

Nine-Dragon 541

Chapter 541: The Jade Green Spiritual Pond

Under the guidance of Bai Yijian, the five of them walked down the flight of stairs and went deep underground. About an hour later, they finally stopped after reaching a place of unknown depth.

Their location was not the end of the flight of stairs. Instead, it was a giant cave that was created by men halfway through the flight of stairs. As for the flight of stairs, it still extended deep into the underground.

The deepest part of the flight of stairs was the place that contained the Legacy of Materials, the last legacy. Looking at it from their location, it was more strictly guarded compared to the other legacies.

The cave they were in was fortified by the clansmen who guarded the five mountains. If any person were to follow the flight of stairs down, he would definitely be pursued by all the clansmen. Hence, entering the place that contained the Legacy of Materials unbeknown to anyone was as difficult as ascending to the sky.

When everyone entered the cave, they discovered other big and small man-made caves that were made for the descendants of the guards to live in. However, the slightly strange thing was that the cave was deathly silent. Not a single clansman of the guards was present. Filled with surprise, everyone went to the deepest area of the cave and stood in front of a giant light membrane.

The light membrane was glowing with four demonic beasts, each with an unusual color. Their faces were extremely ferocious, and it made others slightly frightened.

“Mountain Tumbling Formation of the Four Divisions?” Shocked, Shangguan Qinger’s eyes brightened up. “This kind of spell is an ancient spell that had been lost. Apart from requiring the blood of the user, only Almighty Divine Masters can break through it.”

Almighty Divine Masters are required? Su Yu was shocked. The spell was abnormally strong.

Bai Yijian nodded his head. “Naturally. This is a sacred place where my clan originated. Of course it would have heavy security.” Bai Yijian then extracted a drop of his blood and scattered it on the light membrane.

With a whoosh, the light membrane dissolved gradually. A passageway that allowed one person to pass through appeared.

“Go ahead and enter. Remember, all of you only have half a day’s time.”

Su Yu’s face was filled with anticipation as he entered with Xia Jingyu. The remaining group of people also entered in succession.

After entering, Bai Yijian left the place and returned to the sacrificial altar.

Rustle—

The young man who followed behind flew over.

“Father, why did you allow outsiders to use our clan’s sacred place? I don’t understand.” This Half Fairy with three Vital Energy Crystals was Bai Yijian’s son.

Bai Yijian questioned in reply. “Why not? Our clansmen have left the five mountains, and the spiritual pond is already barren. So, it is fine even if we allow those pieces of trash to use it.”

However, the young man was dissatisfied. “That is really too good for them. What if they are extremely lucky and make a huge breakthrough? Among them, the disciple of the Yufeng Faction possesses a cultivation base with three Vital Energy Crystals. If he were to make a breakthrough to the Fairy Realm, wouldn’t it be the same as him freeloading from us?”

“Haha...” Bai Yijian laughed loudly. “Zhe-er, don’t be rash! The Mysterious Heavenly Spiritual Pond has been used by us for hundreds of years; its effects have been decreasing day by day. Only a very tiny amount of energy is left, and at best, they can only coagulate a Spiritual Energy Crystal. Without the effects to change the Spiritual Energy Crystals to the Vital Energy Crystals, how would that Zhou Jin make a breakthrough to the Fairy Realm?

“Moreover, within the spiritual pond, the thing that will take effect is not the water of the pond. Instead, it is the pond’s spiritual rocks. The spiritual pond only exists due to the energy of the spiritual rocks seeping into the water! As for those spiritual rocks, we have checked all of them before. The energy of more than 90 percent of them is lost, and impure objects have entered the remaining ten percent. Hence, the energy has become impure, and the spiritual rocks are useless.

“Only this amount of energy is left within the spiritual pond, and it will be completely used up in half a day’s time. They will not have very large gains,” Bai Yijian said unfathomably. That was why he let go of the Mysterious Heavenly Spiritual Pond.

Hearing that, Bai Zhe calmed down slightly. “Humph! We shall let them take some advantage of us. If they are able to raise their abilities slightly, it will be beneficial to breaking open the restriction Tian Jizi has set up personally! After the matter is taken care of, I shall kill all of them! That Shangguan Qinger shall not escape either!”

Bai Yijian sneered, “You can kill the remaining people. However, I have discovered that Shangguan Qinger is still a virgin and filled with the Yin element. If you were to obtain the Yin element, it will be extremely beneficial to you in making a breakthrough to the Fairy Realm!”

Her? When the beautiful face flashed past Bai Zhe’s mind, his index finger could not help but move vigorously. “Thank you, Father!”

“All right, continue to take charge, and see if there are anymore fitting people in the next batch! As long as the last place of legacy is opened, our clan can finally be freed of the fate of being sealed for hundreds of years.” Bai Yijian’s eyes were glowing with excitement.

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When Su Yu passed through the spell, what entered his eyes was a small, narrow cave. In the middle, there was a pool of pond water with rippling azure waves along a curve. It was only ten square meters, which was extremely small; accommodating five people was its limit.

However, the jade pond released shocking, gentle energy that filled the air. It was like a good wine that had been fermented for a long time. Its fragrance also filled the air and was extremely inebriating.

Rustle—

With a sound that broke the silence, Zhou Jin took the lead in choosing a spot and entered the spiritual pond. At once, the jade green energy in the pond water, which could be seen by the naked eye, seeped into his pores and entered his body. After that, it moistened the three crystals within his Dantian, causing his crystals to become dainty and exquisite. It was a sign of his crystals being purified!

As for Su Yu and Xia Jingyu, they chose adjoining positions and entered the pond water together. It was a cool, refreshing feeling. After that, a gentle energy quickly seeped into Su Yu's pores like fish. When the energy entered his Dantian, it took on the form of the third Spiritual Energy Crystal!

He was about to make a breakthrough to Half God! Such a nature-defying effect delighted Su Yu. In Zhenlong Continent, it was something unimaginable.

The jade green energy entered Su Yu's body endlessly, and started to fill up the Spiritual Energy Crystal. Once it had completely taken its shape, he would achieve the real realm of Half God.

With two splashing sounds, Shangguan Qinger and the Ghost King also entered the pond.

It was still understandable for the Ghost King. Although his body was at the level of the Fairy Realm, his cultivation base was still at the realm of Half God. He had not made a breakthrough to Half Fairy yet.

However, Shangguan Qinger was someone of the Fairy Realm, and the energy the pond contained was insufficient for her.

"Haha. Brother Black Snow, let me help you massage your shoulders." Shangguan Qinger gave a charming laughter and approached smilingly. Her two small hands then massaged Su Yu's shoulders. "Brother Black Snow, you have been working hard."

It was no doubt she was trying to earn Su Yu's favor. However, Su Yu was in a critical stage of his training, and he had no time to care about her.

As for Xia Jingyu, she did not start to train immediately like Su Yu. Instead, she was observing Shangguan Qinger the whole time.

Seeing that Shangguan Qinger was not behaving herself as expected, Xia Jingyu told herself she was right and pulled Su Yu to her side to separate him from Shangguan Qinger. She then said apathetically, "Miss Shangguan, please watch how you conduct yourself, and please don't disturb Brother Yu if you really wish for his good."

Shangguan Qinger was trying to earn the favor of Su Yu. However, she was suddenly disturbed and was not happy about it.

“You cannot tell good from bad! If not for Brother Black Snow’s sake, do you think I will be polite to you?” Shangguan Qinger did not conceal her threatening expression. With her abilities, she could kill Xia Jingyu with a lift of her palm, and she would not even require a small effort to do so.

Xia Jingyu was still not frightened. “Do you think I am afraid of you?”

“Humph!” Shangguan Qinger really did not dare to do anything to Xia Jingyu, as she would only anger Su Yu even more.

After her speech, Shangguan Qinger only cared about herself and played around in the pond. She swam from one end to the other and vice versa with an extremely bored look. She did not train at all, let alone absorb the energy of the pond.

As Zhou Jin looked on, his heart started to burn with flames of fury as he thought of his Junior Brother Zheng Zhijing, who died tragically in the stone statue forest for a slot. In the end, Shangguan Qinger used the slot to play around! For a moment, Zhou Jin felt that his Junior Brother had died an unworthy death.

“Eh, the bottom of the pond has many spiritual rocks.” Shangguan Qinger discovered a rock while she was filled with boredom. It was a grayish-white spiritual rock the size of an eyeball. With the power of her sense of perception, she had already discovered the spiritual rocks the moment she entered the spiritual pond. She was merely pretending to be shocked.

When the words came out of her mouth, Zhou Jin and the Ghost King stopped training immediately and looked at the spiritual rock in her hand.

It was not difficult to feel the remaining tiny bit of energy within the grayish-white spiritual rock. It was the jade green energy within the pond water. Could the energy within the pond water have come from the rocks at the bottom?

The two of them reacted at once and grabbed a huge number of rocks from the bottom of the pond. However, all of them were grayish-white in color; the energy within them had already dissipated completely.

However, among the spiritual rocks the Ghost King had grabbed, one was jade green in color and contained extraordinary energy. The Ghost King’s eyes darkened at once. The jade green color of the spiritual rock was mixed with a black color, which caused the jade green to be slightly dark.

“It is a pity. Some impurities have entered the spiritual rock, and the energy within it cannot be used.” The Ghost King casually threw the spiritual rock away and sighed regretfully.

If he were to absorb the energy of the impurities recklessly, the energy of the impurities would destroy his internal energy channels if he got off lightly. However, if he did not get off lightly, his Dantian might be affected, and the crystals would break into pieces. The energy of the impurities was the same as a deadly poison.

Although the energy the spiritual rock contained was pure, it was a pity that it could not be used even though it could be seen. The two of them did not give up, and they continued to look for spiritual rocks.

Xia Jingyu was slightly interested as well and grabbed a few spiritual rocks, but it was a shame. What they had managed to find were either grayish-white spiritual rocks that were completely devoid of energy, or spiritual rocks that were mixed with various impurities.

A mischievous laughter flashed past Shangguan Qinger's face; she had achieved her objective of making fun of them. "Up until now, all of you still do not understand? There is a high chance this spiritual pond has been abandoned, and this is why that bastard is willing to allow us to use it."

Hearing that, the Ghost King became silent for some time. He then sighed lightly, stopped looking for spiritual rocks and absorbed the already very little energy of the spiritual pond earnestly.

As for Zhou Jin, he continued to try a few more times, as he was dissatisfied. Indeed, more than 90 percent of the spiritual rocks were grayish-white or had a great amount of impurities. Hence, they could not be used at all.

"As expected. This bastard does not have any good intentions!" Zhou Jin berated softly. All of a sudden, he realized the jade green energy within the pond water was undergoing a great change.

It was as if there was a vortex on the Ghost King's abdomen, and it absorbed the energy of the pond water in huge amounts like a whale swallowing something. In no time, about one hundredth of the energy of the pond was absorbed!

"You!" Zhou Jin was furious. There was only this amount of energy in the pond. If the Ghost King were to absorb a small bit of the energy, the others would get to absorb a small bit less energy.

"All right! Let's see who is faster!" Zhou Jin shouted with a low voice. The three Vital Energy Crystals within his body were then completely released, and they absorbed the energy crazily.

The Ghost King frowned and sped up his absorption.

With the both of them absorbing like mad, the energy underwent a huge change. Even Su Yu, who was training, woke up with a start.

He and Xia Jingyu did not have abilities like them to absorb the energy as such. With such a speed, not even half a day was needed. They would be able to absorb all the energy in six hours.

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Zhou Jin turned to look at Su Yu and snickered, "So what if you are part of the headcount? Opportunities were always meant for the strong."

Su Yu's face darkened slightly, his gaze falling on the spiritual rock in Xia Jingyu's hands. The rock seemed to be filled with impurities. Although Su Yu was deeply focused on his training earlier, he was still fully aware of what was happening around him.

“Jingyu, please help me with something.” Su Yu suddenly made the request, as if a light bulb had been switched on in his head.

After Xia Jingyu nodded immediately, Su Yu commenced giving instructions. “Using the Water Passage Theurgy, help me collect all of the spiritual rocks that have been contaminated by impurities.”

Xia Jingyu was confused as to the reasoning behind this command, yet she did not hesitate to proceed as instructed by Su Yu. As she brought her hands together, the water in the spirit pool began to swirl and waves started to form.

The flow of the undercurrent at the bottom of the pool became much stronger and faster. The force of the flowing water whisked all of the spiritual rocks upwards and away from the floor. As long as the spiritual rock was green, Xia Jingyu would lift her hand slightly and manipulate the flowing water to carry the spiritual rock to her feet.

As she continued in this task, she was very efficient. Within a short time, she had managed to collect more than twenty contaminated spiritual rocks.

The Ghost King and Zhou Jin were wary at first. However, once they were certain that the spiritual rocks were all contaminated, they no longer paid any attention to the endeavor.

Shangguan Qinger, on the other hand, squinted her eyes and continued to observe Xia Jingyu. She then said, “This is interesting. If my eyes are not playing tricks on me, you have just used nine Water Passage cultivation techniques. Who would have known that your level of comprehension was this good? Most people are able to cultivate only three techniques simultaneously. As you have done nine, however, you have proven that you are indeed an unusual being.”

Xia Jingyu did not reply. Instead, she remained fully concentrated on collecting the green spiritual rocks.

Finally, after half an hour, she had collected all of the contaminated spiritual rocks in the spiritual pool. In the end, a total of more than eighty pieces were found, all of which were neatly tucked beneath her feet.

Wiping sweat from her forehead, Xia Jingyu reported her progress to Su Yu. “Brother Yu, it has been completed.”

Su Yu smiled gratefully and extended his right palm to retrieve one of the spiritual rocks. He then held it tightly.

When nobody was paying attention, what looked like a tattoo of the majestic Milky Way began to form at the center of his palm. It was an emperor-based saint artifact, known as the Milky Way Star Sand!

Based on Tian Jizi’s message, the artifact only had one function, which was to purify. Now, it was the time to test to see if the artifact worked, and to find out if it could purify the contaminated spiritual rocks.

When the tattoo came into contact with the spiritual rock, Su Yu could feel a warm sensation forming at the center of his palm. It was as if something warm was flowing out from the center of his palm and into the spiritual rock. The warm sensation then flowed back into his palm.

Opening up his palm, he could see that the dark green spiritual rock was translucent and shined with perfection. It looked like one of the purest emerald stones! In fact, one might as well forget about it containing any contaminated energy, as there was not a single fault to be found!

In fact, the green energy felt twice as pure as it had previously! Thus, it was not an exaggeration to say that this piece of spiritual rock was even more pure than a perfect spiritual rock!

Hence, the purification had worked! In fact, it was such a deep level of purification, even the energy itself had been purified!

Su Yu was beyond happy. Such was the might of an emperor-based saint artifact! It completely went against the laws of nature.

In the case of a contaminated spiritual rock, even the most powerful beast among all creations would not be able to purify it. Even if it could be done, it would take a significant amount of time and sacrifices. However, with the use of an emperor-based saint artifact, it was something that could be achieved in the blink of an eye.

The mysterious power of the artifact left Su Yu speechless and in awe. This was indeed an uncommon treasure!

It took some time for Su Yu to calm himself down. Once he did so, he reached his palm towards Xia Jingyu, then commanded, "Jingyu, give me your hand!"

Xia Jingyu seemed to intuitively know that Su Yu had intentions for her to prepare for training. Therefore, she did not hesitate to extend her fair and delicate palm to Su Yu.

As she did so, she blushed slightly. Although she had held hands with Su Yu many times, her heart rate would still increase every single time it happened.

At that moment, she suddenly felt a warm sensation that originated from the center of Su Yu's palm. It flowed right into her body!

The energy coming from Su Yu was even more pure than the energy from the pool of water. It felt even more majestic and boundless!

The outline of the third Spiritual Energy Crystal immediately formed. This meant that one-tenth of the condensation process had now been completed!

What is this? Xia Jingyu noticed that the spiritual rock in Su Yu's right hand was rapidly turning into a greyish white color. She was secretly surprised, and she wondered if Su Yu could forcefully absorb contaminated energy.

Once he was done with the first piece, Su Yu carefully stored the used spiritual rock in his space ring to prevent others from discovering it. He then picked up the second spiritual rock, continuing to purify it in secret. Simultaneously, he continued to absorb the energy within the spiritual rock that was frighteningly pure.

Su Yu kept half of the energy that he absorbed from each spiritual rock for himself, while the other half was transferred to Xia Jingyu's body. As a result, both of them started to experience the condensation of the third Spiritual Energy Crystal at the same time.

This was all done in secret. After an hour, they had used up twenty spiritual rocks out of the eighty that were available.

A vortex then formed above both of their heads simultaneously. Then, the surrounding spiritual energy started to enter their bodies at an insanely high rate.

Shangguan Qinger, who was still fooling around, changed her expression. She then turned towards Su Yu and Xia Jingyu, asking in a surprised tone, "Did you both break through to the Half God level at the same time?"

The Ghost King and Zhou Jin opened their eyes simultaneously, then looked at Su Yu and Xia Jingyu in surprise. One-third of the energy in the pool had been absorbed by Su Yu and Xia Jingyu.

How did they experience such a breakthrough in their energy levels?

Could it be that they were already close to the cultivation of the Half God level, and so were able to break through after absorbing a little more of the energy present?

Unable to come up with any other explanation, this seemed to be the only possibility in the two men's minds and thoughts...

However, after an hour....

Buzz, buzz, buzz

Two vortexes suddenly formed above the spiritual pool, while a majestic formation of spiritual energy gathered around it. It was like a stream of highly concentrated liquid.

"Is this a sign of a breakthrough to the Half Fairy level?" Shangguan Qinger asked, as she and Zhou Jin turned to look at the Ghost King. His level of cultivation was at the peak of Half God, so he would soon experience the condensation of a Vital Energy Crystal.

However, the Ghost King, who was equally befuddled, had no answer. The looks on the three of their faces suddenly changed. Together, they turned towards Su Yu and Xia Jingyu.

The two of them were experiencing significant spiritual energy flowing throughout their bodies. In fact, their physical bodies were approaching their limits. If the spiritual energy continued to accumulate at such a high rate, it would without a doubt cause their physical bodies to break apart!

"It is them! How could this be?" The Ghost King gasped in shock.

After all, they were at the same level as Half Gods. In fact, the Ghost King himself was at the peak of the Half God level. By any measure, he would have been closer to achieve the Fairy level than those like Su Yu, who had only just become Half Gods! Moreover, the Ghost King had absorbed nearly half of the energy in the spiritual pool, while Su Yu and Xia Jingyu had barely absorbed any!

What felt most strange, was the fact that they had only just experienced a breakthrough to the Half God level. So, it was unfathomable as to how they could break through to the Half Fairy level so soon! As for the Ghost King, he had absorbed so much energy, but was still stuck in the Half God state!

Such a strange and obvious contrast left the rest wondering. Even if they did not fully understand how it was possible, they had a hunch that something was amiss.

Shangguan Qinger eyed Su Yu with suspicion, her gaze shifting up and down repeatedly. Finally, she noticed that the contaminated spiritual rocks beneath his feet were down to the last two or three!

“Could it be that you are able to absorb the contaminated energy?” Shangguan Qinger had the sudden thought and cried out in surprise.

Even she dared not absorb the severely contaminated energy. Su Yu, on the other hand, was able to use the energy in his training without being bothered by the poisonous contamination!

Zhou Jin and the Ghost King were equally surprised. They also wondered how he could absorb this kind of energy.

The Ghost King’s pupils shone with a bright light, while Zhou Jin could not conceal the greed showing in his own eyes. The pair believed that Su Yu must have some kind of great treasure!

Are they suspicious? Su Yu wondered, as he was clearly aware that the three of them had been eyeing him. He secretly prepared for what might happen next.

Shangguan Qinger continued to stare into Su Yu’s eyes with increasing intensity. It was as if she could see through Su Yu’s deception.

Su Yu suddenly felt a tinge of concern. After all, one of his gawkers was a Fairy, another had a physical body at the Fairy level, and the remaining one had three Vital Energy Crystals!

He would have been comfortable with defeating just one of them. However, if all three ganged up on him, he could not be confident of his fate.

“Big Brother Black Snow, you...” Shangguan Qinger gradually approached him.

Su Yu gathered himself and prepared to retrieve the three small golden knives that were hidden in his sleeves. However, right at that moment, Shangguan Qinger’s face began to show an expression of surprise and happiness.

“Haha, I knew Big Brother Black Snow was of the Ancient Bloodline! I cannot believe you are able to absorb such contaminated energy. It is unfathomable! Now, I know why Master insisted that I bring you back to him!” she exclaimed.

Hearing this, Zhou Jin and the Ghost King froze in shock. Neither of them could believe that Su Yu really had the Ancient Bloodline!

If that were the case, there must be some kind of explanation for what was happening. After all, it was written in the ancient book that those who had the Ancient Bloodline could possess abilities that went against the laws of nature!

Since he could absorb contaminated energy, that must mean that he did indeed have the Ancient Bloodline! As such, Zhou Jin instantly decided against his initial idea of lashing out.

This was because, if Su Yu really did have the Ancient Bloodline, nothing good could come out of killing him. Zhou Jin would even have to face Shangguan Qinger’s confrontation on the spot! Thus, as long as she was still around, it would be extremely difficult to kill Su Yu.

The Ghost King took a moment to ponder all the information that he had just received. However, his face soon became emotionless, as he decided against taking any action.

Su Yu's eyeballs moved around slightly. He neither denied nor admitted the truth behind what Shangguan Qinger was saying. Instead, he kept his silence and continued to complete the most crucial part of his breakthrough.

This was perceived by Shangguan Qinger as a confirmation. Hence, she was certain that the situation was exactly as she had thought! Specifically, that Su Yu was of the Ancient Bloodline and was capable of absorbing contaminated energy!

It was now the most crucial moment for Su Yu. The three Spiritual Energy Crystals in his body had already been completely filled. Thus he was no longer capable of containing any excess spiritual energy.

In fact, due to the excessive amount of spiritual energy, the surface of the Spiritual Energy Crystals had already begun to form cracks. This was a sign of warning that their limit for collecting spiritual energy had been reached!

At the same time, the spiritual energy from the external environment still continued to flow into his body. As such, his physical body was akin to a balloon that was about to explode from being filled excessively. If he did not redirect the spiritual energy soon, it was possible that he might die from his body exploding into pieces!

Right at that moment, one of the three Spirit Energy Crystals contained in his Dantian started to transform under the immense spiritual pressure. It was then compressed to an even smaller size. Inside the crystal, there was an odd appearance of a layer of glitter, which was different from the usual spiritual energy that was found there.

Within the layer of glitter, a kind of Vital Energy that only a Half Fairy or a strong Fairy would have existed. The Spiritual Energy Crystal was starting to transform into a Vital Energy Crystal!

As the amount of spiritual energy entering from above his head gradually increased, the spiritual pressure within his Dantian also became stronger. The crystal was continuously being compressed at an increasing pressure!

Inside the Crystal, the transformation took place immediately, while an increasing amount of Vital Energy Crystal was being formed. After only a few moments, Su Yu's Vital Energy Crystal formation was nine-tenths complete!

The last of the spiritual energy, which was still lingering above his head, suddenly flowed into Su Yu's body. The final part of the crystal that was still made up of the Spiritual Energy Crystal then all transformed into the Vital Energy Crystal!

At last, Su Yu had stepped into the realm Half Fairy! Also, he now had one Vital Energy Crystal! This meant that he could start using Vital Energy!

Meanwhile, Xia Jingyu had also completed the transformation of her Vital Energy Crystal. She now beamed with a bright red glow and her eyes were extraordinarily captivating.

She had always been beautiful beyond words. But now, she appeared to have an added element of nobility and grace.

"Thank you, Brother Yu." Xia Jingyu's eyes were filled with joy. She also felt grateful and shy at the same time.

Su Yu smiled steadily. "I owe you so much. Hence, this small favor in return is nothing."

Zhou Jin and the Ghost King had complicated looks on their faces. They had both worked very hard to absorb the energy within the spiritual pool. Su Yu, on the other hand, had easily absorbed ten times the amount of energy, then effortlessly experienced a breakthrough to the Half Fairy level! They could not help but feel disheartened by the difference in comparison.

Bai Yijian was expecting them to be able to deplete the energy in the pool in half a day's time. However, it had only been two hours. Seeing as there was still plenty of time, Su Yu closed his eyes and began to consolidate the breakthrough in his cultivation.

Secretly, his soul had entered the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl. He brought the Spiritual Liquid of the Female Worm with him.

Wu Aoyue was sitting under the shade of a tree, her legs crossed and her waist bent. She seemed to be engrossed in weaving the Thunder Armor.

The process of weaving the armor was very complicated. One had to first break apart the Thunder Herb to remove its thin and long stems. After this, spiritual energy would be required to remove the impurities, as well as any water content. Going through this detailed process was the only way to obtain any useable threads.

As there were thousands of these stems in a single Thunder Herb, it obviously took a significant amount of time and energy to extract all of them. As of now, she had only completed the extraction of a single Thunder Herb.

Sensing motion around her, Wu Aoyue subconsciously raised her head. As she did so, beads of sweat could be seen, dripping from her forehead. As it glistened, it refracted rainbow hues in the air.

"Master." Wu Aoyue hurriedly stopped working and stood up to greet Su Yu.

Su Yu pressed his palm downwards in a waving motion. "There is no need to rise. Please continue with your work."

Having said that, he tossed her the remaining purified spiritual rocks. "You did rather well. Here, have these."

Wu Aoyue reflexively received the rocks and fixed her gaze upon them. She could not help but feel surprised. "What is this? Their energy is extremely pure. It is even purer than the crystal!"

She tried to absorb some of the energy within the rocks. Suddenly, there was a feeling of expansion in Wu Aoyue's Dantian. It was a sign of her approaching the breakthrough to the Half Fairy level!

Her facial expression clearly showed a look of shock. "Such magnificent energy!"

Recovering from her state of shock, Wu Aoyue quickly bowed, facing Su Yu. "Thank you very much, Master."

Before this, there was the Incredible Feather Spiritual Pomegranate. Now, there is this type of spiritual rock. It will not be long before I am breaking through to the Half Fairy level! She thought excitedly.

Su Yu did not even bother turning his head around. He merely waved his hand and entered the house.

Watching his retreating silhouette from behind, Wu Aoyue felt the anger within her heart subside significantly. To be fair, if it were not for her enslavement, she would have considered Su Yu to be a very admirable person.

Wu Aoyue's lips wavered slightly. She could not quite understand what she was feeling. She was caught between feeling excited about the streak of rewards and still having hatred in her heart towards Su Yu.

Completely oblivious to all of this, Su Yu directly entered the house. He opened a wardrobe, revealing the stone statue of Sheng Ge, which stood completely still and quiet.

"Hehe, your luck is rather good. I did not expect to retrieve the Spiritual Liquid this soon." Su Yu took out the Spiritual Liquid of the Female Worm and started applying it on the statue's face.

As he did so, cracks started to form on Sheng Ge's face. Layer by layer, the rocky surface began to fall off, revealing fragile skin underneath.

"Ah, pfft pfft..." Once she was freed, Sheng Ge started taking in big and rapid breaths. Once in a while, she would spit out the remaining rocky debris from her mouth.

Looking pale and stiff, she did not have the graceful bearing of someone who was once a Heavenly Ghost. Instead, she looked defeated and downtrodden.

Su Yu did not have a lot of time, so he could not stay too long. While he continued to smear the liquid on the rest of her body, he said, "Recover from your wounds as fast as you can. A fierce battle will begin very soon. Although it is only a premonition, I can sense that the descendants of the guards are devising a major plan."

Sheng Ge bit her lips together, as if she wanted to take a bite out of Su Yu at any moment. She replied reluctantly, "Do I even have a choice?"

Su Yu took a quick glance at her, then said blandly, "It is good that you understand. You had better not let me down!"

As soon as Su Yu finished his speech, he departed from the thatched cottage, intentionally glancing over at the nursery as he went. There, the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo still showed no signs of sprouting. This made Su Yu suspect that the two seeds were truly dead.

After he shook his head, Su Yu summoned his soul and returned to his physical body. When he opened his eyes, he was surprised to find that the Mountain Tumbling Formation of the Four Divisions had already been unsealed.

However, it had not been unsealed by Bai Yijian. Instead, something with exceedingly frightening energy had undertaken the process. This was clearly evident, as a huge gap could be seen where the screen was slashed wide open! The spell had been completely destroyed!

The Mountain Tumbling Formation of the Four Divisions was such a strong spell, not even a Later Stage Fairy could overcome it. So, Su Yu was left to wonder what could have been so strong to be able to slash it open with brute force?

What sort of terrifying monster did this?

Could it be the Silver Puppet has befallen us?

Looking around, Su Yu's heart sank. This was because he had realized that he was the only person left sitting in the spiritual pool. Everyone else had disappeared! Even Xia Jingyu had disappeared with the rest!

As the place was so quiet, it sent chills down his spine. Su Yu was the only person left!

What happened? Where have they gone?

Chapter 543: The Wisest Milky Way

As Su Yu questioned himself, the image of a beautiful woman suddenly appeared in a flash. Her entire body was covered in a mist of water that concealed her exotic beauty. If it were not Xia Jingyu, who else could it be?

"You are finally awake!" It was difficult to tell if Xia Jingyu was happily surprised or in a state of panic. Perhaps it was a mixture of both.

Su Yu secretly sighed in relief. Her disappearance had given him a fright. Unknowingly, an affection for this woman, who had silently sacrificed herself for his sake, had already been etched in the depths of his heart.

"What happened?" Su Yu asked in surprise.

Xia Jingyu's face brightened up. As she usually looked calm and composed in all situations, this made Su Yu very confused.

"Su Yu, stop talking and follow me! A Real Spirit has appeared!" Xia Jingyu looked surprised and joyful.

A Real Spirit? Su Yu felt like he had been struck by a thunderbolt! After all, a Real Spirit's existence would be a miraculous sighting, even in the Jiuzhou continent. In fact, it was even rarer than the Beast of All Creations!

Su Yu had once read a very short passage about the Real Spirit in the Thunder Emperor's Nine Books. According to the information given, every single Real Spirit's existence exceeded that of a Beast of All Creations. It also had the power of immortality!

He had even heard that once, there was a severely injured thunder-based Ancient Real Spirit that fell to the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands. It was then chased after by three Beasts of All Creations.

In the end, the three Beasts of All Creations never returned. The only thing that was left of them was their ashes, which were spread all around!

Thus, after knowing that they possessed such power, after he heard the words Real Spirit, of course he was surprised! Moreover, it was never mentioned in Tian Jizi's Last Testament that a Real Spirit could exist inside the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion!

"That is a young Real Spirit. It has not grown up yet! It looks like it has only just hatched!" Xia Jingyu's pupils filled with excitement.

A young Real Spirit? Su Yu wondered to himself.

If it were an adult Real Spirit, Xia Jingyu would not have been able to escape. So she was indeed grateful!

“Who discovered it? How did it appear in this place, the Legacy of Materials?” Su Yu asked, deep in thought.

Xia Jingyu had a weird look on her face, as she turned and stared at Su Yu. She then attempted to explain, “We were all originally training around the spiritual pool. All of a sudden, the Mountain Tumbling Formation of the Four Divisions was suddenly torn apart. The Real Spirit had broken in, just like that!”

It broke in to this place out of the blue? Su Yu frowned deeply. He then asked, “From my understanding, a Real Spirit has great Spiritual Qualities. So, even as a young Real Spirit, it would have a great deal of intelligence. So, why would it break in for no reason at all? Could it be because of the spiritual pool?”

Xia Jingyu looked at Su Yu in a strange way, then challenged him. “Perhaps you should answer that!”

Eh? Me? Su Yu was shocked. He had been immersed in the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl all this time. As such, he couldn’t possibly know what was happening on the outside!

“You were the young Real Spirit’s target!” Xia Jingyu said. “If it were not for Shangguan Qinger’s quick reaction, which stopped it in the nick of time, I am afraid that the Real Spirit would have pounced on you and killed you while you were deep in meditation!”

The Real Spirit came for me? Su Yu was both surprised and befuddled. He could not understand how he had become the target of a Real Spirit.

“What about the others?” Su Yu’s eyes shone with excitement. If I could catch this young Real Spirit and raise it myself...

Thinking about the idea alone was enough to stir his heart with great excitement. At this point, even if a Beast of All Creations was here, it would not make a difference!

“Let us also chase after it!” Su Yu hastily made a decision.

Xia Jingyu beamed with joy. “That was precisely why I came back to inform you. I will definitely help Brother Yu capture the Real Spirit!”

Su Yu was stunned. Did Xia Jingyu really have no intentions of capturing the Real Spirit for herself?

Did she only ever have Su Yu’s best interest at heart?

Su Yu suddenly felt a heavy weight in his heart, a shapeless form of pressure.

“Alright. Thank you.” Su Yu nodded. Then, like the wind, he gushed through the torn bright screen and left.

Immediately, the Vital Energy Crystal within Su Yu's body released a significant amount of Vital Energy. Su Yu suddenly felt an immense energy rolling about in his body. It was one which he had never felt before! It made Su Yu feel inexplicably powerful.

"So this is what the Vital Energy feels like! It is more than five times stronger than the power generated by the Spiritual Energy!" Feeling the might of the Vital Energy for the first time, Su Yu was beyond delighted.

After all, it had taken such a long time for him to finally complete the condensation of the Vital Energy. Hence, this was a real occasion!

Now that he had one crystal with the cultivation of a Half Fairy, he would not have too many real opponents within the realm of Half Fairies. In fact, the only ones that he would need to be concerned with were the Strong Fairies! However, even under the most dire circumstances, it would not be impossible to defeat them!

With the nourishment of the Vital Energy, Su Yu's movement techniques were more than twice as fast as before. In less time than is needed to drink half a cup of tea, Su Yu had already arrived at the end of the stairs.

Standing at the edge of the stairs, Su Yu stared ahead at the magnificent view before him in complete shock. At the end of the stairs was not a wall of rocks, but a sky full of silvery, glimmering stars!

Each star shone brightly, like a pearl. Together, the stars lit up the surrounding dark screen that resembled the night sky.

They formed a starry sky that was indistinguishable from the average sky full of stars. With many galaxies and starry skies in the world, this looked the same as any other.

The sun, the moon, the stars and the constellations each cruised along the starry sky on their own paths. The entire formation painted a scene of bright pathways that flickered, disappearing and reappearing in a unique pattern.

"Is this the spell formation?" Su Yu asked.

Also at the end of the stairs, a few others stood and stared at the starry sky intently. These people were Shangguan Qinger, the Ghost King, and Zhou Jin. All three of them seemed slightly worn out.

They stared at the starry sky with mixed emotions. They felt impatient, but also helpless and dissatisfied.

"You are right. It is a spell formation." Shangguan Qinger turned to look at Su Yu for a moment. Without a hint of playfulness, she then said solemnly, "In fact, it is the Wisest Milky Way Formation, the most difficult formation to overcome. It is known as the strongest defensive formation in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands. It is even stronger than the Mountain Tumbling Formation of the Four Divisions! As such, there is no way I can unseal it!"

Shangguan Qinger was secretly furious about this. In actual fact, the spell formation had already been around for some time. Even so, its might was still far from a real Wisest Milky Way Formation. Based on her capabilities as a Fairy, it was not impossible for her to unseal it forcefully.

However, there was another seal at the center of the formation. As long as someone was above the level of a Fairy, the person would be forcefully removed from the Wisest Milky Way Formation and returned to the stairs.

As a result, regardless of how close Shangguan Qinger could get to the central area, she was still being deflected to the original spot. Hence, there was no opportunity for her to get close to the center of the formation, and all of her efforts thus far had been a waste.

What was more annoying was the fact that the Real Spirit had significant spiritual intelligence. As such, it intentionally hid within the center of the formation and would not budge. Hence, Shangguan Qinger could only look on with exasperation, unable to do anything about it.

Sensing Su Yu's arrival, Zhou Jin frowned slightly. The Ghost King was also a little unhappy. This was because the young Real Spirit was such a rare find, so any additional persons around meant additional competitors!

"I refuse to believe there is no way of breaking into the central area!" Zhou Jin was unwilling to give up. The long black blade within his hand shone with a dark aura that engulfed the surrounding region in an airtight formation. Not a single corner was missed.

Chapter 544: The Mysterious Puppet

Turning himself into a ball of black light, Zhou Jin gave a soft cry and propelled himself towards the starry sky. At first glance, it looked a black silkworm in a cocoon.

All of a sudden, something extraordinary happened. Once he entered the starry sky, his motion seemed to be slow down incredibly. In fact, it looked as if he was taking a leisurely stroll.

As for the sun, the moon, the stars and the constellations, they continued cruising on their original pathways. Although their speeds were not particularly fast, when compared to Zhou Jin, they were moving at the speed of light!

Bang!

At that moment, a lone star forcefully collided against Zhou Jin and sent him flying. Immediately after that, a second star hurled itself against Zhou Jin, sending him flying in the other direction! Then, just as the second star had stopped, a third star miraculously came flying at him!

In that manner, without changing their tracks, the stars continuously hit Zhou Jin nine times, all with perfect precision. The impact of these nine collisions deflected him all the way back to his original spot on the stairs!

"That is exactly what happens every time! Regardless of how we attempt to enter, we always get pushed back!" Xia Jingyu sounded hopeless. She too had endured the brutality of the spell formation.

The Ghost King sighed and looked at the spell formation's center. He was filled with disappointment.

However, Shangguan Qinger was still unwilling to give up. "Ugh, I do not accept that I cannot get in!"

Zoom—

As she was a Fairy, Shangguan Qinger was obviously much faster than Zhou Jin upon entering the starry sky. However, strangely, while she was there, a single star directly collided against her.

Even though she was clearly trying very hard to dodge it, her efforts seemed futile. In the end, she too was knocked to the side. Then, a second star immediately followed suit and collided against her.

Keenly observing that the third star was about to knock against her, and knowing that would escalate into a series of further collisions, Shangguan Qinger was truly angered. She snorted coolly and retrieved a wooden puppet, which she then held in her palm.

It was a blurry-looking puppet, as one could only see its outline, not the features on its face. However, it could roughly be seen as having a female shape.

The appearance of the wooden puppet caused Su Yu's heart to experience a strong vibrating sensation. The wooden puppet was emanating an extremely eerie vibration!

Unbelievably, Su Yu's abilities, which had been sealed away previously when he lost his sight, had now been recovered! This included the power of time, space, and Pure Divine Decree!

Although he was not able to fully exert the might as he once could, it was enough to make him perplexed. As such, he began to wonder...

Who was the divine being who carved the wooden puppet?

The vibration that emanated from the puppet was capable of healing Su Yu's eyes, which was something he had not expected! The Ghost King and Zhou Jin were especially wary, so they kept a close eye on the wooden puppet.

As soon as the vibration started, the star that was about to collide with Shangguan Qinger strangely avoided her. It seemed that the miraculous movements of the stars had been influenced by the power that was hidden within the wooden puppet.

Shangguan Qinger took this opportunity to speed towards the deeper end of the spell formation. Just as she was about to approach the center of the spell formation, the formation suddenly vibrated gently. The sun, the moon, the stars and the constellations started moving swiftly, as if there was a rapid change of the seasons.

Shangguan Qinger was clearly very close to the center of the spell formation, as she had now been nonchalantly deflected back to the stairs! Having failed yet again, Shangguan Qinger was mad beyond reason.

"Darn it, how could such a spell formation exist?" she shouted.

Regardless of who made the attempt, the person was bound to fail, thus facing the same consequence as she had just now, returning to square one! After multiple failures were faced by the group, they were close to giving up.

However, right then, three separate whisking sounds broke through the silence from up above. It was Bai Yijian and his son, Bai Zhe, who had both felt the commotion coming from below the staircase, as well as a girl, Sheng Xuelian!

“Do not bother wasting your energy. There is a charm that was left by a Beast of All Creations in the center of the Wisest Milky Way Formation. As such, anyone of a Fairy state or above would be sent back here if they attempted to enter. If it were possible to get through, I would have done so long ago,” Bai Yijian said.

Hearing this, Su Yu’s eyes narrowed. He now understood that this must be the reason why Bai Yijian was willing to open up the place of Legacy of Materials. It was because even he himself had no way of entering the final stage!

When Shangguan Qinger heard the same thing, she asked, “Do you mean that there is no way I can enter?”

Bai Yijian smiled gently. “If a Fairy could enter, I would not have allowed outsiders like you to share the Legacy of Materials with us, the Guardians.”

He did not even try to conceal his objective. However, Shangguan Qinger was not at all surprised by this. On the contrary, she seemed rather delighted. As such her previous display of dissatisfaction was replaced by a renewed sense of ease.

Her body moved quickly to the side, while her eyes closed. She seemed to be entering a state of rest.

Bai Yijian’s faced darkened slightly when he saw this. He then asked her, “What do you plan on doing?”

Shangguan Qinger laughed unabashedly. “Of course I am doing the same thing as you plan to do!”

Without a doubt, both of the Fairies had the same idea, which was to commit robbery! They would let the Half Fairies enter the formation to search for the Legacy Material, while the two of them stood guard outside, laying in wait for their victim. As long as they searched the person who exited, they would be able to rob that person of all their belongings!

Su Yu looked at the two coolly, while the Ghost King sneered in a sardonic manner. Zhou Jin’s face, on the other hand, darkened slightly.

“The formation was left by a Beast of All Creations, and it is named the Wisest Milky Way Formation. The center of the spell formation contains the elder’s comprehension of the Divine Decree. Entering the formation is equivalent to entering his Divine Decree. If you are unable to avoid the attacks of the Divine Decree, you will never be able to enter the center of the spell formation,” Bai Yijian said.

“At the heart of the center is the final secret location to access the Legacy of Materials. That is also where the two most important materials are held. Whoever among you is lucky enough to acquire them, it shall be your blessing.” Bai Yijian laughed softly. However, his laughter seemed menacing somehow. It was clear that he would not allow anyone to take away the materials that belonged to him.

Regardless of that fact, everyone present intentionally chose not to reveal the fact that there was a Real Spirit in the center of the spell formation.

The Ghost King said coolly, “Having said so much, you have still not told us how to enter the center of the spell formation.”

Bai Yijian smiled. “It is very simple! Trial and error! Countless amounts of trial and error! After all, this spell formation has existed for decades. The charm in the center has also degraded, so would occasionally show fractures. Whether or not you are able to break through the center of the spell formation via those fractures would depend on your capabilities.”

Bai Yijian’s speech had a hidden motive, which was to get them to try unceasingly until an opportunity came up for him to rob them. Therefore, he goaded them in a ridiculing manner. “Of course, if you are able to withstand the Divine Decree, you may also enter the central region.”

Zhou Jin sneered coolly. “Withstand the Divine Decree of a Beast of All Creations? Not even the Divine Master could do that!”

Bai Yijian smiled gently, exactly as he had before. “I advise you to prepare yourselves quickly. These fractures only appear once every three hours, and it looks like the next one will appear within the next hour. If you miss it, you will have to wait three more hours!”

Upon hearing this, Su Yu’s eyes flickered brightly, and the depths of his pupils showed flashes of joy.

Chapter 545: Shifting the Blame

While Bai Yijian spoke, he grabbed the two people standing behind him and pushed them to the front. They were his son, Bai Zhe, and Sheng Xuelian.

The fact that Sheng Xuelian had made it through the stone statue forest was indeed unexpected, as the lady only had the cultivation of one Vital Energy!

As such, her strength was not even close to that of Zheng Zhijing’s, who struggled to make it through. Hence, her ability to surpass the challenge was certainly a surprise.

As Bai Qi and Zhou Jin became aware of Sheng Xuelian’s presence, they frowned slightly. They were also surprised that she had been able to make it through safely.

“You two should get ready as well. Whoever is able to withstand the Divine Decree of the Beast of All Creations for a longer period of time will have the greater possibility of reaching the center of the spell formation. I am sure each of you know what the chances of being successful are. Alright, I shall not speak any further about this. Head out!” Bai Yijian waved his sleeves as Bai Zhe, who was standing behind him, proceeded to enter the Wisest Milky Way Formation.

Bai Zhe and Zhou Jin were both of the Half Fairy level. However, what set them apart was the way that Bai Zhe entered the Milky Way Formation.

Although Bai Zhe was also slowed down by the influence of the Divine Decree, he was able to easily dodge the first meteorite that had headed straight for him. This was something that Zhou Jin could not do, no matter how hard he tried.

Watching the scene unfold made Zhou Jin clench his fists. He suddenly felt embarrassed by his own inaptitude.

Immediately after this, a second star started moving towards him. Bai Zhe closed his eyes gently. Without intentionally deflecting the power of the star, he merely closed his eyes and released a harmonic rhythm.

The act itself might seemed strange to the others, but to Su Yu and Xia Jingyu, it was something with which they were already very familiar.

“A Divine Decree! It is of the divine-grade!” Su Yu uttered in surprise.

He had not expected that, apart from Xia Jingyu and himself, someone else had also cultivated the Divine Decree to such an extent. According to Yun Yazi, most people would not understand the effect that the Divine Decree had on their futures. In fact, it was the key determinant as to whether someone could progress towards a higher tier.

However, once he thought about it, it was not unthinkable for Bai Zhe to possess this knowledge, since Bai Yijian was a descendant of Tian Jizi’s disciple. Within the spell formation, Bai Zhe was on a winning streak, as he managed to dodge past two other stars on the tracks. This made Bai Yijian nod in approval.

Shangguan Qinger seemed calm and composed. She leaned against the stone wall, then said, “You descendants of the guards have all tried to gain insight into the Divine Decree of the Beast of All Creations, so that you can acquire the materials you need. I am sure that even a pig would be able to progress somewhat, so what is so great about getting through the first two tracks?”

Bai Yijian did not say anything in reply. However, he looked towards Bai Zhe with his eyes, showing signs of helplessness or anticipation.

Inside the spell formation, Bai Zhe could not help but overhear Shangguan Qinger’s jeer. He suddenly felt angered, so he instantly activated all of the Divine Decree around him.

As he entered the third track of stars, it was clear that he had to put in more effort than he had in his earlier attempts. His previously calm and mild facial expression had now been replaced with one of extreme caution and seriousness.

The mysterious Divine Decree he was emanating had grown stronger. However, his movements did not seem as natural and effortless as they had been before.

Boom!

A star nearly rubbed against his thigh! The strike narrowly missed him! Apparently, luck was on his side.

However, before Bai Zhe could take another breath, a star on the fourth track was closely approaching him. Bai Zhe’s facial expression changed, as he frantically used his own Divine Decree to defend against the incoming Divine Decree. The speed of his movement was as fast as lightning.

Bang!

This time, however, despite putting in all his effort, his leg was still struck by the star. His body seemed to enter a sudden frenzy, as he lost control of all of his movements.

Right then, a star on the fifth track collided against him. Bai Zhe was knocked backwards immediately. Directly after that, stars from the first, the second, and the third track knocked against him, one after another. In total, five continuous collisions sent Bai Zhe flying back to his original spot.

Although the Wisest Milky Way Formation was formidable, the setup was meant to simply prevent individuals from entering, not to hurt them. Therefore, although the multiple collisions seemed damaging, they pushed people back to their original position, which never hurt them too much.

However, for someone with significant pride, such a humiliating defeat was a difficult pill to swallow. Bai Zhe especially seemed very disturbed and full of spite. He stood up angrily, his face filled with dust after falling off the formation.

Su Yu turned to look at Xia Jingyu and said, "Let us give it a try, too."

Xia Jingyu seemed eager to try, as she was bouncing up and down in anticipation. However, her pretty pupils revealed a mild sense of concern. This was clearly because she had already experienced some failures within the spell formation.

The moment they walked down was the same moment Bai Zhe had stood up after his humiliating fall. Bai Zhe could feel that everyone present was laughing at him. He also somehow sensed that the voices around him were secretly poking fun at him.

That was especially the case regarding Shangguan Qinger, who did not even try to hide the disdainful look in her eyes. This made the already upset Bai Zhe feel even more humiliated.

In that moment, he bumped shoulders with Su Yu and Xia Jingyu, while they were moving past him. He acutely felt that Su Yu was laughing at him.

This made Bai Zhe angry beyond reason. If it were Shangguan Qinger, he might not have dared to speak up. However, Su Yu was a mere Human King, and as such, he had no right to laugh at Bai Zhe!

"Stand right there!" Bai Zhe's shouted coolly, his face suddenly turning as cold as ice. He then stood in front of the two, blocking them from progressing any further.

Su Yu was stunned. He frowned and asked, "What is the matter? Do you have something to teach us?"

"Hmph! How dare you laugh at me?" Bai Zhe's face steeled up. "In my entire life, I have never thought any good of people like you. Specifically, of someone who would laugh at others' misfortunes, much less their superiors! I truly look down on people like you!"

Su Yu and Xia Jingyu were both stunned. They both were wondering when they had ever show any signs of laughing at Bai Zhe...

In actual fact, they certainly were not laughing at him. It was Bai Zhe who had embarrassed himself, so he was now trying to salvage some of his reputation by reprimanding Su Yu without cause!

If one wanted to talk about looks, Shangguan Qinger was clearly displaying one of mockery. Bai Zhe was simply too much of a coward to confront her, so he instead chose to pick on Su Yu, as Su Yu was an easier target!

If this scene had occurred under normal circumstances, Su Yu would not have been bothered. However, as they were about to enter the Milky Way Formation in search of the final place of the Legacy, he could not afford to show any signs of weakness. Hence, he had no other choice but to teach Bai Zhe a memorable lesson!

“Are you very strong? How strong are you? Are you stronger than a Fairy?” Su Yu asked in return. “You have grown up in this secluded haven of the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion, yet you still have not broken through as a Fairy. Do you not think that makes you quite worthless?”

If one wanted to compare the amount of spiritual energy in the universe, the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion certainly had countless times more energy than any other external realm. With that said, if Su Yu had grown up in this environment, he might have already broken through as a Fairy a long time ago.

“Hmph! What do you know? We, as descendants of the guard, require more effort to break through than normal people like you!” Bai Zhe replied coolly.

Chapter 546: Rematch of the Half Fairy

Bai Yijian thought silently for a moment. He appeared to be somewhat worried.

Then, after giving it some thought, he decided that Su Yu was not wrong to speak as he had. The descendants of the guards had always had access to such a plentiful land of resources, yet their rate of breakthroughs to the Fairy level had still been tremendously low.

This meant that the training abilities of the descendants had degraded from one generation to the next. Although there was the factor of being enclosed in the land of the five peaks to consider, which had resulted in their lack of training experience, they were still far less competent than outsiders in terms of their training abilities.

“Young disciple, it would be wise to evaluate yourself before talking about others.” Bai Yijian appeared calm and composed. Naturally, he would want to speak on behalf of his son.

Su Yu shook his head. “I never once believed that I would be weaker than someone who oppressed the weak to increase his own stature.”

Eh? Bai Zhe’s brows perked up. His eyes also flashed with surprise. He couldn’t believe that Su Yu had actually dared to challenge him! That was certainly unexpected!

“Do you mean that you are very strong?” Bai Zhe looked at him coolly.

Su Yu nodded, albeit only slightly. “Yes. In fact, I believe that I am stronger than you.”

“Is that so?” Bai Zhe emanated a dangerous energy, his eyes never once leaving Su Yu’s matched gaze.

All of a sudden, he shook his sleeves and retrieved a bony spike that was surrounded with Vital Energy. It was uncertain what the bony spike was made of, but it gave out an extremely chilly vibe that would make anyone shiver in fear.

Just as he bared the bony spike, Su Yu and Xia Jingyu could sense the chilling Yin energy upon their faces. Within the dark coldness, Su Yu also sensed bloody energy.

In fact, it was fresh bloody energy. This meant that Bai Zhe had recently killed someone!

Hmph! Su Yu grunted coolly. He refused to succumb to the chills of the bony spike, but instead, he faced the spike fearlessly! Then, in a swift winding motion, a small golden blade made its way into his palm.

With a bright flash, the small blade disappeared into thin air. When it appeared again, it had already reached a position that was very close to Bai Zhe's neck! In fact, it was one swipe away from slitting his throat!

Luckily, Bai Zhe had quick reflexes and was a strong Half Fairy. As such, he knew that something was not right the instant that the small golden blade had disappeared. As he moved backwards in a hurry, he hurled a jade pendant in the opposite direction.

The jade pendant emanated a milky white energy, which was like a wave of water, flowing across the surface of Bai Zhe's entire body. The small golden blade sliced against the milky white energy, diminishing its speed considerably.

Bai Zhe took this opportunity to move backwards to avoid the dangerous small blade that had the ability of Instant Space Motion.

"You possess a semi-manufactured spiritual artifact, which also has the affinity of Instant Space Motion? Looks like I have underestimated you!" Bai Zhe felt even more embarrassed, as his plan seemed to have failed.

His face became twisted and he fumed with anger. It was as if his defeat in the Wisest Milky Way Formation had been caused entirely by Su Yu!

Su Yu's face was emotionless, as he taunted Bai Zhe. "If this is all you've got, it does not look very significant. After all, by using such an insignificant move to pretend like you are great, are you not afraid of becoming the town joke?"

Bai Zhe yelled back coolly. "Let me show you what real moves are."

Su Yu, looking extremely relaxed, heard this, yet did not rush to counter any incoming attack. Instead, he shook his head and said, "You have been mistaken. What I meant was, how could you be defeated so soon?"

Defeated?

Bai Zhe was stunned for a moment. Not long after, he could sense a cold, trickling feeling on the back of his neck. As he reached backwards to touch it, he felt something viscous in the center of his palm.

Moving his hand forwards to have a look, Bai Zhe's pupils suddenly contracted. His hand was covered in blood! The back of his neck had apparently been slashed open, and a bloodline could be seen, from which a stream of blood was gushing out!

Bai Zhe's heart seemed to skip a beat, as he wondered...

When did this happen? When did someone cut the back of my neck?

As only the top layer of skin had been pierced, it was clearly an act of mercy on Su Yu's part! Otherwise, his sneaky sneaky blade could have easily cut off Bai Zhe's entire head without much effort!

Onlookers felt an additional sense of dread as they looked at Su Yu. In their eyes, Su Yu had actually retrieved two identical golden blades.

One was used to attack Bai Zhe from the front to distract him, while the second blade sneakily appeared from behind him!

These people never would have thought that a mere human king could possess two matching weapons, both of which had such dreadful abilities! If they were as careless as Bai Zhe, they might really end up sinking their own boats and dying at the hands of Su Yu!

Zoom!

Su Yu lifted his hands in a grabbing motion, while two streams of light shifted in an instance and appeared in his palms. Seeing how Su Yu had nonchalantly retrieved his blades, his was clearly a look of victory! At such a sight, Bai Zhe felt even more embarrassed.

He had initially wanted to teach Su Yu a lesson. But now, he was the one receiving the lesson. Moreover, Su Yu had even let him off the hook! Bai Zhe felt that it couldn't possibly get any more embarrassing than this!

After storing away his small golden blades, Su Yu did not say anything else. He just turned to Xia Jingyu and said, "Let us enter now."

Thereafter, they both turned around and stepped into the Milky Way formation. As they did so, Bai Zhe's murderous thoughts towards them were very apparent in his glaring eyes.

Zoom!

Just as Su Yu had stepped into the Milky Way formation, Bai Zhe suddenly shot him a very nefarious look. In fact, a stream of grey energy beamed from his eyes, headed straight for Su Yu and Xia Jingyu!

This grey flow of energy was not of a physical matter, but instead, it was an energy that only existed on the mental level. As such, it was similar to souls, but not quite. It was the Divine Decree!

The way that the Divine Decree appeared was based entirely on a person's inner state. If the person had an evil personality, the Divine Decree would also be evil and give off a very uncomfortable feeling. Being close to it would then cause a person's soul to be in pain.

The grey flow of energy was like a river, flowing swiftly across to Su Yu and Xia Jingyu, who were completely unaware of it and thus, unguarded. Shangguan Qinger was shocked by this. She had not expected Bai Zhe to do something as sinister as attacking an unguarded opponent, especially since Su Yu had clearly allowed him to live!

However, Bai Zhe's action was too sudden. Apart from Bai Yijian, who was close by, no one else would be able to lend a hand to stop his attack. Despite this, Bai Yijian merely frowned, not moving an inch to stop the attack.

As if sensing that he was about to be attacked, Su Yu shouted, "Here, take this Divine Decree from me!" Immediately, two streams of purple and white beams of light shot out from his eyes. These were clearly Divine Decrees of the divine-grade.

The beams of light then immediately broke through the grey energy. Although both of the streams were Divine Decrees, Su Yu had already reached Pure Divine Decree level, so his was clearly more solid than Bai Zhe's.

The grey energy was instantly broken up and dissipated thereafter. Meanwhile, the beams of Divine Decree, which were made up of a mix of lightning and flames, continued to move towards Bai Zhe. There was no way he could defend himself from the counterattack in time.

Click!

Just when it seemed as if the beams were about to pierce through Bai Zhe's body, a big hand extended from the side, crushing the beams of light! Thereafter, Bai Zhe turned his head to the side to glare at Su Yu, his face white with hatred.

He sounded unfriendly as he asked, "Has Your Excellency not struck with too heavy a hand?"

Chapter 547: Forceful Passage Through the Spell Formation

At the key moment, Bai Yijian stepped in to crush the beams of light that had materialized from the Divine Decree! Su Yu was not surprised by his interference.

After all, it would have been questionable if he had looked on heartlessly as his son was killed by someone else! What really surprised him was Bai Yijian's Divine Decree.

Crushing the Divine Decree with his bare hands was not something any person with a strong cultivation could manage. As such, he must have had a very high level of Divine Decree to be able to accomplish such a feat!

Bai Yijian's Divine Decree was most likely above the divine-grade. As such, Su Yu wondered if Bai Yijian had achieved Pure Divine Decree level, like himself.

However, after giving it some thought, Su Yu decided that this was probably not the case. After all, if Bai Yijian truly had achieved the Pure Divine Decree level, he would not have been stopped by the Divine Decree left behind by Tian Jizi when he tried to enter the place of Legacy.

Although Tian Jizi had a very high cultivation, the Divine Decree he left behind was equally not to be underestimated. However, Su Yu had personally witnessed the demise of Tian Jizi's remaining will.

If he figured correctly, the Divine Decree within the Wisest Milky Way Formation had already weakened over the generations. Thus, it was no longer as strong as it once was. It was likely only a few levels higher than the divine-grade Divine Decree.

Clearly, Bai Yijian's Divine Decree was nowhere close to the strength of the Divine Decree in this place.

“If I did not exert my strength, I am afraid Your Excellency would be forced to watch your son kill me in stealth. Is that not so?” Su Yu asked plainly.

Ever since the beginning, his son had been the one to provoke Su Yu with no reason. Even after Su Yu let him live, despite his awful actions, Bai Zhe had not learned from his mistakes, as he showed clearly when he tried to attack Su Yu behind his back!

Throughout the entire process, the person who was most able to interfere was Bai Yijian. Yet he had made no attempts to intervene whatsoever.

Only now that things had gone beyond his expectations, and when his son had finally gotten into real trouble and nearly lost his life, was he willing to step in with a reprimanding tone.

At that moment, Bai Yijian’s gaze turned cold, and he said, “Young man, my son indeed made a mistake. But, why would you be so harsh to him?”

“Whatever it is that Your Excellency would like to say, please just say it.” Su Yu did not answer his question directly. Instead, he responded curtly with his own demand, without any emotion.

Upon hearing what Su Yu said, Bai Yijian’s face turned cold with astonishment. He looked into Su Yu’s eyes, which seemed much deeper and mysterious than usual, and was secretly surprised.

Bai Yijian’s facial expression changed slightly, as he struggled to conceal his emotions. He continued to look intently at Su Yu for another moment, then releasing his breath and said, “I will let this pass for now. However, after we are done here, you will need to give me an explanation!”

Shangguan Qinger, the Ghost King, and Zhou Jin were all a little shaken up by this, each wondering to themselves what in the world would happen next...

Was there something going on between Su Yu and Bai Yijian that no one else knew about?

Oh? Su Yu’s brows perked up slightly. An explanation?

“How Your Excellency managed to break through as a One Crystal Half Fairy, I am sure you know full well. As the guardian of this place, and a descendant of the Elder, I must find out the real reason!” Bai Yijian stared intently at Su Yu.

Su Yu sighed in his heart. In the end, Bai Yijian had still managed to sense that something was up.

Although he tried really hard to conceal his act of using the emperor-based saint artifact of the Milky Way Star Sand, and had managed to keep it hidden from Shangguan Qinger, and even led her to believe mistakenly that he was of the Ancient Bloodline, he could not keep it from Bai Yijian. This was because Bai Yijian knew the place all too well.

What was it that allowed such small amounts of spiritual liquid in the depleted pool to propel someone from the Half God level to the Half Fairy level?

It has to be the contaminated spiritual rocks... thought Su Yu.

As a descendant of Tian Jizi’s disciple, Bai Yijian was the most likely person to have knowledge of the treasure that could manipulate the contaminated material. Therefore, when Su Yu was in combat with Bai Zhe and accidentally revealed his level of cultivation, Bai Yijian was able to pick it up.

However, he did not say or do anything about it. Instead, he went along with the plan, secretly preparing to strike and conquer Su Yu whenever he got the chance! That was the real reason that Bai Yijian had acted so strangely!

However, it still did not explain why he demanded that Su Yu give him an explanation...

“Hehe, what if I say no?” Su Yu asked coldly.

In Tian Jizi’s Last Testament, the three disciples and their descendants would pass on the baton, one generation after the other, to stand guard over the Five Great Legacies until someone took them away. However, when it had reached their generation, Bai Yijian had taken the lead and done things for his own gain. Not only did he steal other Legacies, but he set up lethal traps to imprison and kill those who came for their training!

Even after all of his past indiscretions, he was shamelessly demanding an explanation from Su Yu, using his position as a descendant of Tian Jizi’s disciple to do so!

“Do you think you have a choice?” Bai Yijian said without flinching.

His attitude and behavior seemed to indicate that he would definitely have his way with Su Yu. “I am afraid you have no choice. Once you return from the place of Legacy, I will personally carry out a thorough investigation.”

Once he was done speaking, Bai Yijian waved his sleeves and signaled to the rest. “Get moving quickly, whether or not you can enter successfully will depend on your own actions.”

As soon as he finished his sentence, Bai Yijian closed his eyes to rest and wait. Su Yu’s eyes narrowed and he secretly laughed. Bai Yijian thought he had everything under control!

Su Yu’s eyes flashed with a certain chill, but he quickly concealed his expressions thereafter. He briefly glanced over at Bai Zhe, who had yet to recollect himself from the recent shock, then turned away nonchalantly.

Although he had not spoken a single word, the nonchalance of his actions made Bai Zhe feel even more terrible than if he were to have inflicted direct sarcasm his way!

Bai Zhe had thought he was stronger than Su Yu, when in fact, Su Yu had absolute dominance over him! Zhou Jin’s thoughts resonated with those of Bai Zhe’s.

He definitely saw that Su Yu was much stronger than he had initially thought. Did his fighting abilities really increase so tremendously after he broke through the Half Fairy level?

Zhou Jin certainly did not think of himself as being any stronger than Bai Zhe. As such, he felt a chill run through his heart!

Zoom!

Su Yu ignored the gazes that surrounded him, proceeding to enter the Wisest Milky Way Formation with Xia Jingyu. Then, Bai Qi and Zhou Jin went in soon after.

Bai Zhe, on the other hand, continued to stare at Su Yu’s back. His eyes flickered, then he bit his teeth and chased after Su Yu.

As soon as he entered the formation, Su Yu felt as if he had entered a different stream of time. Although he did not feel any sort of pressure, he did feel that his movements had slowed down slightly. It felt like he had entered a dimension where even time moved much slower.

In the dimness, Su Yu could feel threads of Divine Decree all around him. Under the influence of the Divine Decree, everything moved according to its tracks.

The sun, the moon, the stars and the constellations, even intruders and time... everything was controlled by the Divine Decree. Therefore, unless one was able to withstand the Divine Decree, the person would be sent off the tracks as soon as he gained entry.

“Are the tracks Tian Jizi’s Divine Decree?” Su Yu mumbled aloud, almost incoherently, as such a magical Divine Decree left him in a flabbergasted state.

With a twitch of their hearts, Su Yu and Xia Jingyu both released the same divine-grade Divine Decree at the same moment. Su Yu’s divine-grade Divine Decree was of the natural kind and was surrounded by loops of thunder and ice, which formed a bright halo that was difficult to be seen by the naked eye.

Su Yu could clearly observe that, under the bright halo, there was an imbalance that had formed within the Milky Way Formation. This was because the Divine Decree had been influenced, which had caused the tracks to change.

Since the Divine Decree in this place was unnaturally strong, soon after the change started happening, another track seemed to start absorbing Su Yu and the rest within it.

It seemed that they were still unable to escape the influence of the Divine Decree!

Chapter 548: The True Legacy

Bai Zhe experienced the same thing. He used his own Divine Decree to forcefully influence movements on the tracks, yet he still could not escape the entire Divine Decree!

As such, it merely looked as though he had managed to overcome a few stars. However, in reality, the exit track had already been decided for him!

Returning to the present moment, Su Yu was secretly surprised. There appeared to be a certain lingering charm of fate within the Divine Decree. As long as something was within the tracks, its fate seemed to have already been decided.

“This must be the might of Elder Tian Jizi! Although he has long since fallen from the skies, his remnant Divine Decree still has a shocking and mysterious rhythm...” Su Yu’s eyes sparkled with admiration.

At that moment, the Ghost King and Zhou Jin had both entered the same spot. They hadn’t progressed far before they were knocked back by the stars. Even after they made several attempts, it seemed that there was no way that they could get any nearer.

Although Bai Zhe made a bit further progress than they did, he was still unable to escape the arrangement of the tracks. As such, he was ultimately pushed back to his original spot.

Right then and there, a lone star followed its track and headed towards Su Yu and his companion. It looked like the pair would also be knocked out!

However, Su Yu and Xia Jingyu were not like other commoners. The pair released their Divine Decree simultaneously, as if reading each other's minds.

Su Yu's ice and thunder Divine Decree, combined with Xia Jingyu's water Divine Decree, caused a stir within the tracks. This caused the star that was approaching them to suddenly swirl to the side, narrowly missing them.

"Brother Yu, it looks like there is something on that star." All of a sudden, Xia Jingyu called out softly.

Su Yu's gaze shifted to the star, where he discovered that there was something that looked like a black box mounted on top of it! Prior to this, the pair had not paid any attention to the stars, as their focuses were entirely on the spell formation.

Su Yu lifted his hand and waved in an inward motion. A hand seemed to appear some distance away, which then pulled the black box away from the star and towards Su Yu.

He discovered that the box was nearly empty, except for some remaining material for crafting purposes. His pupils flickered slightly, while he scanned the surroundings, careful to keep every single star in sight of his Soul Eyes.

Then, his pupils shone with surprise! Using the ability of his Transparent Eyes, Su Yu discovered that not only did this particular star have a black box, but every single star had one!

However, most of the boxes were empty. Only the ones near the central area had items in them, which were things that Su Yu could not name. Although, the items did seem to be materials that possessed Spiritual Qualities!

After he pondered all of this silently for a moment, Su Yu's eyes suddenly became bright. He looked coolly at Bai Yijian and asked, "Are you still trying to conceal the truth?"

"Brother Yu, what is the matter?" Xia Jingyu's long lashes fluttered several times, implying mock confusion.

Su Yu replied in a half-laughing manner, "Perhaps I was too careless to notice! We nearly fell for their deception!"

Facing a confused-looking Xia Jingyu, Su Yu said gently, "To be honest, we are standing right on the land that houses the Legacy of Materials!"

Hearing this, Xia Jingyu could not help but feel surprised. However, being as smart as she was, she immediately looked towards the black box at her feet. She then started to ask, "Brother Yu, do you mean to say..."

Su Yu interrupted her saying, "You are right. Every single star in this spell formation has a black box. Each box contains the Legacy Materials! We have been inside the place of Legacy this whole time and did not realize it. If it were not for your good observation and reminder, I would not have been aware of it!"

Xia Jingyu's eyes were filled with surprise. "Do you mean that this is the place of the Legacy of Materials, yet he was still trying to falsely lead us to another place? If that is the case, where is the other place of Legacy?"

The two sensed the strangeness of the entire situation. It seemed that Bai Yijian was concealing a very deep and dark secret.

Su Yu shook his head gently. "I do not know, but it must not be the final place of Legacy that he mentioned! We ought to be careful from now on."

Right then, another star was coming their way. Su Yu and Xia Jingyu released their Divine Decrees once again to narrowly avoid it.

After four continuous encounters, they finally made it halfway through the spell formation to the same place that Bai Zhe had previously reached.

However, this scene seemed out of order, as Bai Qi and Zhou Jin had barely made any progress. As such, their faces became several shades gloomier.

Bai Yijian's eyes beamed with surprise. "Oh? In this time and age, there are still humans who are willing to cultivate the Divine Decree?"

In a world where martial arts dominated, the Divine Decree was rarely paid attention to.

This was firstly because it was very difficult to comprehend it, as it also took a lot of energy and time. Apart from Beasts of All Creations, who led very long lives, most martial artists would choose not to spend their time on the Divine Decree.

The second reason was that the return was much less than the effort required to obtain it. As such, after spending an immeasurable amount of time to comprehend it, the gains in comprehension of the Divine Decree would still be very limited. It was due to this imbalance that, as far as he knew, a strong figure had never possessed the Divine Decree.

Even the descendants of the guards cultivated the Divine Decree for the sole reason of entering the Wisest Milky Way Formation to retrieve the materials on the stars. Hence, voluntary comprehension of the Divine Decree was something that was nearly unheard of.

The two young people before him, oddly enough, not only comprehended it, but they actually had progressed significantly! He knew that even Bai Zhe's Divine Decree was built on the foundations of the descendants of the guards. Moreover, it was only after years of experience in comprehension that he could gain such significant progress.

However, Su Yu and Xia Jingyu clearly did not have such backgrounds. However, what he did not know was that Xia Jingyu's level of comprehension exceeded those of her peers. In fact, it was nearly inhuman!

Su Yu, on the other hand, depended on the Bronze Tripod of the Nine Dragons. That was the only way he was able to have such a large amount of time to expend on comprehending the Divine Decree. Otherwise, Su Yu would not have likely chosen the path of the Divine Decree.

"Their Divine Decrees won't be far from Bai Zhe's level. Hence, the fifth track would be the one to defeat them..." Bai Yijian said softly, speaking mostly to himself.

Before he could finish his sentence, he stopped suddenly. Bai Yijian's facial expression froze.

Just as Su Yu and Xia Jingyu were about to collide with a star, their bodies became twice as fast, somehow enabling them to escape and successfully enter the sixth track! Shangguan Qinger's

initially bland facial expression suddenly changed, her pupils now shining with suspicion. She couldn't help but ask, "The Power of Time. Could this be part of his Ancient Bloodline as well?"

This was indeed the Power of Time that came from the Bronze Tripod of the Nine Dragons. Earlier, under the influence of the Wisest Milky Way Formation, his eyes had experienced a slight recovery, which had allowed him to release the pupil technique that had long been suppressed. Currently, although he was originally able to speed up time by about three times, he was limited to only twice the speed.

"The Power of Time? This young fellow is certainly strange. However, that recent feat seemed to be a bit of a struggle for him. As such, it is unlikely that he could avoid the next attack. After all, the Divine Decree only gets stronger as one progresses. The sixth track will very likely be his limit." Bai Yijian did not expect much from Su Yu, as he was familiar with the place.

Right then, the star on the six track headed towards them. Su Yu and Xia Jingyu's facial expressions changed slightly, then Su Yu activated his Power of Time to speed up his movement.

However, just as they were prepared to cross over, something strange happened! The five stars from the previous tracks suddenly surrounded Su Yu and Xia Jingyu, holding them captive in the center. They saw no escape in sight!

"The tracks towards the end are a combination of the tracks before them, each one being stronger than the previous one. Apart from the weak fractures that appear occasionally, no one can cross over, at least not by just relying just on their own Divine Decree." Bai Yijian sighed. "How unfortunate. It must be incredibly difficult to make it to the sixth track..."

However, as soon as he spoke, a sound of air being sucked in was suddenly heard...

Chapter 549: Dragon Vein of the Real Spirit

Shangguan Qinger could not take her eyes off of Su Yu, as her pupils were filled with unimaginable surprise. All she could see was that Su Yu, who was surrounded by multiple stars, suddenly beamed a divine light from his eyes.

The divine light was like the Heavenly Eyes that overlooked the masses and controlled the life and death of all beings. The stateliness of the divine light was irresistible, like heaven itself!

Shangguan Qinger suddenly felt uncomfortable. She knew that this stateliness did not belong to a human. Instead, it was the unpredictable Heavenly Wrath!

Wherever the Divine Heavenly Light passed through, the stars and constellations soon became disorganized and the tracks collapsed. This occurred not only on the sixth track, but even on the seventh, the eighth, the ninth, as well as among all the stars and constellations! Even the Milky Way itself was thrown into the chaos!

The Ghost King, Zhou Jin, and Bai Zhe, who were still holding their ground in the Milky Way, could not respond in time and were all drawn further in to the Milky Way.

Puff!

Zhou Jin was the least fortunate of the trio, as when it happened, he was in the midst of entering the third track, so he just narrowly missed colliding against a star! This was because he had not expected the star to be suddenly drawn in the opposite direction!

This time, unlike previously, when it had only meant to prevent entry but not damage the intruder, the star had collided against him forcefully! Under the star's enormous might, his Protective Vital Energy was instantly crushed.

His chest collapsed under the pressure and his broken ribs pierced through his flesh at the front of his chest. Moreover, his entire body was pushed into the deep end of the Milky Way. The pain felt worse than death itself!

The facial expressions of the Ghost King and Bai Zhe changed drastically as they looked at the Milky Way that was drawing everything inwards. As they were positioned at the outer layer, where less stars existed, they were able to observe the entire situation, despite also being drawn into the Milky Way.

They both exhibited the same look of shock, as the entire Milky Way seemed to be engulfed in a vortex that would not stop moving! At the center of the vortex, a young man with silver hair was holding a lady's hand. They both were standing quietly at the center.

All of the stars seemed to move in a circle around the man, as if he was the king of the realm. Under the shell-shocked gazes of onlookers, Su Yu calmly pulled Xia Jingyu along, as he took a step forward.

As he stepped forward, the entire Milky Way forcefully tugged itself along. The huge and violent vortex seemed to move with his footsteps. To be more accurate, wherever his foot landed seemed to be the new center of the Milky Way.

In that manner, Su Yu moved one step at a time towards the depths of the Milky Way. Within a few seconds, they appeared at the most central area of the Milky Way, the ninth track.

Bai Yijian had a stern look on his face. He looked at the silver-haired silhouette in disbelief, his heart uneasy. "The Pure Divine Decree! He is so young though! Is this even possible?"

Shangguan Qinger's eyes shone with a strange brightness. This was the first time she noticed that Su Yu seemed to be extraordinarily bigger in size.

Even in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands, only the old beasts, who had lived countless years, would have had the time to grasp the Pure Divine Decree! It was unimaginable for this kind of Divine Decree to appear on such a young person!

Shangguan Qinger was surprised at first. However, she soon became deep in thought...

What kind of Ancient Bloodline does he have? Being able to absorb contaminated energy, controlling time, and now the ability of the Pure Divine Decree...

For the first time, Shangguan Qinger felt suspicious about Su Yu's status. It was not that his Ancient Bloodline was too weak. Instead, his prowess seemed far too strong, which did not resemble that of the Ancient Bloodline.

Su Yu was using the Heavenly Eyes, which he had mastered. Hence, under absolute suppression, the tracks of the Divine Decree naturally collapsed.

As Xia Jingyu quietly followed behind Su Yu, she could not help but smile slightly. Ever since they had first met, regardless of the time and place, Su Yu was always her last line of defense. He always helped her escape from dangerous situations and kept her safe.

From the beginning to the end, no matter how strong she became, this man would always be stronger than her. As such, at least in this world, it seemed that he was the only man who could give her a sense of calmness and security.

As the two stood at the center of the Milky Way, Su Yu looked strangely at Xia Jingyu, who was laughing gently for no reason. He then asked her, "What is so funny? I thought you would be surprised."

In terms of comprehensive attainments, Su Yu only exceeded Xia Jingyu in the aspect of the Divine Decree.

Hearing what he said, Xia Jingyu laughed like a flower that had just blossomed. She then replied, "I would not be surprised, no matter how strong Brother Yu grows in training. After all, you are Su Yu!"

Su Yu gave a soft smile and continued to focus on the center of the Milky Way. Everything in the Milky Way had been drawn in by the force around him. The only object that did not budge was one huge star.

This mysterious part of the Milky Way had never been entered by the descendants of the guards. Throughout the generations, they had only managed to step onto the eighth track, never onto the ninth track.

"Jingyu, what did the Real Spirit that you mentioned look like?" Su Yu asked, while he used his Soul Eyes to scan the star.

Xia Jingyu shook her head gently. "I do not know! It was moving too fast! None of us saw it clearly. Only when Shangguan Qinger confirmed that it was the Real Spirit did we know what had attacked you!"

Su Yu touched his chin, his face revealing a strange look.

"Brother Yu, did you detect the Real Spirit?" Xia Jingyu's eyes shone excitedly.

Su Yu thought deeply, then he shook his head. "That is what I find strange. All of you had seen the Real Spirit escape into the Milky Way. However, there is no such spirit in this place."

"How could that be?" Xia Jingyu frowned, deep in thought. "That cannot be the case. I would understand if I was the only person who saw it mistakenly, but everyone saw it with their own eyes! It really did hide itself in the center of the Milky Way."

"Could it have mastered the space escaping techniques, thus escaping right before our eyes?" As Xia Jingyu could not understand it, she was deeply disappointed.

However, Su Yu's face showed no signs of disappointment whatsoever. In fact, he could not help but show his excitement. "We have not wasted our efforts. The materials contained in this star are priceless beyond measure!"

With a zoom sound, Su Yu grabbed Xia Jingyu and landed on the star. The star was frighteningly tough. Even with both Su Yu and Xia Jingyu stepping on it, it showed no signs of vibration. This alone revealed how greatly concentrated it was!

However, he did not have time to examine this strange star, so he quickly moved to the stone platform on the star. The stone platform was covered in dust.

He also saw that there were three black steel boxes on the stone platform, each shining with a bright black light! Every single one of them looked brand new and were untainted by a single speck of dust!

Upon closer inspection, the black steel boxes seemed to emanate a layer of black light, which appeared to be what was keeping the dust away. These black boxes seemed vaguely familiar to Su Yu...

At the bottom of the lava pool of the Legacy of Craftsmanship, there had been one similar-looking black steel box. Su Yu had obtained it from within the Mysterious Heavenly Crafting Technique and the remnant volume of the Fairy level cultivation technique, the Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture!

The black steel box itself was certainly a treasure that contained its own great worth. However, the contents within it were far more precious!

“The box in the middle contains something that is thunder-based, which belongs to me. Of the remaining two boxes, you can choose one. We can split the loot in the final box equally between us.” Su Yu’s eyes contained great excitement.

Although his Soul Eyes could not see into the black box, the prototype fairy artifact Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal in his arms could sense with certainty what was inside it! The Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal only sensed one thing, which was the disastrous thunder!

Apparently, it became stronger by absorbing disastrous thunder! This was the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal!

The black box actually contained disastrous thunder! In fact, for Tian Jizi to intentionally leave it behind on the final star, it must be something extraordinary!

“I will listen to Brother Yu.” Xia Jingyu’s beautiful pupils shone brightly. Her arrival thus far had depended entirely on Su Yu. So, her getting an equal split of the loot left her feeling very grateful.

Su Yu took a breath in an attempt to absorb the black box, as he intended to open it later when he had more time. However, he discovered that the box was extremely heavy, much heavier than the black box at the bottom of the lava pool! As such, there was no way that he could absorb it into his ring.

The only option left was to open it on the spot. As the place was not far from the shore, the others could see what was inside the box if they looked very carefully. This was something that Su Yu wanted to avoid.

Feeling a tug in his heart, Su Yu carefully used his spirit energy to open the lock of the black steel box.

Click!

Immediately, as it opened, a stream of black lightning suddenly shot out from within the box, then headed straight for Su Yu. It was black thunder!

Black thunder was very different from ordinary thunder. Its appearance was not accompanied by any sound or motion, which was very unlike normal thunders that gave off loud and explosive sounds.

Su Yu felt a chill run down his spine and his heart was beating wildly. In that instance, Su Yu felt like a candle that was about to burn out.

Sensing that Su Yu and Xia Jingyu were retrieving the Legacy in this place, Bai Yijian and Shangguan Qinger suddenly sharpened their gazes, looking on with anticipation.

After the appearance of the black thunder, the two's looks of anticipation suddenly changed drastically. It was like they had just witnessed an extremely frightening devil's emergence. They both took a step backwards immediately.

Shangguan Qinger shouted in surprise, "That Black Heavenly Thunder would only appear if one had robbed the Beast of All Creations!"

Her tone was a mix of surprise and indescribable fear.

Su Yu was equally surprised, as the black thunder had come in such a frightening manner! Without even thinking about it, Su Yu prepared himself to move aside.

As he did so, the thunder barely missed him! What happened next would make anyone shiver in fear...

The black thunder headed towards the distance. On its way, anything that came into contact with it instantly turned into black dust and drifted away!

The stars in this place were obviously so strong, even the descendants of the guards, who had tried for hundreds of years, could not manage to destroy a single one of them! However, this stream of black thunder was able to turn those stars into dust effortlessly!

One could not help but take a deep breath upon seeing this phenomenon! The stream of black thunder seemed to have appeared out of nowhere. One had to wonder if it could also turn people into dust!

Everyone present was surprised for a moment. Their attentions soon focused on what was inside the black steel box. As they looked on, a circular mass of black threads, like the silk from silkworms, suddenly formed. The black mass of threads was obviously where the black disastrous thunder had originated.

Bai Yijian seemed to exhibit an insane look of happiness. "It is the Dragon Vein! It is the Real Dragon Spirit's Dragon Vein!"

The Real Dragon Spirit? Su Yu was secretly surprised as well!

"This Elderly Beast of All Creations had once travelled with another Beast of All Creations, who was his friend. In an ancient relic, they discovered the Corpse of the

Real Dragon Spirit, which had never deteriorated. This Dragon Vein was obtained from the Corpse of the Real Dragon Spirit!" Bai Yijian was beyond happy.

Chapter 550: The Pink Kylin

Bai Yijian seemed to have completely forgotten the fact that Su Yu was the one who had discovered the Dragon Vein. According to his plan, every treasure discovered in this place would eventually be his alone.

Now that the Dragon Vein was in the picture, he would never let Su Yu off the hook, even if Shangguan Qinger tried to intervene.

The Dragon Vein? Su Yu secretly trembled.

As it was loot from the Real Dragon Spirit, could the Dragon Vein actually emanate the frightening Black Heavenly Thunder?

Based on the Thunder Emperor's Nine Books about a heavily injured Real Spirit, the myth that it had easily killed multiple strong Beasts of All Creations definitely appeared to be true! Looking at the Dragon Vein that had just appeared, Su Yu's eyes filled with a certain warmth.

The value of this treasure is beyond measure!

Su Yu absorbed the Dragon Vein into his palms. It felt soft and cool against his touch, almost like the soft fingers of a woman. It was not as frightening as he had imagined it would be, despite the fact that it had earlier released a thread of Black Heavenly Thunder.

He was not aware that the Dragon Vein had been modified by Tian Jizi. If it had not been, its spiritual pressure would have turned anyone who touched it into dust!

As for the stream of Black Heavenly Thunder, it had gradually been released after years of being sealed up. As such, since it was not emitting at a rapid pace, It could be said that the Dragon Vein was now completely safe to hold.

As he held the Dragon Vein in his hand, Su Yu suddenly felt like he was being transported back in time to his first encounter with martial arts. This filled his heart with nostalgia.

Hence, he had encountered a familiar weapon and a familiar feeling, the only difference between them being the place and time. Compared to the Entwined Dragon Silk that he once held, the thin silk before his eyes was real Dragon Silk!

The only thing he regretted was that everyone present had seen the treasure. This made Su Yu worried that he would face a great tragedy if he were to enter Jiuzhou.

After all, this was a grand material that even the Beasts of All Creations wished for, but could not possess. The peril that accompanied the possession of the treasure made Su Yu's heart sink slightly.

"Brother Yu..." Xia Jingyu, seeming to understand the circumstance that had befallen Su Y, sighed softly at the complicated situation. "Why don't you follow me to meet with the King of Darkness once we return? He is the only person who could protect us in the Zhenlong Continent."

The King of Darkness was the strongest individual in the Zhenlong Continent. In fact, he was the first king to set up the Empire of Darkness.

However...

“Unless the King has the cultivation of a Divine Master, I will have to think of something else,” Su Yu said in a deep tone.

Xia Jingyu agreed, silently thinking... The King of the Zhenlong Continent could indeed protect us there, but in Jiuzhou...

“Which black steel box do you want?” Su Yu asked.

Recollecting herself, Xia Jingyu hesitated for a moment. She then closed her beautiful eyes to silently sense her surroundings. A split second later, her gaze landed on the black steel box on her left.

She then pointed at the box and said, “This one. When we were among the stars, I could comprehend the Divine Decree of the tracks left by the Elderly Beast. My instincts tell me that this box could be related to the Divine Decree.”

Hearing this, Su Yu sucked in his breath secretly. Her level of comprehension was as terrifying as ever!

The descendants of the guards had been in this land for countless years. The entire tribe had participated in the comprehension of the Divine Decree, yet none of them had ever been able to comprehend the Divine Decree left by the Beasts of All Creations.

Xia Jingyu, on the other hand, was able to comprehend it with such ease! As she tapped it gently with her hand, the black steel box popped open. When it opened, a common-looking jade letter could be seen within it.

Bai Yijian frowned. “The Memory Jade Pendant. Could there be some memory contained within it?”

Shangguan Qinger commented, “She does not seem to have very good luck, as she appears to be getting the least important stuff.”

The jade letter was certainly not as shocking as the Dragon Vein. Xia Jingyu held it to her forehead. After several moments, her pupils shone brightly with joy.

She then said, “Brother Yu, this is the Divine Decree of the tracks left by the Elderly Beast! It could not have been more perfect for me!” Xia Jingyu’s face beamed with joy.

Su Yu lifted his shoulders slightly. The object was certainly better suited to Xia Jingyu’s inhuman level of comprehension than any other treasure. He did not doubt, even slightly, that Xia Jingyu would soon be able to have control over the entire Divine Decree of the Beasts of All Creations.

“Congratulations, Jingyu.” Su Yu was happy for her from the bottom of his heart. After all, Xia Jingyu had helped him tremendously, so Su Yu felt good about being able to make her happy.

“There is one last box left. Let us open it together,” Su Yu said.

Xia Jingyu nodded agreeably, then helped Su Yu to open the final black steel box.

Click!

Together, they opened the black steel box. Bai Yijian and Shangguan Qinger focused their laser-like gazes on the black steel box. They would not even blink their eyes.

What would the final black box contain?

They were not the only ones who were curious. The Ghost King and Bai Zhe also locked their gazes upon the final black steel box!

The moment the black box was opened, a ball of pink mist suddenly sped out from within it! There was a live spirit that was about the size of a palm within the pink mist, which came rushing out with the ball of mist.

It had such a shocking speed, it was almost as fast as light! By the time that Su Yu sensed that something was amiss, the pink live spirit had already escaped from his side.

He suddenly realized that his hands were empty. The Dragon Vein that he had just been holding had been snatched away!

Su Yu was very surprised. Bai Yijian was also stunned.

“It is the Real Spirit! It had hidden itself in that black steel box!” Shangguan Qinger shouted loudly. Her pupils were shining with a bright light, and she seemed exceedingly excited.

“A Real Spirit!” Bai Yijian repeated, while sucking in a deep breath. A scary bright light instantly shot out from his eyes.

Zoom!

His white silhouette flashed, as he ignored the chaotic Milky Way and forced his way inwards. He shouted with a murderous tone, “This Real Spirit belongs to us, the descendants of the guards. Anyone who tries to snatch it from us will be killed immediately!”

The appearance of the object had caused Bai Yijian to completely lose his composure. After all, it was a Real Spirit. It was no wonder he could not remain calm!

“Hmph! You must be joking. You didn’t even know about the existence of the Real Spirit. How could you say that it belongs to the descendants of the guards? I will claim this Real Spirit on behalf of the Red Blood Palace!” Shangguan Qinger shouted coolly, as she entered the Milky Way in a flash.

“You are seeking death!” Bai Yijian’s eyes turned murderously cold. He then flung out a beam of light.

Shangguan Qinger was not afraid at all, facing it without hesitation and continuing in close pursuit. She did not waver at all.

With both Fairies in fierce combat with one another, the already chaotic constellations of stars became even more disordered. All the stars in the constellations were moving about in a disorganized manner. Clearly, the Divine Decree of the tracks had completely disappeared.

Bai Qi's eyes shone with a surprisingly bright light. He also projected a beam of excitement and, amidst the chaos in the Milky Way that had caused the tracks of Divine Decree to disappear, rushed towards the Real Spirit!

"You are also seeking death!" Bai Yijian's eyes beamed in all four directions. From beneath his white robe, he roared loudly and angrily.

His voice contained the sheer might of a Strong Fairy. It was loud enough to hurt the eardrums of everyone around, and even caused their souls to be completely shaken up!

"Hmph. It is a spiritual being that belongs to heaven and earth. Anyone with the right morals could possess it. Might Your Excellency be too overbearing?" Bai Qi shuddered, his face showing signs of coldness.

Bai Yijian thought nothing of him, answering Bai Qi with a single phrase. "Get lost!"

As he was speaking, his speed suddenly increased significantly. He then rushed towards the Real Spirit.

Shangguan Qinger's facial expression changed at this moment. Sensing the urgency of the situation, she tossed a silvery white chain from her sleeves towards Bai Yijian, which tangled itself around his ankle.

Then, with the flip of her wrist, something odd happened. She had switched positions with Bai Yijian!

She now appeared where Bai Yijian had been previously located, while Bai Yijian appeared at a place further behind her! The chain had the shocking ability of enabling its bearer to switch spaces!

Bai Yijian became greatly angered. In a swift motion, he retrieved the thin long blade behind him and took a swing. After a brief clanging sound, the silver chain was instantly sliced into half! Just like that, a treasure that was not beneath the level of a semi-manufactured spiritual artifact had been broken in half!

Shangguan Qinger sighed in frustration. She felt as if she had been dragged into this ordeal unnecessarily. However, the sacrifice was still worth it, as she would now be able to reach the pink mist much faster than Bai Yijian!

After a rustling sound, she tossed out another silver chain from her other sleeve. The hoop on the chain encircled the pink mist, trapping The Real Spirit inside.

The whole process, from when the Real Spirit first appeared to when everyone fought against each other, took less than the time needed to start a fire. And, the person who seemed to have the last laugh was Shangguan Qinger!

However, before Shangguan Qinger had time to show her excitement, her face dropped. When the silver chain contracted, it moved right through the pink mist. There was nothing inside!

Zoom!

Right then, at the end of the silver chain, a flash of pink light suddenly appeared. A pink live spirit the size of a palm had appeared above the chain!

It was a beautiful live spirit that was covered in pink from head to toe. It looked almost like a kylin.

It had a pair of pink kylin horns, big dreamy purple eyes, a body full of chalky colored scales and a small tail that resembled flames. At first glance, it did not look anything like a live spirit. It was more like a chalk-colored jade sculpture that was exquisitely beautiful.

At that moment, the four hooves of the little chalk-colored kylin were stepping on the silver chain. Its purple eyes gave out a look of ridicule, almost as if it were looking down upon Shangguan Qinger and Bai Yijian.

Thereafter, lifting its neck and waving its tail, it turned into a cloud of mist and took off. Bai Yijian's face showed a look of joy, whereas Shangguan Qinger felt deeply embarrassed. After all, she was being looked down upon by a little Real Spirit!

Holding their breaths, Shangguan Qinger and Bai Yijian began to chase after the kylin. In that manner, two Fairies started chasing after the Real Spirit in a frenzy, trying to use whatever method they could to capture it.

However, the kylin behaved very strangely. Whenever it was caught, it would immediately appear somewhere else. It was almost like Instant Space Motion, only it was not.

As Su Yu looked on, he became secretly surprised! It was not Instant Space Motion, but was actually the Void Transformation! Whenever it was caught, the little kylin's body could transform from physical matter into the void status, almost like a soul's existence.

Therefore, no matter what Bai Yijian and Shangguan Qinger tried to do, they could not achieve anything with their attempts to capture the little kylin. After several rounds of being chased, the little kylin extended its neck again, then returned nonchalantly to the center of the Milky Way, which just happened to be where the star was that Su Yu was located on!

In fact, the kylin stood on the three black steel boxes as if nobody were around. It then opened its mouth and started sucking inwards with a mighty force! As it did so, the three black steel boxes were engulfed in the force and became smaller and smaller. They finally became the size of pebbles and were absorbed into the stomach of the little kylin.

Apparently, there was another space of Qian Kun in this little kylin's body! The Dragon Vein must have been absorbed into the little kylin's stomach!

Right then, the little kylin continued to ignore the people around it, while it circled the star in the central area. It seemed to be considering whether or not it could swallow such a huge star!