivation level to sneak an attack on his opponent. He deserves death! Since he is not completely dead yet, I shall take pity on him and send him on his way!" In terms of being unreasonable, who could best the Second Elder?

Rumble—

The Second Elder meant what she'd said as she struck Cao Xuan with a finger!

The expression on the Tenth Elder's face changed. He immediately left with Cao Xuan in his arms. At the door of the Law Enforcement Tribunal, he turned—his expression filled with injustice and fury. "Alright! Su Yu won this match, I... I shall not pursue this any further!"

He was worried that the Second Elder would really go crazy with her intent on killing Cao Xuan.

Cao Xuan, bearing his intense pain, clenched his teeth as he howled. "Su Yu! You will soon plead with me to take your woman, haha..."

The sound grew further and further until it was silent.

Su Yu's gaze turned cold, the wings of ice behind him waved as he made to leave.

The Second Elder turned fierce. "You wish to die in pursuit?"

"No! It's Xianer!" Su Yu's heart was filled with unease. Did Cao Xuan do something to Xianer? Had he poisoned her with an incurable venom?

Why was Cao Xuan convinced that Su Yu would give Xianer over to save her life?

A deep feeling of unease welled up within him.

Chapter 134: Phoenix of Death

Su Yu had spread his Icy Divine Wings the entire journey back to the yard of the Second Elder, moving near the speed of light.

When he descended into the yard, there were no signs of Xianer! The unease in his heart grew stronger.

Whoosh—

He flew into the room only to see Xianer still laying on the bed asleep. Her petite body was curled into a ball like a little cat.

Su Yu let out a long sigh of relief. It was great that there was nothing unusual going on.

Walking forward, Su Yu reached out to caress Xianer's face.

But just as his fingers were about to make contact with Xianer, a raspy voice scowled behind him. "Stop! Don't touch her!"

It was the Second Elder. She hurriedly rushed over and glanced at Xianer. Her white, ancient eyes showed a little worry, her expression turning serious.

Su Yu's finger's halted.

He looked back, unable to comprehend the Second Elder's words. The feeling of unease welled up within him again.

What could make her, an elder within the faction, so worried?

"Second Elder, what did Cao Xuan mean?" Su Yu's heart felt as though it had been gripped by an invisible hand, shrinking it into a ball.

The Second Elder walked forward, staring at the sleeping Xianer before sighing. "My suspicions were right..."

After speaking, she waved her sleeve. A snow-like substance scattered from within her sleeve, forming a thin veil and enveloping Xianer.

Under the substance, Xianer's body was suddenly surrounded by a thin layer of black fog in the shape of a phoenix!

The Second Elder looked at Su Yu with a little pity, gently sighing. "The phoenix of black fog, also known as the Phoenix of Death. It is hardly visible to the naked eye, and will only appear under certain circumstances."

"The Phoenix of Death?" The unease in Su Yu grew.

"The Phoenix of Death only applies to people who have the Bloodline of the Phoenix. Having the Bloodline of the Phoenix does not guarantee that a person could use the power of their bloodline to aid in their cultivation, for the bloodline remains dormant for thirty percent of people.

"The dormant bloodline poses no harm to a person, yet there are no benefits either. But there are a few that possess the dormant Bloodline of the Phoenix whose bloodline will wither as they grew,

turning into a bloodline of death. This strain of the Bloodline of the Phoenix is called the Phoenix of Death! This is the case for Xianer."

Phoenix of Death? Su Yu suddenly thought about the incidents from that morning, when he saw the Seal of the Nine Phoenix on Xianer's back faintly shrouded by a black fog. He did not pay it much attention back then; to think that that was a sign of a Phoenix of Death!

Su Yu grew nervous. "How does the Phoenix of Death affect the body?"

"Affect the body? There's no impact." The Second Elder shook her head, but her tone suddenly changed. "It does not have any impact on the body as, once the bloodline completely withers and the Phoenix of Death fully descends, the person would immediately die.

"These events have happened multiple times in the faction. It was also introduced many times in ancient books. Once the Phoenix of Death descends, the wielder of the bloodline dies. No one will be able to do anything about it," the Second Elder gravely said.

Su Yu choked, his eyes fell into a daze. "Immediately die... how can it be? Then why would Cao Xuan have the confidence to promise that he can save Xianer?"

A shred of pity flashed in the eyes of the Second Elder. "That is because... Cao Xuan has a unique Constitution of the Fiery Sun. If he were to engage in copulation with Xianer, he would be able to use his Constitution of the Fiery Sun to infuse Xianer's Bloodline of the Phoenix with Fiery Sun energy. This way, he could slowly awaken the bloodline and ensure the survival of the bloodline, solving the crisis of the Phoenix of Death entirely.

"Thus, you only have two choices. First, you watch Xianer die! Second, you send her to Cao Xuan and she might be saved."

The Second Elder could not help but grieve for Su Yu. Him and Xianer had clearly gone through multiple tribulations until Su Yu was able to rescue her. But his eventual fate was to give his woman back to the hands of Cao Xuan!

Furthermore, if it was really as Cao Xuan had said, he might not save Qin Xianer unless Su Yu begged him.

It was all up to Su Yu. Was he going to keep Xianer for himself and push her to her death, or think for her and bear with the resulting agony?

No matter the option, the situation was too cruel for Su Yu. Su Yu shuddered, why did it turn out this way?

Xianer would either die or be violated by Cao Xuan. It was like a ball of fire burned in his chest; Su Yu was resentful!

"Is there no other way to continue the Bloodline of the Nine Phoenixes without the Fiery Sun energy?" Su Yu could not believe it.

The Second Elder sighed as she gently shook her head. "Other than that, there's no other way..."

Suddenly, she stopped midsentence. The Second Elder seemed to have recalled something, but her eyes turned dull again. "It is not to say that there's no other way, but the chance of it happening is extremely small."

Su Yu was like a drowning man who suddenly spotted a life-saving device, his eyes sparkling with excitement.

He even neglected the difference in status and grabbed the Second Elder by her hand, lightly shaking her. "What's the other way? Say it! Say it quickly! I can definitely achieve it!"

The Second Elder did not expect such a reaction, she was shocked by Su Yu's insane gestures. Staring into the glow within Su Yu's eyes, the Second Elder's heart was moved. Did Su Yu's love for Xianer run so deep?

"The method is simple, find the Blood of the Phoenix!" The Second Elder described the method, "The reason the Phoenix of Death will descend is due to the withering of the Bloodline of the Phoenix. If we were to find the Blood of the Phoenix and inject it within her body, the withering Bloodline of the Phoenix would not only completely recover, but also completely awaken much stronger than before. This method is superior to fusing the bloodline with the Constitution of the Fiery Sun. In comparison, the Constitution of the Fiery Sun is but a small stream, while the Blood of the Phoenix is a raging river!"

Blood of the Phoenix?

"Where? Where can I find it?" Su Yu had found hope in a hopeless situation.

The Second Elder sighed. "The Phoenix is a heavenly spirit. There is no guarantee that you will spot it even once in a century. Where are you going to find the Blood of the Phoenix?"

"I have read many ancient scrolls from the faction. The last time the Blood of the Phoenix was found was three hundred years ago, by a powerful warrior who had entered the Dragon Realm in our faction. He cultivated it into a Phoenix Blood Elixir," the Second Elder said.

Su Yu's heart felt like it had been splashed by icy water, but he refused to give up. "Where is that senior of the Dragon Realm? Has the elixir been consumed?"

The Second Elder looked at Su Yu in pity. "He has gone missing! Back then, he was one of the four core disciples of the faction, but he went missing when he was training in the Ancient Xianyun Temple."

"Where is the Ancient Xianyun Temple? I'll search for him immediately!" Su Yu was incredibly anxious.

"You can't reach it," the Second Elder sighed as she shook her head, "The Ancient Xianyun Temple is an ancient divine palace that floats in the sky. It has no fixed position, only appearing in the vicinity of the Liuxian Faction once every five years. According to calculations, it will only descend here three months from now."

Three months? "Based on Xianer's condition, how long can she last?" Su Yu asked.

The Second Elder observed Qin Xianer before affirmatively saying, "Half a year!"

"Half a year! Half a year is enough! Since the Ancient Xianyun Temple will descend in our faction, why won't I be able to reach it?" Su Yu questioned.

"Because only twenty people may enter it, based on the rankings of the disciples of the faction. Based on your abilities now, do you think you can enter the top twenty of the faction?" The Second Elder returned a question.

These words were like icy water, causing Su Yu's limbs to turn cold.

His cultivation level was at Second Level Peak, while his overall abilities were at Third Level Peak. But, among the disciples of the faction, he might not even be in the top hundred, much less the top twenty!

At his level of ability, he simply could not enter the Ancient Xianyun Temple!

"Furthermore, even if you managed to enter the top twenty, you would also have no right to enter," the Second Elder sighed as she elaborated further.

Su Yu's heart sank. He let out a low sigh. "Why is that?"

"The people who enter must have a certain degree of loyalty to the faction. I could help you explain your breaking of the faction's rules, but you have only entered the faction for a short time and haven't made any contributions to the faction, so your loyalty could be questioned. The Ancient Xianyun Temple is a place with many valuable resources. People who practice there make insane improvements! The faction would not give the chance to enter the temple to people who are untrustworthy."

Her reasoning was sound. If a person with impure thoughts managed to secure a spot in the top twenty, it could be a huge disaster if they ended up betraying the faction.

This had happened in the Liuxian faction before. Unless you were a senior disciple of the faction or have made considerable contributions to the faction, you would not be given the right to enter.

"How can I prove my loyalty? By giving my entire arsenal of Legacy level techniques to the faction?" For Xianer, Su Yu would not hesitate to share everything he had learned!

But the Second Elder gently shook her head. "I'm afraid that, even if you give your entire body to the faction, you cannot prove your loyalty in such a short amount of time."

Even with Su Yu's stubbornness, he felt a deep despair.

Attaining a spot among the top twenty students would be incredibly difficult. Then, he would have to prove his loyalty—which seemed impossible! In fact, even if he managed to achieve both of those things and enter the Ancient Xianyun Temple and somehow manage to find the core disciple who had gone missing three hundred years ago, who could guarantee that the Phoenix Blood Elixir that could save Xianer's life would not already have been consumed?

But his despair only lasted for a moment.

Su Yu did not believe in destiny, nor was he willing to bow down to fate!

He had been through despair in the past; the situation before him was no harder than whatever he had experienced in the past!

As long as there was a shred of hope, Su Yu would not give up!

"Second Elder, please tell me, when does the fight for the rankings start? Also, how could I gain the acknowledgment of the faction in the shortest time possible?" Su Yu bowed in respect!

The ugly face of the Second Elder underwent a slight change. Did the cruel truth not have any effect on his determination?

The Second Elder wanted to find the Phoenix Blood Elixir for Su Yu.

Unfortunately, there was a limit to the cultivation level of people who could enter the Ancient Xianyu temple. She could not enter.

"Three months from now, the faction will organize a Xianyun Contest. Those placed in the top twenty will earn the right to enter the temple.

"But the application ends this month. Your cultivation level must be at least Fourth Level Holy King! You are merely Second Level Peak Holy King, you're far from meeting the criteria. If I could, I would advise you to give up..."

But she did not expect the level of Su Yu's resolve. "There's no need! In this month, I will definitely break through to Fourth Level Holy King!"

Su Yu had to apply to enter the Xianyun Contest! He had to break into Fourth Level Holy King in a month!

"Alright..." The Second Elder exhaled. She had difficulty adapting to Su Yu's determination. "As for how to obtain the acknowledgment of the faction, the only thing you could try is to undertake difficult missions put out by the faction. By undertaking important missions for the faction you might earn their trust. Though, the chances are slim; you might lose your life even before the faction acknowledges you."

"Even so, I have to try!" Su Yu clenched his teeth, not willing to concede defeat!

How could he send Xianer to be violated by Cao Xuan?!

Xianer was a person he had sworn to protect!

"Alright! Work hard. Breakthrough to Fourth Level Holy King in a month to obtain your right to participate, and fight to be acknowledged by the faction. But I cannot help you..." The Second Elder could not finish her sentence, coughing violently as a mouthful of dark blood sprayed out from her mouth.

"Teacher!" Mo Wu, who was guarding outside, hurriedly entered to support the Second Elder.

Her cold eyes stared ferociously at Su Yu, harboring a deep grievance. She suspected he had harmed her teacher!

"No matter..." The Second Elder calmly wiped away the blood at the corner of her lips, hugging the sleeping Xianer and directing her words to Su Yu. "I have to tend to my injuries and will retreat for three months. Thus, I cannot help you. As for Qin Xianer, I will bring her into my secret chamber, as I would be able to tend to her in time should she have any sudden complications."

"Thank you, Second Elder! I, Su Yu, will definitely repay you a hundred times for this favor in the future!" Su Yu took a deep bow, thanking her sincerely! The Second Elder had helped him a lot!

Gently waving her hands, the Second Elder left with Xianer. Before she left, she nagged Su Yu one last time, "Take care of yourself..."

Chapter 135: Yinyang Wine Flask

The details of the Law Enforcement Tribunal fight had spread all over the Inner Sanctum.

Su Yu had risen since the Fallen Star Contest, all the way into the Inner Sanctum where he had disrupted Cao Xuan's wedding and defeated him in battle at the Law Enforcement Tribunal.

Cao Xuan, one of the four core disciples, had lost to a newcomer when they fought at the same cultivation level!

According to the rumors, Cao Xuan had removed his cultivation limit after feeling indignant about his defeat, and he had attempted to launch a sneak attack on Su Yu— only to be beaten half to death by the insanely strong newcomer!

If not for the intervention of his teacher, the Tenth Elder, he would have been killed by the newcomer!

The news was startling. It quickly turned into the table talk of everyone in the Inner Sanctum.

Cao Xuan had become a laughing stock, with people finding the failed sneak attack especially humorous.

In the villa of the core disciples, Cao Xuan reclined in a chair. His entire body was wrapped in bandages.

Surrounding him was his junior, Yuan Hu, and his good friend, Li Hao.

Hearing the news of the outside world from the two, Cao Xuan's face turned sinister!

Yuan Hu let out a furious grunt. "Senior Cao, Let me go teach those gossip mongers a lesson!"

Cao Xuan let out a low grunt to the surprise of Yuan Hu. "Do you think I have not embarrassed myself enough?"

The gossip had started due to Cao Xuan's bad reputation. Wouldn't Yuan Hu assaulting others under his orders invite more gossip?

Slowly retracting his neck, Cao Xuan shrunk to a corner. He knew that his attempt to curry favor had failed.

Li Hao was more tactful. He shifted his gaze, letting out a warm smile. "Don't we know how strong Senior Cao truly is? Without the limiter on your cultivation level, you can kill Su Yu with but a thought. Those people gossiping outside are jealous of you, they're laughing at the expense of your suffering. Being angered by this is just sully your own status."

These words struck Cao Xuan's heart, making him feel more comfortable. "Those worthless people are not worth my effort!"

"But, Su Yu!" Cao Xuan's gaze turned sinister. He was confident that Su Yu would gift Qin Xianer to him! If he did not vent his frustration he would not be able to eat or sleep!

"Yuan Hu, leave us." Cao Xuan suddenly ordered.

Yuan Hu did not dare disobey, leaving immediately.

Cao Xuan cautiously scanned the surroundings, turning to Li Hao. "Junior Li, it is inconvenient for me to move. Can you help me take care of Su Yu?"

Li Hao's expression changed, his eyes fierce. He nodded without hesitation. "Even if Senior Cao didn't ask me to, I had the intention of doing so anyway. I will immediately find someone to challenge him and teach him a lesson!"

"Challenge?" Cao Xuan shook his head. "Among people of the same generation, there's no one who could stand up to him. Finding someone like that to challenge him will just boost his spirits! But having senior disciples challenging junior disciples is against the rules of the faction, so challenging him would be useless."

"I shall follow Senior Cao's orders!" Li Hao was ready to do as instructed.

Cao Xuan thought for a moment, retrieving a bottle of pink elixir from his sleeve. "This is a high-quality love potion. Even a person who has achieved the Dragon Realm cannot suppress its effects after consuming it. Find an obedient and pretty female disciple, you know what to do next!"

Love potion? Li Hao gasped!

The elixir was an extremely hallucinogen, it would activate immediately after consumption.

Furthermore, it was hard to suppress it using cultivation levels. Even a person who had entered the Dragon Realm would lose himself.

"Senior Cao, you mean to frame Su Yu for molesting a female disciple?" Li Hao asked.

Cao Xuan grunted. "It's fine as long as you understand. Use my name to gather a few disciples from the Law Enforcement Tribunal to guard Su Yu's door, this way he won't be able to give a convincing defense!"

How cruel! Committing rape carried the death penalty in the Liuxian faction.

But, there were rumors of Su Yu committing indecent acts with Yun Yan. Li Hao had no compassion for him.

After Li Hao left, Cao Xuan's eyes flashed with mocking light. "Su Yu, you stubborn wart. Let me show you what I can do!"

He did not think that an attempt of framing would be enough to deal with Su Yu.

During the wedding, Su Yu had killed Xu Rong in front of everybody but was still defended by the Second Elder. What could a rape case full of loopholes do him in?

A mere look from the Second Elder would cause the lying female disciple to tell everyone that Li Hao was behind the entire incident.

Cao Xuan's goal was to teach Su Yu a lesson and to embarrass him, he did not expect Su Yu to be punished!

As for what Li hao's fate would be when he was exposed, Cao Xuan couldn't care less.

Disciples who pandered to him like Li Hao were dime a dozen, he could make do with one less. As for Li Hao blaming him for the incident, he wouldn't dare.

But Cao Xuan did not know that, after Li Hao left Cao Xuan's yard, his lips had formed a sarcastic smile while holding the pink jade bottle.

"Cao Xuan, ah, Cao Xuan. Even though your abilities are strong, how can your dirty tricks compare to mine, when I grew up in the royal family? Using me to aggravate the Second Elder? You really think I'm stupid?" Li hao's eyes were clear, easily seeing through Cao Xuan's intentions.

Li Hao went to the Outer Sanctum and found Yun Yan.

"What matters do you have with me? Have you gotten the Fire Dragon Mantra?" Yun Yan was a little anxious. She had received news from her family that another of their major customers had been poached by the Tie family. She desperately needed the fire style technique to make weapons for her family in order to save them from this crisis.

Li Hao's smile was radiant. "Naturally I've got it. I have applied for leave from the External Affairs Division. I shall return with you to the mortal world tomorrow to complete the wedding ceremony." Li Hao's eyes filled with eagerness.

Yun Yan not only had a beauty that could topple nations and a noble charisma, but she possessed the Bloodline of the Fiery Lotus that he desperately wanted.

During cultivation, absorbing the power of the Fiery lotus from her body could help him break through the bottleneck of the Fourth Level Peak Holy King, propelling him into a Fifth Level Holy King!

Feeling Li Hao's gaze, Yun Yan felt uncomfortable. Hearing that he wanted to complete the wedding ceremony made her petite frame shudder. She hated her future.

"Alright... Tomorrow, I shall go with you back to the mortal world to complete... the wedding." Yun Yan stiffened.

But Li Hao's gaze changed. "But before we go back, Yun Yan, you have to help me do something. It's something only you can do."

Yun Yan raised her eyes, feeling suspicious. What was something in the faction she could do, but Li Hao and any other Inner Sanctum Disciples couldn't?

"This is a love potion. Please get Su Yu and Qin Xianer out for a drink tonight and put this in their wine, and make them do it tonight! After the deed is done, immediately send me a message and I'll show myself with the disciples of the Law Enforcement Tribunal." Li Hao did not mask his motives.

Yun Yan was shocked. "What? You wish to frame Su Yu? I will never agree to this!" Su Yu had saved her life once, how could she return that favor with this?

"If you don't want the Fire Dragon Mantra, then you are free to decline!" Li Hao squinted.

Yun Yan was furious. "You're despicable!"

"Just give me a word, agree or disagree!" Li Hao's expression was carefree, confident he had Yun Yan eating from the palm of his hand.

Yun Yan bit her lips, hesitating for a moment before gently nodding her head. "Fine! I'll promise!" She took the love potion, her expression conflicted.

"This is a communication-based jade pendant. It gives off a strong light after you break it. I'll charge in when I see the light and arrest him and Qin Xianer for punishment." Li Hao handed her a fiery red jade pendant.

In his heart, Li Hao had a cold laugh. "I wonder if Cao Xuan knew Su Yu had touched the woman he decided he wanted, would he fly into a fury and fight Su Yu?"

"You wish to use me, Li Hao? Why don't I use you to deal with Su Yu! Best if you take care of Su Yu for me, spares me having to do it myself!" Li Hao let out a sinister laugh. He would not let anyone have anything to do with his soon-to-be wife, even if it was just a rumor!

Yun Yan gripped the jade pendant, hesitating. "Su Yu is a cautious person, what do I do if he suspects something and does not want to drink the wine?"

"Then you shall drink it yourself." Li Hao was prepared. He whipped out an ordinary wine flask, no different from those that were given out by the faction. "This is the Yinyang Wine Flask. While it looks ordinary, there's a mechanism within it. Put the drug in the cover of the flask. When the cover is turned to the left, the drug will fall in the wine. When turned to the right, it will not fall.

"When you are pouring him wine, turn it to the left. He will consume the love potion at the same time. When pouring for yourself, remember to turn the cover to the right." Li Hao reminded.

Yun yan bit her lip, accepting it unwillingly.

"Alright, go prepare. I'll get Su Yu and Qin Xianer! When the deed is done, I will teach you the Fire Dragon Mantra the same night we consummate our marriage." Li Hao laughed heartily.

Nodding, Yun Yan left.

Returning to her house, Yun yan took out the three items, the love potion, the jade pendant, and the Yinyang Wine Flask. Her gaze was cold. "Despicable! No matter how much I, Yun Yan, wanted a technique manual, I would never stoop so low as to trick a friend!"

Creak—

She threw the three items into the small drawer in her room. They were sensitive items, she couldn't dispose of them haphazardly.

"I must tell Su Yu to proceed with caution!" Yun Yan was determined!

In the yard of the Inner Sanctum, Su Yu was racking his brains and planning for the next month of cultivating.

Suddenly, Mo Wu came to him with an envelop—an invitation by Yun Yan.

"Hmph! I have misjudged you. You seemed so deeply in love just a little while ago, and now there's an invitation from another lady!" Mo Wu laughed coldly.

Yun Yan? Su Yu suddenly stood up and slapped his head, his heart a little apologetic.

Before the Fallen Star Contest, Su Yu had told her to not leave right after the contest, for he had something to give her. It was the manual for the Five Dragon Blaze he had found on the silver-robed guard sent by the Empire of Darkness!

Recently, Xianer had occupied his heart; without this letter, he would have forgotten about Yun Yan!

Without hesitation, Su Yu headed for the Inner Sanctum and to Yun Yan's house.

When he knocked, Yun Yan was in her bedroom and could not open the door promptly. She apologetically called out instead, "Junior Su, you can come in. Please wait for me in the hall, I'll be out soon."

Su Yu went in, closing the door as he did and retrieving the Five Dragon Blaze.

Yun Yan had not come out, so Su Yu began reading the manual himself.

It was a powerful Legacy level technique with two stages. It was a pretty complete manual.

Su Yu had experienced its power first hand; it was rather powerful, almost on par with Cao Xuan's Six Fingers of Destruction.

Yun Yan had finally tidied herself, leisurely opening the curtains. She looked up to see the manual Su Yu had in his hands!

She was behind Su Yu, not too far away, and so she could see what he was reading clearly.

As Su Yu read the manual in deep concentration, he did not notice Yun Yan sneaking a peek behind him!

"Five Dragon Blaze Legacy level technique, a full two stages?" A wave washed over Yun Yan's heart. It was another fire style Legacy level technique that she desperately needed. But, in terms of power and how complete it was, it was far superior to the Fire Dragon Mantra!

If she could cultivate this technique, then the weapons from her family... Yun Yan was frozen on the spot, her legs unable to move.

In fact, she wanted to plead with Su Yu for a chance to read the manual.

But just how rare were Legacy level techniques? To get access to the Fire Dragon Mantra she had to marry a despicable person.

There was no family that owned a Legacy level technique in the hundred vassal clans, it was hard to describe just how precious it was.

Su Yu was not exactly very familiar with Yun Yan, why would he let her read it?

But she knew that if she missed this opportunity, she might never come across such a precious and suitable technique again in her life!

She was conflicted for a moment. Yun Yan clenched her teeth, going back into the house and trembling as she pulled open the small drawer.

She whipped out the love potion, thinking. "If... if I got Su Yu into an uncontrollable state, would he give the Five Dragon Blaze to me? Would that be too despicable?" Yun Yan's heart was immensely conflicted, the Five Dragon Blaze had made a huge impact on her.

If she had this manual, she would not need to care about Li Hao anymore and would completely be free of the shackles of marriage. The crisis her family faced would also be solved in just a few years, and then some.

"This opportunity is once in a lifetime, I need to grasp it! If Su Yu accepts the blackmail then all is fine, if he doesn't... I will ultimately not frame him." Yun Yan let out a bitter laugh. She could only scare Su Yu. If Su Yu vehemently refused to hand the manual over, she would not really frame him.

Yun Yan retrieved the Yinyang Wine Flask, prepared the wine and love potion, then hurriedly returned to the hall.

Chapter 136: Remorse

Su Yu continued to peacefully read the Five Dragon Blaze manual in the hall.

Yun Yan bit her lips, her steps silent.

A fragrance spread to Su Yu, causing him to put down the manual and look to his side. It was Yun Yan.

Her hair was propped up by a green band and she wore a butterfly hairpin. A strip of green silk fell to her chest. She was as pretty as a painting.

Her beautiful face had a thin film of makeup, her cheeks had traces of pink like the delicate petals of a flower. She had a noble aura, her beauty could not be corrupted.

"Su Yu, congratulations on taking Xianer back." Yun Yan sat down, her eyes filled with admiration.

The Outer Sanctum had received news of Su Yu crashing Cao Xuan's wedding ceremony and taking Xianer back, followed by battling Cao Xuan in a grand battle. Yun Yan had ease of access to information and had long since known about these events.

She knew better than anyone else how Su Yu had made it to today, one step at a time. He had created many miracles and broken through many hopeless situations in his journey. He had created many legends.

In the Outer Sanctum, Su Yu was a legendary figure many chased after. He was an inspiration.

People especially remembered his final words, 'If heaven is going to forget me, I would rather become a demon,; which he had screamed at the Fallen Star Contest. That had become the motto etched in the hearts of many Outer Sanctum disciples.

Su Yu was an unsurpassable legend.

As the person who had witnessed Su Yu's every step, Yun Yan was incredibly proud.

Xianer? Su Yu's expression was a little serious.

He only had half of Xianer, the other half had not returned to him yet—not until she was safe.

"Thank you." Su Yu forced a smile.

After some chatter, Yun Yan clenched her fist and her heart wavered.

The more Yun Yan understood, the more she respected and admired Su Yu. In her heart, she wished that she could continue to be friends with him.

If she let him consume the love potion, if she forced Su Yu to hand over the Five Dragon Blaze, there would be an irreconcilable split between her and Su Yu.

Who could still trust a friendship that had been corrupted by blackmail?

Yun Yan's heart ached as she looked over at the Five Dragon Blaze that Su Yu had nonchalantly placed on the table.

On one hand, she wanted to preserve the precious friendship. On the other hand, it was most important to solve her family's crisis and gain her freedom from her future husband.

She had no choice.

Su Yu grabbed the Five Dragon Blaze. "Yun Yan, you are going to leave tomorrow, I..."

Seeing Su Yu grab the Five Dragon Blaze with the intention of leaving, Yun Yan panicked.

Yun Yan clenched her teeth, smiling. "You are leaving so quickly? We have not finished the wine."

Su Yu could only think about Xianer and the issue of breaking through to the next cultivation level, which he could not wrap his head around. How could he continue drinking?

"Forget the wine, I..." Su Yu wanted to hand the Five Dragon Blaze over, but he was interrupted by the flustered Yun Yan. "How... how is that fine? I am leaving the faction tomorrow and it might be hard for us to meet again in the future—if we do not drink at least a cup today, there might not be another chance in the future." Yun Yan poured a cup in a hurry.

She deftly pinched the cover of the flask and gently twisted it to the right. This way, the love potion would not fall and the wine would be safe.

After that, she turned it to the left and poured a cup for Su Yu. This wine was laced full with the love potion.

Hearing Yun Yan's parting words, Su Yu's heart was filled with emotion.

When he first stepped into the Zhenlong continent, this lady was his only friend. She had helped him a considerable amount. Today, she was about to leave and there was no telling when they might meet again.

"Alright, when you return to your family I hope that you continue cultivating. Do not stop in your martial path." With a light sigh, he received Yun Yan's wine.

When he was about to taste the wine, he saw traces of pink. He paused.

Yun Yan's heart skipped a beat. "That's the plum blossom wine that the Yun family makes, there may be some pink residue."

She downed her entire cup, proving that there is no poison.

This dispelled Su Yu's suspicion and he emptied his cup.

Yun Yan's heart was uneasy as she witnessed Su Yu finish his wine. She did not feel relaxed. Instead, she felt terrible. She had tricked him after all, just for the Five Dragon Blaze. She had forsaken the friendship between her and Su Yu.

Yun Yan felt despicable. How was she any different from Li Hao?

She had used underhanded means to threaten others...

But, thinking back to the situation with her family, Yun Yan was bitter. She had to get her hands on the Five Dragon Blaze!

When Su Yu felt the effects of the drug she could threaten him, thereby obtaining the precious Five Dragon Blaze!

"Alright, I've finished the drink. You'll be leaving the faction tomorrow. I have just joined the faction and have nothing to my name, so I can only give you this. I hope it will be of use." Su Yu passed the Five Dragon Blaze to her with a smile.

Rumble—

As if lightning struck her brain, Yun Yan froze on the spot. She was unable to believe what she just heard.

It was after a moment that she stuttered. "You... are giving... this to me?"

Seeing her shocked expression, Su Yu smiled. "I wanted to give this to you during the Fallen Star Contest, but there were too many people present. So it was dragged around all the way to today, I'm sorry."

Once again lightning struck Yun Yan's brain. She suddenly remembered that Su Yu had asked her to stay for a moment after the Fallen Star Contest, for he said he wanted to give her something.

Had he wanted to give her the Fire Dragon Blaze?

"That is a legacy level technique... Why would you give it to me?" Yun Yan's throat was raw.

"You are my only friend in the Liuxian faction, and you helped me multiple times. What's the harm in giving you a Legacy level technique that I would have difficulty cultivating myself? Take it, hopefully it will be of use to you."

Only friend?

Yun Yan's soul shook. She had never been this moved.

Only friend... Yun Yan muttered repeatedly in her heart. Everytime she repeated the phrase, her soul shook.

Tears started to form in her eyes. She cried thanks to Su Yu, a true friend, and his act of supreme generosity. But her tears were full of deep, bitter shame.

Su Yu had treated her as his only friend, but what did she do in return?

Compared to Su Yu, Yun Yan was ugly and evil. She had no right to be Su Yu's friend.

"What's... wrong with you?" Su Yu was shocked. He stepped forward in concern, patting her shoulder.

Reacting to Su Yu's sincere concern, Yun Yan bitterly closed her eyes and two lines of tears fell across her face.

Whoosh—

Yun Yan buckled, kneeling with tears in her eyes. "Su Yu... I'm sorry!"

How could Su Yu not realize what had happened? Thinking back to the pink wine, an idea formed in his head. Could that wine be...

Gravely looking at the kneeling and weeping Yun Yan, Su Yu's expression was of disbelief. How could a noble, kind lady do something like that to him?

After some time, his gaze became cold. "There's poison in the wine?"

"No! I... I would never poison you. That was not a poisonous substance, it will only make you unable to control yourself..." Yun Yan said in a hurry, but she bit her lips. She did not make excuses for herself.

It was not poisoned wine? Su Yu let out a sigh of relief in his heart. But the gaze he used to look at Yun Yan gradually grew colder. "Can you tell me why?"

Yun Yan was full of guilt. She naturally would not hide it from Su Yu, telling him the situation between herself and Li Hao.

After listening to her, Su Yu did not know how to react.

The drug was from Li Hao, meant to frame Su Yu.

Yun Yan had accepted it with intention of telling Su Yu, and the intention to remind him to be careful of any assassination attempts or sneak attacks.

But she saw the Five Dragon Blaze and had other thoughts.

"If I refused to give it to you, what would you have done?" Su Yu slowly pushed the Five Dragon Blaze back into his sleeve.

Seeing him hide the manual, Yun Yan felt bitter but was surprisingly relaxed.

The Five Dragon Blaze carried too much guilt; she did not have the will to accept it any longer. Perhaps it was for the best that Su Yu kept it.

She had committed a sin and had deserved what she got. The Five Dragon Blaze that was supposed to be hers was abandoned by her.

She could only return to the mortal world and obediently marry Li Hao in exchange for the weaker Fire Dragon Mantra, this was her own doing. She had brought this upon herself.

"I would never frame you, even if you refused to give into the threats..." Yun Yan choked, "Please believe me for the last time. I was despicable, but I would definitely not frame you, Su Yu." Yun Yan lifted her head, her teary eyes hiding a plea.

She did not hope that Su Yu would forgive her, she only wished that Su Yu's impression of her in his heart would not stay evil and dirty.

She did not understand when Su Yu whipped out the Five Dragon Blaze again and threw it beside her.

Su Yu wore a lonely look. "Let's end things with this. Take care of yourself."

He had severed the friendship between himself and Yun Yan.

After this incident, an irreconcilable crack had formed between them. They could no longer be friends like that had once been.

A shred of loneliness floated into Su Yu's heart. He thought he had met a kind friend in the faction. But, in the face of temptation, Yun Yan had ultimately forsaken their friendship.

He recalled the day on the vast ocean when he had been alone on the island after being heavily injured by the beasts of the ocean.

Wu Pangyun and Liu Guang had disregarded him, only Yun Yan had handed him rejuvenating elixirs out of concern to aid in his recovery.

Her beautiful, kind figure was one Su Yu could not forget.

But today... a pain formed in Su Yu's heart.

Yun Yan's heart was sour, she had lost something deep within her soul.

The friendship between her and Su Yu could never be salvaged.

"Sorry..." Regret encircled her soul, bringing about a heart-wrenching pain. She let out a voiceless cry. She felt a deep, heartbreaking shame and grief.

The elegant, noble Yun Yan cried out for the friendship she had lost.

Su Yu remained silent, turning to leave.

Seeing that Su Yu was about to leave, Yun Yan hurriedly got up and grabbed Su Yu. "Don't go out! Li Hao is outside, you'll fall into a trap!"

Su Yu hesitated. "Is there an antidote?"

"There's no antidote, but if you slowly circulate your spirit energy you'll be fine." Yun Yan rubbed her swollen red eyes remorsefully. "You can stay here, I'll set up a protection spell."

Su Yu coldly glanced at her, sitting down cross-legged without saying another word.

The important thing now was to remove the effects of the drug from his body. He did not have the time to care about anything else.

Su Yu began circulating his spirit energy throughout his body, forcing most of the drug out of through his pores. But the process was oddly tiring. His spirit energy had run dry, yet traces of the drug remained in his body.

"I need a bit of rest, help me set up a barrier." Su Yu took a deep breath, closing his eyes to slowly recover his spirit energy.

Yun Yan did not answer. Instead, Su Yu only caught a whiff of a fragrance before entering a state of meditation.

Chapter 137: Apart in the world

Outside the house, Li Hao crouched near a pile of stones.

Li Hao's expression was depressed. He had three disciples of the Law Enforcement Tribunal behind him, silently awaiting his signal.

Among them was Chen Xiang, who had once been defeated by Su Yu.

"Senior Li, it has already been two hours. Why is there still no signal?" Chen Xiang was anxious.

Li Hao had been engaging in trickery for a while and he knew that such things required patience.

"No hurry, take it slow."

Chen Xiang was a little worried. "Senior Li, Yun Yan is on good terms with Su Yu, will she really do what you told her to?"

Li Hao let out a cynical laugh. "She has no choice!" He held the fate of the Yun family in his hands, which was equivalent to having full control over Yun Yan. His engagement with Yun Yan was the best example of the extent of his power over her.

Even though Yun Yan clearly knew it was Li Hao who was supporting the Tie family, she could only lower her head and obey him. Now that the Fire Dragon Mantra was so close, Yun Yan had no reason to disobey.

Chen Xiang's worry eased. "We've put too much trouble on Senior Li's fiancée, allowing her to take such a risk. If she was exposed by Su Yu, getting injured is but a small matter. What if he uses the opportunity to commit indecent acts. After all, Senior Li, Yun Yan has a beauty that can topple nations and she is far weaker in ability than Su Yu."

Hearing this, Li Hao's heart skipped a beat. But he gently shook his head. "That won't happen! First, Su Yu will come with Qin Xianer, how can he resist her? Second, even if Su Yu had consumed the love potion and committed indecent acts, she should have already crushed the jade pendant! Yun Yan is proud of her purity, she would not allow her innocence to be violated by anyone; I understand that about her very well.

"I think Yun Yan still has not found a chance to strike, let's just wait patiently." Li Hao was confident. He had pulled similar tricks multiple times back in the royal family. He was so familiar with this that he thought that there would be no hiccups.

Chen Xiang remained doubtful, but Li Hao was a master at planning these things—they had to believe him.

"I have ordered the servants to prepare some food. The night is long, we should not mistreat ourselves." Chen Xiang got someone to fetch them dried rations. "If we arrest this person we must give him a taste of his own medicine!"

Li Hao's gaze was cold. "He's the first person who has made me lay in ambush through the night willingly!"

Dawn was approaching.

Su Yu looked at the ceiling, unable to form words. What had happened yesterday was absurd!

He looked at Yun Yan beside him. She was still breathing rather heavily, her hair slightly draped over her face.

"Why did you do that?" Su Yu's heart was heavy. He had clearly neutralized a large part of the drug, but Yun Yan had given the both of them another dose.

Yun Yan stared at the floor, her clear eyes trembled as she came to terms with what she had done. After Su Yu had processed the drug, she had panicked and dosed him again, then slept with him.

She had given him the power of the constitution of the Fiery Lotus. She had transferred it into his body, pushing Su Yu from Second Level Peak Holy King to Third Level Holy King!

Her first time with a man for his breakthrough.

"Can... you forgive me?" Yun Yan leaned onto Su Yu, her expression was peaceful but her fists were nervously clenched.

Su Yu was in shock for a long moment, gently gripping her shoulder as he sighed. "Since you are already my woman, how can we talk about forgiveness? I... will take responsibility for you."

The incident between them was too sudden, Su Yu did not even know how to explain it to Xianer.

Xianer's young soul had only loved him. If there was the presence of another woman, would she be heartbroken? Even though Xianer was young, she was by no means stupid.

If she knew, she would definitely be devastated.

Your woman? Responsibility? A happiness welled up within Yun Yan's soul, her heart completely relaxed.

What was most important was that Su Yu had forgiven her.

Thump, thump—

Someone was knocking on the door. It was Li Hao, his expression terrible. "Yun Yan, open the door!"

He had laid in wait for an entire night, but Yun Yan had never set off the signal. Could it be that Su Yu and Qin Xianer had not come at all?

Or did Yun Yan dare to betray him and protect Su Yu and Qin Xianer?

Thinking about that, Li Hao, who was knocking on the door, became more sinister.

Hearing the knocks, Su Yu felt a little embarrassed. Yun Yan was Li Hao's promised future wife!

But Yun Yan grabbed Su Yu by the hand, her face determined. "It's about time I ended things with him! He's despicable! Come in, I am in my bedroom." Yun Yan coldly answered.

Li Hao froze for a second, then kicked the door open. He entered with three disciples of the Law Enforcement Tribunal.

He thought that since Yun Yan would allow them to come in, she would definitely have tidied up. Li Hao naturally pulled open the drapes and entered the room with large strides. "Yun Yan, what's up? You made us wait the entire night..."

Li Hao angrily stepped into the house, freezing when he processed the scene in front of him. He remained frozen at the entrance, unable to believe what was in front of him.

Yun Yan was draped in a thin bedsheet, sitting beside with another naked man!

The three Law Enforcement Tribunal disciples behind him were equally shocked!

Wasn't... wasn't that Senior Li Hao's future wife? Why was she together with Su Yu?

Even though she was draped in a bedsheet, her bare shoulder suggested that Yun Yan was actually naked! Even more prominent was the hickey on Yun Yan's collarbone.

Without a doubt, Li Hao's fiancée had committed indecent acts with Su Yu as Li Hao was just standing guard outside!

The disciples of the Law Enforcement Tribunal were equally shocked!

It had clearly been Li Hao's plan to frame Su Yu and Qin Xianer. When did it turn into Su Yu sleeping with Li Hao's fiancée?

But the impact that it had on them was ultimately smaller than what it did to Li Hao. Chen Xiang mercilessly grunted. "Su Yu! You violated a female disciple, do you know what crime that is..."

Yun Yan leaned back, placing her head on Su Yu's shoulder, her lips formed a mocking smile. "I voluntarily slept with him, he did not violate me. Does the Law Enforcement Tribunal want to meddle in the love affairs of another?"

Gulp—

Chen Xiang's looked at Li Hao in a daze. It had been consensual!

Thud! Thud! Thud—

Li Hao staggered back a few steps, his eyes full of disbelief. The scene he witnessed had flipped his world.

He had never thought that the woman he had firm control over would one day betray him!

Did she not want to save the Yun family? Or, had she already given up hope on the Yun family?

Thinking back, when Chen Xiang reminded him that Yun Yan could be violated by Su Yu, he had confidently assured him that nothing would happen. It was all horrible!

Yun Yan had committed indecent acts with another man in the house while he had been standing outside the house, guarding for the entire night!!

He had been made a cuckold. This... this was a humiliation that no man could bear!!

"Su! Yu! And you, wretch!" Li Hao's body trembled. This was the greatest humiliation he had felt in his life!

Yun Yan's gaze was cold. "Why, do you want to strike?"

To do so would be against the rules, and Yun Yan knew that. Who would dare fight without thinking of the consequences? Even Cao Xuan had to respect the rules of the faction, much less Li Hao!

"Alright! When I return to the mortal world, I will question the Yun family and ask for an explanation! You engaged in indecent acts with another man despite being my intended" Li Hao suppressed his killing intent, clenching his teeth.

Surprisingly, Yun Yan remained calm. "Apologies, but the engagement between us will be canceled. I'm with the person I love, what business does it have to do with you?"

"Cancel the engagement? You wouldn't dare!" Li Hao felt as though his chest was about to explode in fury.

Yun Yan did not look him in the eye, deeply leaning into the embrace of Su Yu. "I naturally have a way to make my family agree. As for our crisis, you need not worry too much about it. Please, go." Yun Yan closed her eyes, enjoying Su Yu's embrace.

Chen Xiang and the rest of the disciples of the Law Enforcement Tribunal had no choice but to retreat, as they could not do anything to the two of them.

Li Hao trembled violently, leaving in humiliation and fury.

He had spent multiple years trying to obtain Yun Yan. She could have helped him attain Fifth Level Holy King, but had instead she had been stolen by Su Yu! His achievement of Third Level Holy King was proof!

Now he was a cuckold! It was an unprecedented impact, one he had never felt in his life as royalty!

"Su Yu! I will never forgive you!" Li Hao shouted!

After sending away the outsiders, Yun Yan's body slumped into Su Yu's embrace. She had been forcing herself to be calm.

Su Yu wanted to comfort her, but Yun Yan gently said. "Su Yu, since you want to take responsibility for me, can you give me a title? Someone from the faction should be our witness, be they an elder or a disciple—as long as you trust them."

Su Yu felt a little conflicted. But since he had said that he was going to be responsible, he naturally had to fulfill his promise.

He dressed and returned to the Inner Sanctum, thinking about who to get as a witness.

Suddenly, Su Yu realized something. He froze in his steps, his expression changing slightly. He returned speedily! When he returned to Yun Yan's house, there were still remnants of a fragrance, but the house was already empty.

Only a short letter was placed on the table.

"Thank you for your forgiveness. I am satisfied, the knot in my heart is gone.

"Also thank you for taking responsibility. But, regrettably, I am not the one you love. I cannot accept your responsibility. Just treat the night we had as my compensation, you do not need to blame yourself.

"Take good care of Xianer. She is the one you truly love. I cannot convince myself to come between the two of you and be an evil woman.

"Forgive me for leaving without saying goodbye, and please understand that I am too ashamed to face you. Please do not come find me at the Yun family palace, and please allow me to have a place of solace.

"Marriage and love, I have had both. I no longer have any longing for either. I shall stay with the family forever and create weapons for my family.

"Lastly, I wish you and Xianer happiness. With love, Yun Yan."

Staring at the white envelope, Su Yu was unbelievably shocked. Did Yun Yan really send him away and take the opportunity to leave?

If she requested that he take responsibility Su Yu would definitely do so, even if he was unwilling.

But, taking into consideration the feelings between him and Xianer, Yun Yan had chosen to leave him alone and go back to her family, where she would be lonely until she died.

In that moment, the hatred in his heart disappeared. Yun Yan was still Yun Yan, kind and pure.

Su Yu once again saw her as the kind and beautiful lady from the island in the vast ocean, smiling at him in his memories...

Li Hao was stumbling, his mind in a whirl. He was still immersed in the great humiliation he had witnessed earlier.

The image of Yun Yan and Su Yu together was like a curse, spiraling within his brain and causing him much discomfort!

"Su! Yu!" Li Hao growled, his eyes burning with hatred. "You bedded my woman, I will not let you die peacefully! The people close to you shall all die!"

Chapter 138: The name of a sinner

Three days later, Su Yu woke up from his secluded meditation.

He had broken through to Third Level Holy King and his biological limits had visibly improved. His body was sturdier and would not be easily injured by minor attacks.

His spirit energy had also grown by thirty percent. Coupled with the Stage One Upper Tier Sigh of Ice, the amount of spirit energy he possessed was double that of a typical Third Level Lower Tier Holy King!

His cultivation had been stabilised. Su Yu prepared to exit his meditation.

Just before he exited his meditation, Mo Wu stuffed a letter into the secret chamber with a cold expression.

"Hmph! You should come out and take a look at your senior's condition!"

Senior? Su Yu was lost. He ripped open the letter; it was a plea for help!

The letter was from three juniors from Li Guang's family. The person who had requested Su Yu's help was Zhao Guang!

Back at the Shenyue Island, Zhao Guang was told he had a medium grade yellow class constitution. He had arrived at the Liuxian faction together with Xia Jingyu, Qin Xianer, Liu Guang, and the rest.

Su Yu had entered the faction in a hurry and had yet to meet up with him.

To his surprise, the first news Su Yu had gotten from him was a plea for help!

They were both disciples of Li Guang, but Su Yu did not spend much time with Zhao Guang. They weren't exactly considered friends.

But he was the eldest disciple of Li Guang, Su Yu could not stand aside when he was in danger. Otherwise, he could not face Li Guang's spirit.

He had owed Li Guang too much!

Whoosh—

The stone gate opened and Su Yu vanished. In the Outer Sanctum, at the External Affairs Division there stood two ten foot long bronze pillars.

One was the Pillar of Glory. Disciples who had made immense contributions to the Outer Sanctum would be immortalized there forever.

The other was the Pillar of Shame. Disciples who had brought shame and humiliation to the faction would have their names marked there.

One for glory, one for shame. Their purpose was to remind the Outer Sanctum disciples that contributing to the faction would mean glory, and smearing its name meant shame.

The Outer Sanctum disciples were lectured once every three days in order to instill loyalty to the faction within them, as well as the concepts of glory and shame. The Pillar of Glory and Pillar of Shame played the most important part in the lectures. Especially for Outer Sanctum disciples who had just joined the faction, when their sense of belonging to the faction was at its weakest.

Newcomers faced strict expectations; they had to be taught the factions values of honor and shame, as well as loyalty, every day in front of the Pillars of Glory and Shame.

The lecture for the day had long since ended, but there was a group of people surrounding the Pillar of Shame.

In the middle of the crowd was Zhao Guang, his knees on the ground.

His hair was disheveled and his appearance was haggard. His once healthy face was not withered and scarred.

Who would have thought he was the respected eldest disciple of the Sanctuary? He did not differ much from a beggar.

"Zhao Guang, the three-day deadline is over. If you do not repent sincerely, you shall have to accept the faction's punishment!" Behind Zhao Guang was a youth. He was standing with his hands behind his back, his face wearing a merciless smile.

His cultivation level was a scary Third Level Peak Holy King!

He was the infamous Li Nian from the External Affairs Division. As the manager of the External Affairs Division, his role was to assist the two masters in dealing with the miscellaneous affairs of the disciples daily lives.

Many people did not know that he had another identity; he was the brother of Li Hao. He was brought into the Liuxian faction thanks to Li Hao. They had a friendly relationship.

Zhao Guang was kneeling, his long hair covering his face. He remained silent.

"The names carved on the Pillar of Shame are people who committed extreme crimes. They are the shame of the faction. The External Affairs Division asked you to condemn the people on the bronze pillar, why do you not do so?!" Li Nian cried, full of justice. Deep in his eyes, there was evidence of cold intentions.

Zhao Guang's lips parted slightly, weakly sighing. "I cannot do that!"

"Stubborn! It is obvious that you cannot differentiate good from bad. You have an evil heart!" Li Guang's gaze turned cold as he grunted. "I'll give you two choices; one, condemn the name of the sinner! Second, cleanse the name of the sinner with your blood!"

A pathetic smile crept across Zhao Guang's haggard face. "I will never condemn!"

"Then we shall execute the rules of the faction and use your blood to cleanse the name of the sinner!" Li Nian was merciless, suddenly striking Zhao Guang's back with his palm!

How scary was a blow from a Third Level Peak Holy King? Even though Zhao Guang had reached Half Holy King, he was like an ant in front of Li Nian.

Spit—

Under the heavy impact, Zhao Guang's organs shook. He spat out a mist of blood.

It was like a sunset of blood, splattering on the bronze pillar and turning the name of a sinner red.

"Condemn him, or bleed?" Li Nian asked again mercilessly.

Zhao Guang had been kneeling for the past three days and was extremely weak, but he bore with the intense pain in his organs, shivering as he wiped the blood away from his lips. Zhao Guang laughed in pain. "I still cannot do it!"

"Hmph! Stubborn!" Li Nian suddenly struck!

Spit—

Once again he spat out blood, splattering all over the bronze pillar.

This time, the cloth on Zhao Guang back was blasted to shreds. The energy from the strike had passed through his entire body and out through his chest.

People could see the strike had destroyed a part of his organs. At this rate, he would be beaten to death.

"I'll ask you again. Condemn or bleed?" Li Nian had a mocking tone. The more Zhao Guang struggled, the more excuses he had to execute him where he knelt. This had been Li Hao's order, to toy with those close to Su Yu until they died!

Zhao Guang sprawled on the ground after taking the strike. His ribs were broken.

He no longer had the strength to push himself up and continue kneeling.

His wrinkled head was laying pathetically on the icy ground. While his long hair covered his face, it could not mask the perseverance he had in his weakened eyes.

"I can't do it! I, Zhao Guang, cannot condemn even if I die!"

He let out a long howl. The howl carried his indignance, his fury, and his grief.

"Hmph!" Li Nian's fierce gaze wavered, suddenly striking!

Spit—

This time, Zhao Guang's body suffered immense trauma. His back turned bloody.

His vision turned dark. The intense pain caused him to slip into a semi-comatose state.

The people watching were all shocked. He could not condemn that sinner, even if it meant death. Why was he so stubborn? Was he truly unable to differentiate between good and evil?

They could not understand, but they could not sympathize with him!

Those more intelligent than the rest all had looks of disgust and indifference. "Was this person really unable to differentiate between good and evil? Why is he so persistent in refusing to condemn the sinner?"

"What persistence? He's most likely a lunatic. After all, he originated from an island, his mental faculties and logic cannot be compared to a mainlander's."

"There's a point there. These kinds of people are better off dead. Without a moral compass, they will definitely harm others in the future."

No one could sympathize with Zhao Guang's persistence. In their eyes, he was a radical person that they were disgusted by.

Li Nian let out a cold laugh but continued to wear a stern expression. "According to the rules of the faction, you only have three days to repent and we can only punish you up to three times. If you continue to commit such errors, I will execute you in accordance with the rules of the faction! Not this is your last chance. Condemn or die!" Li Nian grunted.

Zhao Guang was weak and his vision was blurry, but his eyes remained fixed to the Pillar of Shame, staring at the name that was soaked in his blood.

A tear of grief escaped his eye. His voice was trembling, carrying his grief and pity. He wept to the heavens. "I cannot do that! For... that's the name of my teacher!"

Soaked in blood was a blurry name, eroded with age.

The name was... Li Guang!

"The people who birthed me are my parents, but my teacher raised me! how could I, Zhao Guang... condemn him?" Zhao Guang let out a shout of grief with his weak voice. A sense of loss welled up in his chest.

He had been abandoned in the forest at birth and had been surrounded by wild beasts. It was Li Guang who had adopted him.

He had regarded Zhao Guang as his own son, patiently teaching him. It was due to that that Zhao Guang was who he was today. To him, Li Guang was his teacher as well as his benevolent father!

How could he condemn Li Guang? He could not!

Even if shame was to soak his teacher's blood, even if he was to die in front of his name—Zhao Guang could not.

The crowd was silent.

Many unfeeling faces wore grave expressions, shocked.

The hearts of those who once thought that Zhao Guang was asking for it and those who had thought that Zhao Guang deserved death were touched by this revelation.

A strange feeling of awestruck deep into their souls.

He... was not willing to condemn his teacher, even if he was going to die.

Surprise, shock, and other complicated feelings spread into the hearts of those present. It was as though they could see the disciple's gratitude for his teacher, kneeling in front of his name for three days and three nights.

No one could speak, their hearts filled with shock.

It turned out that three days ago, Zhao Guang was suddenly called out to condemn Li Guang's name on the bronze pillar.

As a person who had violated a female disciple a hundred years ago, Li Guang's name was on the Pillar of Shame.

Zhao Guang had long noted the name of the wronged Li Guang in previous lectures. He intentionally avoided Li Guang, condemning the other sinners on the pillar.

It was until three days ago that Li Nian was determined to make him condemn Li Guang alone.

He did not agree and was punished to kneel for three days to repent.

But no matter how much he reflected, he could not condemn Li Guang!

Especially now that he knew that Li Guang... had passed on!

As his disciple, he was unable to be by Li Guang's side when he passed. That was a regret that he could not get over in his life. How could he bring himself to condemn Li Guang after his death?

He could condemn anyone else on this world, but he could never condemn Li Guang!

Zhao Guang's eyes were filled with pity, his mouth was full of blood. He let out a pathetic laugh. "My teacher, Li Guang, he was wronged! He was not a sinner!"

A shout of grief was followed by an indignant laugh. It was filled with anger at fate as it struck the heavens.

"Hmph! Even if he was your teacher, you should not try to bewitch the crowd! His crimes have long been decided. How could it be easily topped by a small disciple like you?" Li Nian grunted loudly.

A killing intent showed itself in his eyes. He maintained his look of justice, mercilessly grunting. "Outer Sanctum disciple Zhao Guang, you are unable to differentiate between good and evil and is unwilling to repent. You tried to distort the truth! Now, as the manager of the External Affairs Division, I will decide on your sentence on behalf of the faction!"

"To prevent Zhao Guang from harming anyone in the future, he shall be executed on the spot!" Li Nian let out a low grunt.

The surrounding disciples did not think that it was appropriate, but no one dared to stand up against the decisions of the External Affairs Division.

If they dared to help, they might be executed together with him!

Zhao Guang was sprawled on the ground, unable to move. He still managed a loud pitiful laugh. "Kill me! One day, my teacher's name will be erased from the Pillar of Shame, for he was wronged!"

The sound carried Zhao Guang's final determination, reverberating around and piercing through to the heavens.

He had not condemned Li Guang in the face of his death. He could stand proud when he met his teacher in the underworld.

Li Nian laughed. Everything had gone smoother than imagined. The more persistent Zhao Guang was, the more justified his execution became!

"Die!" Li Nian let out a low grunt, his palm striking down!

Crack—

At this moment, a strange chill descended like a raging wave! The surrounding people became cold as if they had plunged into a land of ice without any clothing.

The temperature wasn't the only thing that turned cold, as a freezing aura filled the room.

"If you kill him, your entire family shall be buried with him!" An icy cold voice pierced through to the heavens, reverberating around the faction!

It was as if a king had returned.

Chapter 139: Roar of the Angry Dragon

Li Nian turned rigid as he heard the icy, stern voice.

A chill welled up in his heart turning him as cold as ice.

He feared he would definitely be killed if he killed Zhao Guang! Still, Li Nian clenched his teeth and continued his strike!

Firstly, he was following the orders of the faction in punishing Zhao Guang, it was all legitimate. If Su Yu were to stop him, he would also be breaking the rules of the faction!

Secondly, he might not need to fear Su Yu! In terms of abilities, he was confident that he would not lose!

"Execute according to the rules!" Li Nian grunted, striking the killing blow!

Rumble—

Before he could land the killing blow, a palm enveloped in Ice Flames pushed toward his head at a blinding speed!

There was no hesitation!

The expression on Li Nian's face changed! Su Yu had dared to attack him!

Li Nian was furious and surprised, changing his stance. The palm once directed at Zhao Guang clashed with Su Yu!

"Stopping the execution against the faction's orders, you are to be executed..."

Ah—

But Li Nian's words stopped there and were replaced by a pathetic cry!

At the moment of impact between their two palms, a powerful spiritual pressure descended along with the Ice Flames, swallowing his life force! His technique could not hold up against the might and easily crumbled.

His opponent's palm had struck his palm with no challenge.

The immense impact felt like a mountain had crushed on him, causing him to spit out blood.

The absolute difference between their abilities caused Li Nian to be immensely shocked. Even though he had heard that Su Yu had bested Cao Xuan when he suppressed his cultivation level to Second Level Peak Holy King, who would have guessed that he would be so strong based off his spirit energy alone?

Thud Thud Thud—

He took multiple steps back, blood covering his entire mouth. He was furious. "Su Yu! You dare stop me from executing the punishment, and injure me in front of these people? Do you know that you have broken the forbidden laws of the faction?!"

Whoosh—

The purple robe, the silver hair, the Icy Divine Wings... Who else could it be other than Su Yu?

"Rules? When you are dealing with other people, rules are your weapon! In times of danger, the rules are your life vest! Unfair rules can just be discarded!" Su Yu grunted, his Icy Divine Wings flapping!

Whoosh—

All that was left at Su Yu's original location was an afterimage, and Li Nian's pathetic cry followed shortly after!

Ah—

Li Nian had no time to react and was struck in the chest by Su Yu!

His robes turned to shreds, his flesh bloody. His bones and organs were all shaken!

Li Nian flew backward, the blood in his mouth spraying everywhere like a bright veil.

"You dare disregard the rules of the faction..." he started to say, but he was interrupted once again!

Pu—

Su Yu struck him once again! His palm had a horrifying spirit energy, penetrating his body. It entered from his chest and left through his back!

His organs were decimated and his ribs were fractured!

Ah—

His pathetic shouts were like a pig during slaughter, penetrating the clouds!

Thud—

Li Nian crashed to the ground, his mouth full of blood as he groaned in pain.

Everyone was shocked!

The fabled King of the Fallen Star had descended without a word and had used his immense power to beat Li Nian, a manager, half to death!

The rumors said Su Yu had defeated Cao Xuan decisively, so the onlooking Outer Sanctum Disciples were all filled with respect and fear!

As a newcomer, Su Yu was too powerful!

Many of the Outer Sanctum Disciples had looks of gratitude. Su Yu had long since been their inspiration.

The heaven-defying scene back then at the Fallen Star Contest were still etched in their hearts. Their blood was boiling.

Whoosh—

Su Yu's figure materialized, coldly staring at the groaning Li Nian. "These three strikes were for my Senior! Now scram!"

Li Nian endured the immense pain and crawled away with difficulty, his eyes full of fear.

Su Yu disregarding the rules of the faction like a god of war had greatly impacted him! Su Yu was ten times scarier than the rumors make him out to be!

But at this moment, a cold jeer came forth. "What bravado, daring to interfere with the affairs of the External Affairs Division just because you've entered the Inner Sanctum!"

Whoosh—

A middle-aged man with a cold face walked forward with his hands behind his back! The aura around him was masculine and heavy, reaching Fourth Level Lower Tier Holy King!

He was the Deputy Clan Master of the External Affairs Division, Qin Gang!

He was also the right-hand man of Xi Ruolan!

"Hmph! Do you all not have cultivation to do?" Qin Gang surveyed the surroundings with a cold glare.

Those within his gaze trembled, their hearts suddenly thumping wildly. The crowd went silent, filled with respect and fear for his authority. They scattered away with their heads held low.

In the blink of an eye, the area had become empty.

Then, Qin Gang scowled. "Su Yu! As an Inner Sanctum Disciple, you should keep your assignment and uphold the rules of the faction. How should we punish you for breaking up a punishment and disrupting its administration?"

"Rules? Then please tell me Deputy Clan Master Qin, do the rules allow forcing my Senior to condemn his own teacher as an excuse to kill him?" Su Yu pointed at Li Nian, grunting coldly.

Li Nian attempted to rebut Su Yu. "Nonsense! I was acting by the book..."

But he shut his mouth, for Su Yu had shot a murderous glare in his direction!

The guilty Li Nian did not dare talk back.

Qin Gang's eyes were fierce. "Su Yu! Do not attempt to distort the facts. Li Nian is an upright man, his heart is full of justice. Why would he take the opportunity to kill someone? It is clearly you who is being unreasonable, intentionally slandering him!"

A faint killing intent surfaced in Qin Gang's eyes.

Su Yu quietly closed his eyes. When he reopened his eyes, his gaze was clear and peaceful. A self-depreciating smile crept across his face. "How stupid am I to attempt to talk reason with you people! In your eyes, fists and strength are the true reason!"

It was extremely obvious that Qin Gang was protecting Li Nian! Coupled with the fact that he was the right-hand man of Xi Ruolan, there was no way that he would be partial toward Su Yu.

"Why, do you also wish to beat the Clan Master of the External Affairs Division?" Qin Gang let out a cold smile.

With the Second Elder backing Su Yu, it was hard for Qin Gang to teach him a lesson.

But if Su Yu did not know any better and initiate a challenge, he could legitimately kill him using mutiny as a justification—everyone would be happy, besides Su Yu!

Su Yu, you brought this upon yourself!

"Beat? No!" Su Yu calmly shook his head. "I just wish to avenge the injustice suffered by Senior Zhao!"

Qin Gang let out a cold laugh. "Who gave you the right to take back the injustice from my hands?"

"Rights are not given by someone else, they are.... fought for with your own abilities!" Su Yu's gaze turned cold, the Divine Ice Wings spreading behind his back!

The battle intent between them could be triggered at any second.

There was a clash of invisible energy waves, bringing up rolling waves of dust.

Debris and dust lingered in the air.

The horrifying energies of the two clashed!

At the corner, Li Nian's heart shivered. "Just his battle intent causes ripples in the spiritual energy? Qin Gang was indeed powerful!"

The news that someone had challenged the External Affairs Division had spread with the dispersal of the onlookers.

Whoosh, whoosh—

Multiple figures descended, among them was Mo Wu.

There were a few other Law Enforcement Tribunal Disciples, including Wang Shenxue. In the blink of an eye, many people had gathered.

Mo Wu took a glance at the situation and felt angry. "Causing trouble everywhere! Just a few moments alone and you have caused trouble with Qin Gang!"

Even though she was grumbling, she could not hide the worry that was in her eyes. "Su Yu, you found trouble with the wrong person this time."

Wang Shenxue flew forward, his expression turning into respect and happiness when he spotted Su Yu. "I can finally witness another one of your fights."

But after he saw Su Yu's opponent, Wang Shenxue gasped. "Angry King Kong Buddha, Qin Gang? How... did Su Yu offend him?"

His expression was awful, worry spreading across his face. He was deeply anxious for Su Yu.

Whoosh—

Clenching his teeth, Wang Shenxue charged forward but was stopped by Li Nian with a cold smile. "Why is the Law Enforcement Tribunal interfering with the challenge of the External Affairs Division?"

"Move aside! You are taking advantage of the fact that Su Yu is new here and does not know about Qin Gang. This match is unfair!" Wang Shenxue was furious.

Li Nian grunted. "That's none of your business! Stand back, unless you want to fight!"

"You guys... are too much!" Wang Shenxue was as surprised as he was furious, but he could not take Li Nian's words lightly. It was inconvenient for the Law Enforcement Tribunal to interfere in the matters of the External Affairs Division. He could only send anxious glances to Su Yu's direction, hoping he would notice.

It was not that he had no faith in Su Yu's abilities, but Qin Gang was too strong! His true strength lied within his body!

When Qin Gang was little, he had consumed treasures and they had caused a change in his body. His body and spirit were extremely hardy. Even though his cultivation level was at Fourth Level Lower Tier Holy King, another fourth Level Upper Tier Holy King would find it hard to stand up against him.

In terms of overall strength, he was even better than Cao Xuan.

In their battle, Su Yu had defeated Cao Xuan in three moves. But, if it was Qin Gang who Cao Xuan had fought, there would have only been time for one move.

Su Yu, with his current abilities, could not hope to stand up against Qin Gang!

Qin Gang took his offensive stance, his lips forming a sarcastic smile. "Lad, I regret to tell you that challenging me was a wrong move! Harh!" With a low grunt, Qin Gang's robes blasted open, revealing a copper body!

His muscles were like stone, hardy and full of explosive energy! They were full of a brutal energy, much more powerful than the average person's. They spread forward slowly, causing many hearts to skip a beat.

Su Yu's eyelids twitched. He could sense that the man standing before him did not have a spirit of a human, but more of a wild beast.

What a powerful body and spirit! It was even more powerful than Cao Xuan's Dragon realm constitution!

It was no wonder that he could take the place of Deputy Clan Master even at Fourth Level Lower Tier Holy King!

There was no shortage of people with higher cultivation levels than him in the faction, but he was still chosen to take the role as Deputy Clan Master.

A huge pressure assaulted Su Yu like a mountain.

"Challenging me is your greatest mistake!" Qin Gang let out a cold laugh, sure of his victory!

With a grunt, the muscles on Qin Gang's body twitched, each pulsing with a horrifying energy!

A layer of dull red light enveloped his body. It looked like a film of blood!

It was a phenomenon only observed in constitutions of the Dragon Realm—Blood Energy!

When a person's biological limits were raised to a certain point, the nature of their Blood Energy would change outside of the body.

The blood red film was a sign of this!

Thump, thump—

Qin Gang's muscular right leg rebounded against the floor.

His body was like a spring, turning into a blood red blur as he charged toward Su Yu!

"Roar of the Angry Dragon!" With a low growl, Qin Gang struck out with his right hand.

Surrounded by the terrifying Blood Energy, he was like a violent red dragon harboring a destructive power, roaring as it struck!

In that moment, Su Yu suppressed. He was breathless.

But his eyes remained calm. A three foot high Ice Flame enveloped his body, spreading toward Qin Gang.

Just how cold were the flames formed by consolidating chilly energy?

Even someone as powerful as Cao Xuan was robbed of his life force the moment he came into contact with it.

But Qin Gang just smiled. "You will never understand just how strong my body and spirit are!"

Creak—

A shocking scene ensued. Qin Gang grabbed with his hand, extinguishing the Ice Flames that were flying toward him!

A ball of ice crystals turned into powder, scattering from his palm!

His palm did not take any damage from the Ice Flames!

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But just as the Ice Flames shattered, a huge ball of purple light filled the air!

It was an extremely lifelike, giant purple lotus. The petals extended, swaying in the wind. Bales of terrifying energy circulated within the lotus. Arcs of thunder were released, their destructive energy spreading around!

Qin Gang's mocking laugh froze.

There was no separation between Glazed Ice Flame and the Purple Star Thunderbolt! The two techniques had merged!

Rumble—

Qin Gang did not have any time to react. The rumble shook the entire Liuxian faction, piercing through the clouds!

The purple light illuminated the Outer Sanctum. Huge waves of wind blew about, their destructive energy obliterating everything in its path!

At the center of the battle, waves of energy rumbled, shooting out in all directions!

Two figures could be faintly seen within the waves of energy.

A purple robe was flying wildly, silver hair dancing in fury. Su Yu stood in his original position, undamaged.

On the other hand, Qin Gang's robes were destroyed and his skin was dark red. His face was slightly contorted, presenting an expression of pain.

A Stage One Top Class Legacy level technique. Even a person in the Dragon Realm could not easily withstand this.

The Outer Sanctum Disciples were shocked. Su Yu had actually gotten the upper hand!

Mo Wu's pupils dilated. "The amount of spirit energy he has is thirty percent more than that of the past!"

Wang Shenxue was dumbfounded. "In just a few days, the power of this technique has increased by more than thirty percent!"

Su Yu's level of spirit energy, coupled with the Stage One Top Class legacy level technique, had powers much more intense than anyone imagined.

Feeling the stinging pain on his skin, Qin Gang was furious!

"Hmph! Small tricks can't do me in..." Qin Gang let out an angry grunt, hurling his bronze body once again toward Su Yu! "Roar of the Angry Dragon!"

A punch, ferocious as a dragon, once again pushed toward Su Yu!

But, at the moment he struck, Su Yu had already readied his third attack!

"Heavenly Punishment of Ice and Thunder!" With a low grunt, the hand hidden behind Su Yu's back prepared a long spear, formed by fusing the Ice Flames and Thunder Flares!

Destructive energy encircled the three-foot long spear.

The Ice Flames and Thunder Flares danced beautifully.

As Su Yu threw the spear, it transformed into a streak of purple and azure light, piercing the air!

Boom—

The air crackled, the land trembled.

It was a spear from the God of Punishment, causing many hearts to tremble!

Qin Gang's face of fury turned rigid, his eyelids twitching madly!

It was a Half Divine grade Holy Decree!

Dread filled his heart!

The fist he threw at Su Yu took on a defensive turn, protecting the vital points in his chest!

But at the moment he retracted his fist, the Heavenly Punishment of Ice and Thunder descended!

Boundless flames rolled in the horizon! Countless people felt the earth shaking, falling on the floor as they could not steady themselves.

The terrifying energy shook the External Affairs Division.

The two bronze pillars that had stood for multiple centuries let out cracking sounds under the insane energy wave.

None of the Outer Sanctum Disciples could keep calm, retreating in shock.

The power of this strike had surpassed the limits of their imagination!

When the dust settled, a shocking scene appeared in the arena!

Qin Gang's arms were bloody, frozen by the Ice Flames and burnt by the Thunder Flares. Bones were even visible where the injuries were most serious!

A long spear with a subdued glow pierced his arms, gradually dissipating.

He had been pushed back multiple steps, his legs forming two long trenches on the ground.

Along the way, the ground was sprayed with a layer of fresh blood!

Qin Gang, the Angry King Kong Buddha, had been injured!

Su Yu had achieved something even a Fourth Level Upper Tier Holy King could not accomplish!

The Outer Sanctum Disciples gasped!

They had seen the King of the Fallen Star break through to new heights, and they could only admire him for eternity.

Su Yu was too powerful! He was so powerful that those chasing in his footsteps felt despair!

Wang Shenxue's battle intent was blazing. He cannot help but feel even more inspired.

"He... has grown more powerful again!" It was the same Heavenly Punishment of Ice and Thunder, but compared to its power during the match at the Law Enforcement Tribunal, it had thirty percent more explosive power.

Mo Wu secretly nodded her head. "The power of this technique had improved considerably!"

Qin Gang had a feeling of caution for the first time.

If he was a normal Fourth Level Lower Tier Holy King, he would have had been completely destroyed!

What he did not know was that Su Yu had not used the Seal of Time, nor his Space Manipulation. Otherwise, Qin Gang would not have had the opportunity to block.

If he could not defend himself, he would not have escaped with such light injuries under the Heavenly Punishment of Ice and Thunder.

Was shocked, looking at Su Yu's restless expression. He was not satisfied with such a result.

"Barring any accidents, this is the full might of the Holy Decree fused with ice and thunder." Su Yu muttered softly.

The fragment of the Purple Star Thunderbolt only had one stage. Now that he had achieved top class of that stage, there was no continuation of the lightning style legacy level technique that he could cultivate; this was because the depository of the faction did not contain any lightning style legacy level techniques.

If the lightning style technique could not be improved, it would be hard for the Holy Decree to be improved further.

The Heavenly Punishment of Ice and Thunder might be the final form of this Holy Decree.

Admittedly, it was quite disappointing.

Qin Gang was humiliated by how distracted and unsatisfied Su Yu looked!

Su Yu had inflicted minor injuries, but he still felt dissatisfied!

"Come again!" Qin Gang's face was filled with shame and fury. Not only was he older than Su Yu, but his cultivation level was higher too. Yet, he still lost!

Su Yu looked up, his expression merciless. "Alright! I'll strike you until you apologize to Senior Zhao!"

Qin Gang was ultimately not in the Dragon Realm, he only had the physical body of a person in the Dragon Realm. His combined strength was only higher than that of a Fourth Level Lower Tier Holy King, but did not exceed that of Fourth Level Upper Tier Holy King!

Su Yu could still handle him with a little effort!

But as they were going to engage in battle once again, a female figure came out from within the External Affairs Division!

She pointed with her dainty fingers, causing Su Yu to be pushed back three steps!

Abruptly lifting his head, a figure that inspired deep hatred from within Su Yu was imprinted in his eyes. "Xi! Ruo! Lan!"

Clenching his teeth tightly, Su Yu fought back his urge to strike her!

She had framed Li Guang for an entire century! She had destroyed Li Guang's aspirations and stolen his life force!

The reason Su Yu entered the Liuxian faction was to personally claim her head and send it to Li Guang's grave!

Xi Ruolan was expressionless, lightly glancing at Su Yu and coldly scolding. "Have you caused enough trouble yet? The External Affairs Division is an important place in the Outer Sanctum, you dare cause trouble here?!"

Ever since she had appeared, she had not bothered to ask about the details of the incident, instead blamed Su Yu! The favoritism was blatant.

Su Yu suppressed his killing intent. "Causing trouble? Alright! I shall report this matter to the Master of the faction and we shall see who's the one that was causing trouble!"

Li Nian was not flustered, frowning instead. "A joke! Would you be granted an audience by the Master of the faction? Furthermore, I was following the rules of the faction, what wrong did I commit?"

Whoosh—

While Li Nian still could not understand the situation, Su Yu had retrieved a token from his sleeve.

"The Liuxian Token!" Li Nian's face turned rigid, his lips trembling slightly.

The Liuxian Token allowed a small request to be granted by the Master! This token was everywhere a hundred years ago but was gradually phased out. There are not many tokens in circulation left.

Undoubtedly, the effectiveness of the token was still valid!

If Su Yu used this token to ask the Master to investigate the truth of the incident...

Swallowing, Li Nian's heart was in a fluster. If the Master were to question him personally, it would be hard to mask the truth.

Framing someone and making light of another person's life would result in an immediate execution by the Master!

Even the furious Qin Gang trembled, involuntarily retreating away from Li Hao.

Mo Wu and Wang Shexue were all secretly shocked!

Su Yu had a discontinued Liuxian Token!

The entire place was silent. Li Nian was pale, cold sweat spouting from his forehead.

Even Xi Ruolan's fierce expression gradually turned gentler.

After a moment, she calmly said. "Why alarm the Master for such a small matter? The External Affairs Division can deal with this impartially. Those who have nothing to do here, leave."

Xi Ruolan surveyed around the room and those in her gaze left hurriedly.

The External Affairs Division controlled the Outer Sanctum. Her very word could decide the fate of the Outer Sanctum Disciples, who was not fearful of her?

In the blink of an eye, there were only the three people from the External Affairs Division, as well as Su Yu and Zhao Guang, left.

Xi Ruolan calmly sighed. "Whatever happened is clear to all of us present. Su Yu, you can claim the injustice done to Zhao Guang.

"Li Nian used the rules for his personal vendetta and should be executed. But if you agree to let it be, Zhao Guang will be given a Medium Grade Marrow Cleansing Pill as an exchange, to let him breakthrough to Holy King. This is the biggest justice I can give everyone."

If Su Yu did not agree and insisted on the Master of the faction handling this case, the ultimate result would be merely the execution of Li Nian. Zhao Guang would at most get a few recovery pills, and not the precious Medium Grade Marrow Cleansing Pill.

And, Su Yu would have to exhaust his Liuxian Token!

"Tell me, who instigated this?" Su Yu shot a cold gaze towards Li Nian!

As guilty as he was, in this moment of life and death, would he hide the truth?

"It... it was the royal brother, Li Hao. He ordered me to kill all those close to you."

Li Hao! Su Yu's gaze turned cold!

It looked like Su Yu had made his choice. Xi Ruolan took out a blue Medium Grade Marrow Cleansing Pill from her sleeve and took the two back into the External Affairs Division without any emotion.

Taking the elixir, Su Yu was apologetic. He propped Zhao Guang up. "I'm sorry Senior Zhao, I have implicated you."

Zhao Guang's dull eyes looked at Su Yu, gradually regaining his color. He anxiously gripped Su Yu's arm. "Junior... Su, were there any last words for me by teacher?"

Su Yu was silent, his fist clenched. "Before he died, he only hoped for one thing... Do not seek revenge for him, and live well."

"Live well..." Zhao Guang muttered repeatedly, bitter tears falling from his eyes.

Su Yu forced out an expression of consolation. "Don't worry Senior Zhao. Someone will pay for teacher's death! I, Su Yu, will one day claim the heads of those who wronged him, and I will pay respect to teacher's spirit."

"Thank... you." Zhao Guang smiled as tears rolled down his cheeks. "I am useless, it is all up to you, Junior Su!"

"Alright, this is a Medium Grade Marrow Cleansing Pill. It is enough to let you breakthrough to Holy King. Should you face any difficulty in the Outer Sanctum, tell me." Su Yu put the pill into Zhao Guang's mouth, its powerful effects immediately released into his body.

It healed his injuries as he was achieving his breakthrough.

After some time, Zhao Guang gradually regained his color. His injuries were healed considerably.

"Thank you for your kind gesture, Junior Su. Please tell me where teacher's grave is. I wish to leave the Liuxian faction and guard his grave," Zhao Guang said pitifully.

He had stayed at the Outer Sanctum for a few months and had come to understand that he would not have much of a future cultivating any further. He was already more than thirty years old and had missed the optimal age to cultivate. He would only be wasting his time in the Outer Sanctum.

He would rather guard his teacher's grave.

Su Yu was shocked, only telling him the location after a while.

He had many enemies in the Liuxian faction, he might not be able to help Zhao Guang the next time he implicated him.

"Goodbye, Junior Su." Zhao Guang cupped his fists, staring deeply at Su Yu before silently leaving.

They had once shared the fate of stepping onto the forbidden grounds of the Shenyue Island together, but now Zhao Guang was out of the picture.

Su Yu felt lonely as he looked at the back of Zhao Guang disappearing into the faction.

"What a deep bond between brothers." A mocking voice came from behind him.

Turning back, Su Yu's eyes turned ice cold. "Li! Hao!"

Standing with his hands behind him at the entrance of the External Affairs Division, Li Hao's face was full of mockery. "Zhao Guang is but the first one! I want to play with everyone close to you until they die! Let's see who shall be next!"

Su Yu grumbled. Of those close to him from the Shenyue Island, other than Zhao Guang and Xianer (who was protected by the Second Elder), there was but one person left!

Xia Jingyu!

"You wouldn't dare!" Su Yu's calm eyes displayed an alarming killing intent!

Li Hao coldly smiled. "Why, you wish to kill me to prevent future accidents?"

But his tone suddenly changed as an equally cold killing intent surfacing in his eyes. "Fine! I'll give you a chance! Now let's leave the faction and have a duel to the death!

"If you don't accept this challenge, I shall play with those close to you until they die!" Li Hao's expression of hatred was exceptionally ferocious.

Su Yu clenched his fists. His abilities were not Li Hao's match. But, when he thought about Jingyu's gentle figure, his heart was wrenched.

"Alright! I, Su Yu, shall claim your life..." Su Yu's eyes were filled with killing intent. Without dealing with Li Hao, he would not be able to achieve peace!

For Xianer and Xia Jingyu, Li Hao must die!