

Nine-Dragon 571

Chapter 571: Birth of the Devil

“Capture!” As he shouted with a low voice, Su Yu placed his palms together and caused the Seal Cage to contract.

In one swift movement, the cage had contracted itself into a very small space, trapping the two within it. The Ghost King’s face sunk, and he appeared to be in an awful state.

“You are very good at hiding your treasures! Even on the many dangerous occasions in the past, you never used this treasure!” he exclaimed.

Su Yu had been walking on a tightrope when he faced the Silver Puppet at the seventh stage of the Divine Pavilion, as well as during the great battle in the Great Bone Palace. However, he had not revealed this treasure, even under those dire circumstances. As such, one could tell he indeed had ulterior motives.

Su Yu did not respond. Instead, he held his palms closer together and continued to contract the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation forcefully!

Crack!

The Ghost King yelped in pain, as the bones in his arm were being crushed by the pressure! The space had suddenly contracted three more inches!

The Ghost King and the soul old man were compressed together, and the contraction was still continuing. It seemed like Su Yu was going to kill them both by pure compression!

Yet, the Ghost King was still hanging on, albeit with great difficulty. Although he had a strong body, he could only slow down the force of the compression, not stop it.

This increased strength and power was all due to Su Yu’s successfully cultivating a single Vital Energy Crystal. If he could condense all three of his Spirit Energy Crystals into Vital Energy Crystals, he could easily crush the Ghost King to death with a single flip of his palm!

The soul old man held a steady facial expression. It was the same strong will he had shown since the beginning.

Only when the light screen had tightened up around him did he ask softly, “Is this your final trump card?”

As he spoke, the soul old man extended a single finger and tapped against the Five Colored Veils of Light. A vortex appeared in the oddly strong Five Colored Veils of Light, which was big enough for a single person to pass through it!

His body then turned into a green smoke and flowed outside gradually. As the vortex closed up, the Ghost King was the only one still trapped within the cage.

“Simple tricks. This is child’s play,” the soul old man said coolly.

Su Yu was surprised but not shocked by his escape. Although the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation was formidable, it did not have the ability to trap souls. Therefore, it was unable to trap the soul old man within it for long.

Moreover, the old man was a strong soul of the Divine Master level! As such, Su Yu had already prepared himself for such shenanigans. As soon as the old man appeared outside of the cage, he used the Thunder Sword in his hand to strike out, thus creating a crescent thunderbolt! When used against a soul, the thunderbolt posed a very significant threat!

“The Thunder Sword?” The soul old man still looked calm and unperturbed. He immediately lashed out with his palm in return, and the huge crescent thunderbolt suddenly dissipated like smoke!

Su Yu was shocked. Even a top-tier Early Stage Fairy like Bai Yijian would be cautious in the face of such an attack. Yet, the soul old man was able to deflect it with a single strike of his palm!

Su Yu’s heart sank. He had underestimated the soul old man. After all, his remnant soul was still of a Divine Master level and was indeed very strong!

“Your might is impressive. Show me what other skills you have. Do not hesitate to use everything you have. Once I attack, you won’t have another chance!” the soul old man said coolly.

Su Yu suddenly felt troubled. He manipulated the Vital Energy in his body and imbued it into the Thunder Sword. He then lashed out with it three times.

Three thunderbolts quickly combined to form a mighty beam of sword energy! Everywhere it passed, a loud booming resounded in the air. The entire earth was compressed, and even the ultimate spell formation was vibrating greatly!

Yet, the soul old man still remained unruffled. Facing the ferocious sword energy calmly, he extended his entire palm and grasped after it in the air. All of a sudden, the entire space suddenly tightened, as if it had been grabbed by something very strong.

Thereafter, the space directly surrounding the Thunder Sword Energy suddenly contracted even more! The humongous sword energy was then swiftly compressed down, until it was only about one inch in length!

When the Thunder Sword Energy finally reached the old man, it became then shrunk down to the size of a candle’s flame! The soul old man then used two fingers to pinch it and easily extinguish the flame.

He shook his head lightly and said, “Such poor tricks. It seems like this is all you have got. If that is the case, it is my turn to send you on your way!”

Having extinguished the flame with ease, it was difficult to measure the difference in might between Su Yu and the old man! However, Su Yu was not disappointed. Instead, he let out an extended laugh that hinted at a deeper meaning.

Hearing the eerie laughter, the soul old man raised his eyebrows immediately. He felt that something was very odd...

Right then, he felt a searing pain in two of his fingers! When he realized what was happening, it was already too late!

All that could be seen was that flame that was the size of a candle, which the old man had extinguished earlier, had rekindled and was silently burning his fingers! The flame quickly spread across his entire finger and nearly burned it to a transparent state!

It was the soul flame of the White-Eyed Fire Glass Frog! Once the flame started burning, it quickly spread throughout his entire palm!

The soul old man's initially calm expression quickly turned into one of shock. "The soul flame?" As he shouted in surprise, he quickly shook his hand, hoping to get rid of the flame.

However, his palm had already become very weak and thin. In such a short duration of time, the white flame had caused very significant damage!

"Were you distracting me by concealing the soul flame in the Thunder Sword, even through multiple attacks?" The soul old man's expression darkened. He could not believe that this man had actually used the flame that was his biggest weakness!

Su Yu just smiled in a way that hinted at a deeper meaning. The soul old man's pupils contracted slightly. For the first time, he seemed deeply concerned. This young man was even more difficult to deal with than he had thought, as all of his tactics were layered and difficult to predict!

Just as he was raising his guard against Su Yu, a white flame appeared out of the blue and quickly surrounded him! The space where the flame had appeared was exactly where he had first extinguished it!

From the dented space, a white colored light flame was spilling out. It looked like a volcano had just erupted!

This was the real killer move that Su Yu had been preparing for! Although his first attack looked like it would not cause much harm, it was the one that contained the real killer technique!

When the sword energy was struck out by the old man, the soul flame had secretly been hidden inside the dented space. It then was able to explode when the opponent least expected it! As for the second Thunder Sword Energy and the weaker white flame, those were actually pre-planned distractions!

"What?" The soul old man's facial expression changed drastically. He was unprepared for the white flame that soon engulfed him. His entire soul body had been transformed into a burning figure!

Sizzle.

His soul was burning with sizzling sounds. As he shouted angrily, the old man's soul was hastily disappearing.

He shouted out in a furious tone, "You have done something incredibly dumb! Retrieve this flame quickly! Is it coming out?"

It? Who is it? Su Yu was stunned by his somewhat confusing words.

The Ghost King was equally confused. But, soon after that, he seemed to sense something, and he started to speak. "This aura is..."

The soul old man was actually slowly disappearing into oblivion! However, something even more odd was happening. From the abyss of the oblivion, a black scale was slowly appearing, and a frightening aura was emanating from the top of it!

It was a kind of aura that was as strong as the Silver Puppet's! In fact, it was even more intimidating than the Silver Puppet's!

Chapter 572: Consecutive Plots

"It's a demon's aura." The Ghost King's eyes widened and fear appeared on his face. Even the Ghost King himself didn't notice that his voice was shivering at this moment.

Many black scales grew out of the soul old man's body after his body was burned. It was like there was an ancient ferocious beast asleep within his body that was gradually awakening and emitting a terrifying aura!

The soul old man was dreading and fearing its appearance more than anyone else, so he was overwhelmed with terror. As he looked at that white flame, which gradually burned and melted his body, the soul old man clenched his teeth and started weaving signs with both of his hands.

His soul was abruptly divided into two parts, and a frail soul body, which seemed like a mass of mist, was condensed within his body. It was so weak, it seemed like even a gust of wind would scatter it.

He had used some mysterious magical ability to forcefully tear his soul apart! Such an ability truly astounded Su Yu. Thus, the soul old man's power had surpassed Su Yu's expectations once again.

After he divided his soul into two parts, that second soul was engulfed by that white flame, while the soul old man original soul broke free of that soul flame. The soul old man didn't dare to relax now, so he immediately took out the Ghost Suppressing Golden Ring and poured his Vital Energy into it.

Buddhist golden rays instantly shone out of it, while Buddhist scriptures sounds echoed throughout the space. As that Buddhist light shone, the black scales that grew out of the old man's body started quickly shrinking back into his soul's deepest part. It seemed like they were extremely wary of the Buddhist light.

After just a short moment, all of the black scales in his body disappeared. The soul old man let out a breath after he got rid of them, although there was still a trace of lingering fear in his eyes.

After he let out a breath, that old man's expression became gloomy and he fixedly stared at Su Yu with his old eyes. He then asked, "Fool, do you know what kind of great calamity you are about to cause?"

He then added, "In the past, I fought against an Otherworldly Demon, and in order to kill it, I didn't hesitate to sacrifice my body. In the end, I sealed and suppressed its remnant soul inside my soul, and just now, you almost set it free! Do you know how many living beings would be harmed if that demon managed to escape?"

When he heard his words, the Ghost King couldn't help but inwardly suck in a breath of cold air. He shook his head, then uttered apologetically, "It was truly a demonic being."

The expressions of both the soul old man and the Ghost King were informing Su Yu that the demon they were talking about was surely no ordinary existence. However, Su Yu still couldn't help but scorn this old man's speech.

After all, he was a person who ruthlessly attacked him and was decisively and coldly handling all of his matters and affairs! In fact, there wasn't the least bit of mercy in his actions! So, Su Yu had to wonder how could someone like him be concerned about common people's well-beings!

Now, he was praising and glorifying himself as someone who had sacrificed himself for the human race! In fact, this old man might have just coincidentally run into that demon and been forced to fight it, and because of that fight, his body had been destroyed and his soul got entangled along with that demon's remnant soul!

"So what? You are allowed to kill me, but I should not harm you?" Su Yu found this idea quite laughable.

The soul old man's expression was extremely gloomy at this moment, and he coldly snorted several times, then mumbled, "You should die."

Then, as the soul old man weaved signs with his both hands, a blue glow emitted from his soul body. If one looked at it from afar, it would seem to him like a burning flame, but if one carefully sensed it, they would find out that it was extremely cold.

Even Su Yu couldn't help but shiver, and he felt his body becoming colder. It was like he had just fallen into an ice bath!

What was that? Su Yu's heart shivered, as it was his first time witnessing a living being's soul emitting such an extremely ice-cold aura.

"Since you are also a Prodigy of Souls like me, this old man will use my origin soul ice flame to kill you! You should be proud that you are able to die within it." The soul old man widely opened his eyes, while his body, which was engulfed in blue ice flames, flew upward.

The surrounding space didn't experience any changes because of that flame, but all living beings in the vicinity died. That ice-cold aura had directly frozen their souls!

Su Yu's mind and consciousness started becoming muddled, and he felt like he would shortly fall into a deep sleep. However, it was fortunate that his soul was different from ordinary people's, as he was promptly able to respond by biting his tongue to stimulate his mind and nerves with the pain.

He was deeply shocked by this flame! At such a critical moment, Su Yu emitted the white soul flame in his body and turned it into a sea of raging white flames, which then went after that soul ice flame and collided against it.

However, what made Su Yu's heart sink was that, when his white flame ran into that ice flame, it was like a spark running into a raging river. It wasn't able to even slightly block or obstruct it, so it was directly annihilated by it! Their soul secret techniques were obviously not at the same level!

The soul old man calmly smiled and said, "Your soul secret technique is one of the lowest grade techniques, yet you still want to confront me? You are just making a laughing stock out of yourself!"

As the soul old man was speaking, that boundless soul ice flame swept across Su Yu like a dreadful flood. Su Yu's soul was instantly engulfed by that terrifying soul ice flame.

Coldness, death, despair, meaningless struggle all appeared in Su Yu's soul at once. His soul had just received an intense and powerful shock which it had never felt before.

However, Su Yu still had the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron, which had an invincible defense against soul attacks. But, before his Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron could even respond, it was frozen too!

Su Yu's heart sank.

What kind of terrifying secret technique was this, that even the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron couldn't cope with it?

It was the first time that his Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron had failed in blocking a soul attack. When he just had such thought this, his mind heavily shook and his consciousness started to freeze.

With his consciousness muddled and blurred, he struggled to make a move. He weaved some signs with one of his hands.

The soul old man was surprised by his actions and didn't dare underestimate him, as he knew that this lad had many unpredictable moves up his sleeve. Thus, he flew away and retreated while keeping an eye on Su Yu.

At that moment, a claw filled with ghost energy suddenly came out from behind him and penetrated his soul body's chest! That ghost energy possessed a powerful and intense corroding power and it swiftly devoured the old man's soul!

The soul old man turned his head and looked in disbelief at the owner of that claw. It was none other than the Ghost King, who should have been trapped within the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation!

"You..." The soul old man was incapable of understanding what was happening at that moment, as he couldn't fathom how the Ghost King had manage to escape!

Moreover, he didn't understand why the Ghost King had dared to attack him! What the soul old man didn't know was that the Ghost King had already allied himself with Su Yu back in the Zhenglong Continent. He was now just fulfilling his promise.

So, as it turns out, the Ghost King was the true trump card!

Chapter 573: Bloodline of the Evil Ghost

In the tightly sealed space, the Ghost King was commanded by the soul old man. He had no choice but to go against Su Yu.

When he had the chance, Su Yu secretly communicated with the Ghost King. That was the only reason the current scene was even possible.

The ghost energy quickly spread across the soul old man's body. It was as if he was being burned by a black flame.

Recovering from the shock, his matured eyes were filled with anger as he spat out the words, "How dare you betray me?"

The Ghost King moved backwards and laughed coldly. “Betray you? Do you think I should be your slave and simply do as you say?”

“You are just seeking your own death now!” The soul old man yelled coolly.

Then, with a thought in his mind, he attempted to manipulate the Buddhism Relic in the Ghost King’s body! It was the relic’s existence that allowed the soul old man to have control over the Ghost King’s life.

However, the imagined scene where the Buddhism Relic would destroy the Ghost King did not occur. Instead, the Ghost King smiled playfully and said, “I am an Evil Spirit Envoy, so your little tricks can only control me for a short period, not forever! You are too naïve! Die, you ignorant old man!”

The soul old man was gravely shocked. He couldn’t figure out how the Ghost King had escaped from his manipulation! As the ghost energy spread across his soul, the soul old man vibrated and used the same technique to separate a part of his soul.

His eyes were filled with a dark color as he said, “Alright! I was fooled by the two of you! But, I swear on my grave that I will kill you both today!”

“Hehe, is that so? I don’t think you will even survive!” Su Yu said coldly. He had finally recovered from the attack of the soul ice flame.

The soul old man was severely injured, so his soul attack had been interrupted. Naturally, Su Yu was able to escape from it. As Su Yu looked at the Ghost King, one could not tell if he was smiling or not.

“Hmph, do you think the two of you are capable of doing anything to me? My soul body is not something you can handle!” the soul old man yelled coolly.

As soon as he finished speaking, a vortex started to appear. It was rotating right in front of the Ghost King’s abdomen! A bloody red ball of light suddenly came out from the vortex, then condensed into the face of a ghost. It then unexpectedly bit onto the soul old man’s body!

Suddenly, the soul old man let out a pitiful cry. He was clearly in great pain!

All that could be seen was that his body was partially torn by the bloody red ghost face! The ghost face chewed greedily, as if it was enjoying the feast of this soul.

With a part of his soul gone, the soul old man’s body was expanding and contracting at a rapid rate. This was a sign that his body was about to explode!

“A swallower of souls! Who is it?” The soul old man was doubly angered!

Zoom.

With a vibrating sound, a light shadow flew out from the vortex in front of the Ghost King’s abdomen. The light shadow gradually grew into the size of a normal human being. The body of the figure was surrounded by a bloody light.

Suddenly, an unfamiliar face appeared in front of everyone. The face had very strong features, including a sharp nose and thick lips. The skin of the figure had a bloody red hue, and on its

forehead, there was a tattoo of a half crescent moon. The figure gave off a very stern and peculiar aura.

“Bloodline of the Evil Ghost?” The soul old man was shocked.

He then turned and asked the Ghost King, “Is he not your descendant? Why would he appear from within your abdomen?”

The soul old man could not understand how the Ghost King was able to hide someone else within his abdomen!

“My abdomen has always had two openings. One is located at my own physical abdomen, and the other lies in the hands of my descendant! Do you still have any questions?” The Ghost King laughed coldly.

He had already trained his abdomen to be able to contain the treasure of space. So, his having another method of entry was not surprising at all. However, the soul old man would not have dreamed that the Ghost King was capable of such deception!

“What you mean to say is that the Buddhism Relic has long been removed from your abdomen?” The soul old man’s facial expression grew more perturbed.

The Ghost King nodded slightly. “It was left behind long ago, given to the ghost clan of the Zhenlong Continent by my descendant!”

“In that case, why did you wait so long to attack me?” The soul old man’s body was expanding and contracting at an even higher rate as he spoke. His soul was at the brink of complete destruction.

The Ghost King laughed coolly. “If I did not wait until you let your guard down, do you think that I would have the opportunity to carry out such a lethal strike against you?”

The soul old man had the soul of a Divine Master, after all. As such, the Ghost King would underestimate him.

The soul old man was even more angered. He blinked slightly with his eyes, which were flushed red. He stared at both Su Yu and the Ghost King in anger.

“Even if I become a ghost, I will not let you go!” he yelled, while pointing at Su Yu. After all, he was the person that the soul old man hated the most!

If it had not been for Su Yu’s continuous scheming, the Ghost King might not have ever found the opportunity to attack the soul old man!

“In that case, just become a ghost!” Su Yu yelled back coolly.

After he finished speaking, two beams of white flames shot out from his eyes and engulfed the soul old man within them. The rapidly expanding soul old man’s body immediately turned into a white smoky dust, which gradually fell to the floor and broke into millions of pieces of crystal-clear light.

The light then seeped into the ground below. After his death, Su Yu finally let out a sigh of relief.

He knew that he had just gone through a very dangerous situation! This was especially true in the case of the soul ice flame that was released by the soul old man. It had posed a real threat to Su Yu!

He had to admit that there was an element of luck involved for he and the Ghost King to have been able to work together to defeat the soul old man. If the soul old man had suspected the Ghost King in any way, the only people dying today would have been the two of them!

As Su Yu sighed with relief, he suddenly became aware of the gazes of the two people in front of him. Su Yu lifted his head and looked over, noticing that, although the Ghost King was somewhat smiling in a relaxed manner, his eyes were filled with a certain complicated and hesitant look.

The other person staring back at him in an unfriendly way was the big man...

"You seemed to have known since some time ago that I had been inside the Ghost King's abdomen." the big man commented coolly, while locking eyes with Su Yu.

Su Yu nodded his head. "Yes, I knew."

The Ghost King looked oddly surprised. While he was communicating with Su Yu secretly, he had kept his sentences short in order to not be discovered by the soul old man. However, he had never told Su Yu that his descendant had been hiding in his abdomen.

"When did you find out? And do you know who I am?" For some unknown reason, the big man's tone had become even more unfriendly.

Su Yu said leisurely, "I found out when Chou Zeming died."

At the place of Legacy of Elixirs, Su Yu had gotten into trouble with Chou Zeming, as Chou Zeming had been waiting outside the tunnel to ambush Su Yu!

However, when Su Yu went out, he noticed that Chou Zeming had already been killed! At the time, he could tell that this murder had been committed by someone like him, who was of the Bloodline of the Evil Ghost.

However, he pretended not to know this, but instead said that the Silver Puppet had done it. That was when he knew about the existence of the people with the Bloodline of the Evil Ghost!

In other words, the ghost clan of the Eight Great Ancient Clans had been at the eighth Divine Pavilion. When all of the capable people from the Eight Great Ancient Clans had arrived, the ghost clan remained silent. Thus, it appeared that they had not entered the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion at all!

Therefore, the only possibility that Su Yu could think of was that mysterious space inside the Ghost King's abdomen. Today, it was proven that this was indeed the case!

"Since you know where I came from, then you should know how I will deal with you, right?" The big man spoke coolly.

Su Yu was calm. "Of course I do, you're the Master of the ghost clan!"

"You turned into the Black Snow Devil King and pretended to be one of our ghost clan members. Isn't that true?" the Master of the ghost clan asked coolly.

Su Yu did not try to explain himself, only nodded. He then said, “Yes, everyone from the external world believed that I belonged to the ghost clan. What is the matter? Have I affected the reputation of the ghost clan? Do you seek revenge?”

Unexpectedly, the Master of the ghost clan shook his head coolly. “Our ghost clan has always thought nothing about our reputation. So what if you pretended to be one of us? There is only one mistake that you made, but it is an unforgivable one!”

Su Yu was stunned. He immediately asked, “Are you talking about the Bloodline of the Evil Ghost that I acquired from Palace Master Ling?”

“So, you truly did acquire the bloodline legacy of Ling Xiaotian...” The Master of the ghost clan took a deep breath.

Su Yu took a few steps backwards and was prepared to attack. He then asked softly, “What is the matter? Do you wish to retrieve the Bloodline of the Evil Ghost?”

Su Yu was surprised, as the Master of the ghost clan only responded with a fit of cold laughter. He then said, “The Bloodline of the Evil Ghost? Who told you that Ling Xiaotian’s bloodline was the Bloodline of the Evil Ghost?” It seems that he kept something a secret from you too! Although it was probably meant for your own good, it looks like it has backfired against you!”

Chapter 574: The Awakening of a Demon Soul

Su Yu slightly raised his brows, revealing his skepticism.

“Why do you think the Ghost Clan attacked him?” the Ghost Clan’s patriarch asked.

Su Yu clearly remembered that when Ling Xiaotian was attacked by them, he was saved by the King of Darkness. This was how he had been able to become the Empire of Darkness’ Deputy Palace Master later on. As for why he was attacked, and by whom, he didn’t have any idea.

“It was because of his bloodline, as it wasn’t an Evil Ghost’s bloodline,” said the Ghost Clan’s patriarch in a deep voice.

The Ghost King, who was beside them, was surprised by his words, “Was that really the case?”

When he heard his words, the Ghost Clan’s patriarch respectfully replied, “Ancestor, there was someone with a variant bloodline who once appeared in our clan, and he was quite dangerous. Once, he unintentionally sucked the blood and flesh from several of our clansmen. He even raped some of our clanswomen. In the end, we gave him the death penalty for his dastardly deeds!”

The Ghost King slightly furrowed his brows. “A variant bloodline?”

“Yes, Ling Xiaotian’s blood contained a strong evil nature, which made him unreasonable and outrageous. As such, we had to take drastic measures. I hope that you can forgive us, as we didn’t intentionally kill one of our clansmen, but we were forced to do it,” the Ghost Clan patriarch replied.

“It had an evil nature?” The Ghost King became somewhat grave. “Em, that’s truly somewhat unusual.”

He then turned to Su Yu and said, "There is another bloodline within your blood. It has an intensely evil will..."

"Ancestor, how should we deal with this lad?" The Ghost Clan's patriarch took a deep look at Su Yu, complex emotions appearing in his eyes. "This lad's bloodline originated from our Ghost race, yet it's greater than us. As it's still an unknown bloodline, we shouldn't let it spread!"

Su Yu became somewhat wary when he heard this, as he couldn't really be considered a close confidante of the Ghost King, especially since their agreement had come to an end. The Ghost King squinted his eyes and got lost in his thoughts, hesitation soon appearing on his face.

Su Yu had many magical treasures that the Ghost King coveted, among which were many semi-manufactured spiritual artifacts. The Ghost King was thinking that if he killed him, then he would have a great harvest!

However, after he pondered this for a while, the Ghost King's gaze became calm once again. He then said, "Let's drop this matter for now. Since his bloodline isn't that of any Evil Ghosts, then he has no relationship with us."

After all, he didn't really have a reason for killing Su Yu. Moreover, Su Yu's strength was unusually powerful, and since he would shortly return to the Jiuzhou Continent, he didn't want any unexpected trouble to occur before his departure.

The Ghost Clan's patriarch was somewhat unwilling to accept such a decision. "Ancestor, with our power as Fairy Realm experts, we might be able to capture this lad if we joined forces."

His words were true. If the two of them teamed up, it would be difficult for Su Yu to deal with them, even if he exposed and used his Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation.

"I have already come to a decision." The Ghost King softly snorted, while secretly transmitting his voice to the Ghost Clan's patriarch, asking, "Do you think I would give up on it if we had even a fifty percent chance of succeeding? This lad still has my Eternal Stone King Armor!"

The Ghost Clan's patriarch was astonished, so he transmitted back. "What? Ancestor, you think there isn't even a fifty percent chance of defeating him?"

Wariness appeared on the Ghost King's face. "I would maybe have a fifty percent chance if you helped me, but if I fought him alone, I may not have even a thirty percent chance. As such, there is a great chance that I may die at his hands."

The Ghost Clan's patriarch hadn't personally witnessed Su Yu fighting, so it was only after he heard the Ghost King's words that he became aware of the true situation. As the Ghost Clan patriarch looked at Su Yu, his gaze became filled with a faint wariness.

"I already fulfilled my promise, so we will bid farewell to each other here." The Ghost King took a yellow scroll and threw it in the air. The scroll immediately ignited into flames and was burned into ashes.

The scroll was a Heart Oath Scroll, and Su Yu and the Ghost King had made an oath by using it. Now that they had successfully fulfilled that oath, it had burned itself into nothingness.

Su Yu felt somewhat relaxed now, as if he had just been liberated from tight bindings. He instantly felt his whole body became more light and at ease.

The Ghost King cupped his fists at him, and left. On his way out, he meaningfully said, "I advise you to use your variant bloodline only on rare occasions, as according to what I detected, the evil will that it contains is probably not something that you can control. Hence, each time you use it, it will become even more powerful, and in the end, it may even possess your body and control it. At that time, you will turn into a puppet of the evil will!"

Su Yu's heart shuddered when he heard this warning. If even the Ghost King was extremely wary of such an evil will, Su Yu's resistance to it would be even lower than his!

"Thanks for the warning," Su Yu said.

The Ghost King nodded at him, then put the Ghost Clan's patriarch into the space in his belly, preparing to fly off in the air. Before he left, he said, "Let's go our separate ways here. You should leave quickly, as the isolation formation around this place is already broken, so the Silver Puppet will have already detected this place's fluctuations."

The Ghost King paused for a while, before he revealed a meaningful look and said, "Moreover, you should quickly leave the entire Zhenlong Continent, as you may find yourself in many unexpected situations if you tarry."

Su Yu was confused by such bewildering advice, but when he took another look at the Ghost Clan's patriarch, he found that he also wore a solemn look. So, after the Ghost King flew away, Su Yu immediately flew away as well.

The Ghost King went toward the east, while Su Yu went toward the west. However, right as they flew out, the sky suddenly darkened and the Divine Pavillion became gloomy.

Whistle! Whistle!

A sudden pressure caused the air to start whistling, and the black sky above them unexpectedly crumbled down all around them. As the sky crumbled down, countless clouds filled it. At the same time, a tyrannical pressure caused the nearby ruins to be crushed and turned into a fine dust.

The Ghost King and Su Yu, who were already flying in the air, also suffered the brunt of the extremely powerful pressure, which caused them both to fall from the sky. As they were utterly incapable of resisting the pressure, Su Yu's expression gravely changed.

As Su Yu fell, a multi-colored glow flickered around him. It was the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation, which had appeared and surrounded him, protecting him.

Bang!

As the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation collided against the ground, it left a deep crater in the earth. As soon as it landed, its multi-colored luster dimmed. Blood could be seen seeping out of the corners of Su Yu's mouth, and it seemed like he had suffered a heavy injury.

When he looked at the Ghost King, he found that his current state wasn't any better than his, and even though he had a valiant fleshy body, blood still seeped out of the corners of his mouth, as he had also fallen fast and hard while being oppressed by the great pressure.

They both turned to quickly run away from the pressure, trying to escape the radius of the dark and gloomy region entirely. However, before they even took a single step, a black fog rose up from the ground. The fog was vast and thick, and it covered all of the ruins, earth, and sky.

Thump!

An intense vibration was transmitted from the deepest part of the earth, and it rang clearly in their ears. The sound seemed like it was someone's heartbeat, and its frequency was gradually becoming higher and swifter, as if something was awakening.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Soon, the heartbeat sound was ceaselessly throbbing. The black fog started throbbing along with it, and it was also shaking. Moreover, Su Yu noticed that even his own heart had now started intensely beating.

A terrifying and frightening aura seeped out of the deepest part of the ground at this time. The aura was cold, apathetic, cruel, devilish and filled with bloodlust.

"It's a demon! That's impossible! He should have already died! Why is he still alive?"
Fear and terror appeared on the Ghost King's face.

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Chapter 573 (2): The Awakening of a Demon Soul

Su Yu slightly raised his brows, revealing his skepticism.

"Why do you think the Ghost Clan attacked him?" the Ghost Clan's patriarch asked.

Su Yu clearly remembered that when Ling Xiaotian was attacked by them, he was saved by the King of Darkness. This was how he had been able to become the Empire of Darkness' Deputy Palace Master later on. As for why he was attacked, and by whom, he didn't have any idea.

"It was because of his bloodline, as it wasn't an Evil Ghost's bloodline," said the Ghost Clan's patriarch in a deep voice.

The Ghost King, who was beside them, was surprised by his words, "Was that really the case?"

When he heard his words, the Ghost Clan's patriarch respectfully replied, "Ancestor, there was someone with a variant bloodline who once appeared in our clan, and he was quite dangerous. Once, he unintentionally sucked the blood and flesh from several of our clansmen. He even raped some of our clanswomen. In the end, we gave him the death penalty for his dastardly deeds!"

The Ghost King slightly furrowed his brows. "A variant bloodline?"

"Yes, Ling Xiaotian's blood contained a strong evil nature, which made him unreasonable and outrageous. As such, we had to take drastic measures. I hope that you can forgive us, as we didn't intentionally kill one of our clansmen, but we were forced to do it," the Ghost Clan patriarch replied.

"It had an evil nature?" The Ghost King became somewhat grave. "Em, that's truly somewhat unusual."

He then turned to Su Yu and said, "There is another bloodline within your blood. It has an intensely evil will..."

"Ancestor, how should we deal with this lad?" The Ghost Clan's patriarch took a deep look at Su Yu, complex emotions appearing in his eyes. "This lad's bloodline originated from our Ghost race, yet it's greater than us. As it's still an unknown bloodline, we shouldn't let it spread!"

Su Yu became somewhat wary when he heard this, as he couldn't really be considered a close confidante of the Ghost King, especially since their agreement had come to an end. The Ghost King squinted his eyes and got lost in his thoughts, hesitation soon appearing on his face.

Su Yu had many magical treasures that the Ghost King coveted, among which were many semi-manufactured spiritual artifacts. The Ghost King was thinking that if he killed him, then he would have a great harvest!

However, after he pondered this for a while, the Ghost King's gaze became calm once again. He then said, "Let's drop this matter for now. Since his bloodline isn't that of any Evil Ghosts, then he has no relationship with us."

After all, he didn't really have a reason for killing Su Yu. Moreover, Su Yu's strength was unusually powerful, and since he would shortly return to the Jiuzhou Continent, he didn't want any unexpected trouble to occur before his departure.

The Ghost Clan's patriarch was somewhat unwilling to accept such a decision. "Ancestor, with our power as Fairy Realm experts, we might be able to capture this lad if we joined forces."

His words were true. If the two of them teamed up, it would be difficult for Su Yu to deal with them, even if he exposed and used his Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation.

"I have already come to a decision." The Ghost King softly snorted, while secretly transmitting his voice to the Ghost Clan's patriarch, asking, "Do you think I would give up on it if we had even a fifty percent chance of succeeding? This lad still has my Eternal Stone King Armor!"

The Ghost Clan's patriarch was astonished, so he transmitted back. "What? Ancestor, you think there isn't even a fifty percent chance of defeating him?"

Wariness appeared on the Ghost King's face. "I would maybe have a fifty percent chance if you helped me, but if I fought him alone, I may not have even a thirty percent chance. As such, there is a great chance that I may die at his hands."

The Ghost Clan's patriarch hadn't personally witnessed Su Yu fighting, so it was only after he heard the Ghost King's words that he became aware of the true situation. As the Ghost Clan patriarch looked at Su Yu, his gaze became filled with a faint wariness.

"I already fulfilled my promise, so we will bid farewell to each other here." The Ghost King took a yellow scroll and threw it in the air. The scroll immediately ignited into flames and was burned into ashes.

The scroll was a Heart Oath Scroll, and Su Yu and the Ghost King had made an oath by using it. Now that they had successfully fulfilled that oath, it had burned itself into nothingness.

Su Yu felt somewhat relaxed now, as if he had just been liberated from tight bindings. He instantly felt his whole body became more light and at ease.

The Ghost King cupped his fists at him, and left. On his way out, he meaningfully said, "I advise you to use your variant bloodline only on rare occasions, as according to what I detected, the evil will that it contains is probably not something that you can control. Hence, each time you use it, it

will become even more powerful, and in the end, it may even possess your body and control it. At that time, you will turn into a puppet of the evil will!”

Su Yu’s heart shuddered when he heard this warning. If even the Ghost King was extremely wary of such an evil will, Su Yu’s resistance to it would be even lower than his!

“Thanks for the warning,” Su Yu said.

The Ghost King nodded at him, then put the Ghost Clan’s patriarch into the space in his belly, preparing to fly off in the air. Before he left, he said, “Let’s go our separate ways here. You should leave quickly, as the isolation formation around this place is already broken, so the Silver Puppet will have already detected this place’s fluctuations.”

The Ghost King paused for a while, before he revealed a meaningful look and said, “Moreover, you should quickly leave the entire Zhenlong Continent, as you may find yourself in many unexpected situations if you tarry.”

Su Yu was confused by such bewildering advice, but when he took another look at the Ghost Clan’s patriarch, he found that he also wore a solemn look. So, after the Ghost King flew away, Su Yu immediately flew away as well.

The Ghost King went toward the east, while Su Yu went toward the west. However, right as they flew out, the sky suddenly darkened and the Divine Pavillion became gloomy.

Whistle! Whistle!

A sudden pressure caused the air to start whistling, and the black sky above them unexpectedly crumbled down all around them. As the sky crumbled down, countless clouds filled it. At the same time, a tyrannical pressure caused the nearby ruins to be crushed and turned into a fine dust.

The Ghost King and Su Yu, who were already flying in the air, also suffered the brunt of the extremely powerful pressure, which caused them both to fall from the sky. As they were utterly incapable of resisting the pressure, Su Yu’s expression gravely changed.

As Su Yu fell, a multi-colored glow flickered around him. It was the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation, which had appeared and surrounded him, protecting him.

Bang!

As the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation collided against the ground, it left a deep crater in the earth. As soon as it landed, Its multi-colored luster dimmed. Blood could be seen seeping out of the corners of Su Yu’s mouth, and it seemed like he had suffered a heavy injury.

When he looked at the Ghost King, he found that his current state wasn’t any better than his, and even though he had a valiant fleshy body, blood still seeped out of the corners of his mouth, as he had also fallen fast and hard while being oppressed by the great pressure.

They both turned to quickly run away from the pressure, trying to escape the radius of the dark and gloomy region entirely. However, before they even took a single step, a black fog rose up from the ground. The fog was vast and thick, and it covered all of the ruins, earth, and sky.

Thump!

An intense vibration was transmitted from the deepest part of the earth, and it rang clearly in their ears. The sound seemed like it was someone's heartbeat, and its frequency was gradually becoming higher and swifter, as if something was awakening.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Soon, the heartbeat sound was ceaselessly throbbing. The black fog started throbbing along with it, and it was also shaking. Moreover, Su Yu noticed that even his own heart had now started intensely beating.

A terrifying and frightening aura seeped out of the deepest part of the ground at this time. The aura was cold, apathetic, cruel, devilish and filled with bloodlust.

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Chapter 575: The Unparalleled Might of a Demon

Su Yu sucked in a breath of cold air.

Is this a demon? He is completely different than those so-called demonic cultivators!

As Su Yu averted his gaze from him, the scaled old man's purple eyes, which flickered like lightning, looked at Su Yu and the Ghost King. When he looked at him, Su Yu's whole body stiffened, and he became incapable of even moving an inch.

Then, his whole body Spiritual Energy and Vital Energy stagnated, making him incapable of revolving them. This was also the case for the Ghost King, which caused deep fright and terror to appear on his face.

"The demon has awakened! That old ba*tard liberated that demon from his soul before his death." The Ghost King's voice was shivering.

"Hahahaha!..." The scaled old man started laughing. His laughter was irritating and extremely unpleasant.

"I should thank you, as it was because of you that the old bastard liberated me before his death, and it was only by condensing his dispersed soul that I was able to take form in this world." This demon's voice was hoarse, and his devilish purple eyes were flickering in an ice-cold glow.

The Ghost King, who was fixedly staring at him, said in a deep voice, "Since that's the case, then why don't you let us leave? You won't gain anything by killing us."

The demon coldly laughed, then said, "As a member of the ghost clan, can't you understand that my demon race's members are existences which are capable of strengthening themselves by swallowing all of the world's living beings?"

"You are my first tonic after awakening, so you should be proud." The demon coldly laughed.

Swallowing living beings to strengthen himself?

Su Yu's heart sank, and he couldn't help but bitterly smile. At first, it was a Silver Puppet that came at him, and now it was a demon! He was truly annoyed by these disasters which keep befalling him.

However, Su Yu would still not give up. His body flickered as he flew out several miles in mere moments.

However, the demon just coldly laughed, while two of his black scales flew out of his body and revolved in the air for a moment. They then shot towards Su Yu and the Ghost King. One of those scales traveled several miles in just an instant, soon reaching Su Yu's back.

Su Yu's heart intensely thumped, and he crazily poured all of the Vital Energy that was remaining in his body into the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation. That dim five-colored light screen burst out with resplendent lights once again.

However, Su Yu saw that the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation wasn't able to block it for even a moment, as it immediately burst open! That black scale just continued on, ramming into Su Yu's chest.

However, he didn't feel any pain like he had expected, that scale just stuck onto his body and started quickly multiplying. After just a single moment had passed, Su Yu's whole body was covered in black scales!

Moreover, his body's cultivation, as well as his blood and flesh, were being absorbed by those scales. The scales were swelling and contracting back and forth as if they were worms, and the sight of them was truly horrifying.

Su Yu was greatly alarmed when he felt that his cultivation, as well as his blood and flesh, were quickly being absorbed. Without giving a second thought to it, Su Yu's whole body flickered with lightning and he turned into a mass of lightning, then teleported away. What he had just used was called the Thunder Escape!

When the lightning appeared, the black scales seemed like they had just run into their nemesis, and they all came left him. However, the scale that flew out of the demon's body was attached to Su Yu's body, and it was still absorbing his cultivation, as well as his flesh and blood!

Su Yu's heart sank when he discovered that he was incapable of teleporting more than several miles, despite the fact that his Thunder Escape should have allowed him teleport a hundred thousand miles! The surging demonic energy here had clearly affected his teleportation capabilities.

He gazed at the Ghost King and saw that he had grown much taller. He was both startled and angered by this, while he was also focused on frantically trying to get rid of the scales on his body.

However, those scales were closely stuck on him and were unceasingly devouring him. As such, his tall body was quickly withering. In fact, just a single scale could put both Su Yu and the Ghost King into quite a precarious situation.

The demon then scoffed, "So, now you are considering fleeing? It's too late." The demon's body then suddenly shook, and ten scales fell out of it. It then turned into ten black lines, which flew in the air and shot into another distant space.

A figure suddenly appeared, seemingly out of thin air. The figure wore silver clothes and had handsome features. It was none other than the Silver Puppet!

Its hand was holding Su Yu's clone. It had found out Su Yu's position by using the clone, meaning that it might have already been present when Su Yu was fighting the soul old man! However, if it was, none of them had managed to discover it, as it was hiding.

Different from its usual self that always wore a cold smile, the current Silver Puppet revealed a wary look for the first time. It then swiftly retreated back and soared up to one of this place's high peaks. It then flew toward the opening that led to the Jiuzhou Continent.

It had clearly given up on Su Yu and chosen to escape. However, those ten scales were faster than it had expected, and it was already covered by them before it managed to reach that opening.

In just a moment, the Silver Puppet lost most of its cultivation, which was nearing the Divine Master Realm, and it dropped into the middle stage of the Fairy Realm.

The Silver Puppet was horrified by this, and it shouted out in a sharp voice, "There is no feud between us, so why do you want to kill me?"

Panic and alarm were apparent in its flickering gaze. A demon had unexpectedly appeared!

As it shouted in a low voice, red threads, which covered the whole sky, shot out of the Silver Puppet's body, expelling those ten scales. However, countless tentacles came out of those scales, and they drilled into the Silver Puppet's pores, continuing to devour him.

Fear and panic appeared on the Silver Puppet's face, and the blood threads in its body burst out like an erupting volcano. A sea of blood, which covered the whole sky, then soared up and rushed toward the opening.

The sky was dyed in peculiar interchanging black and blood-red colors for a moment. After those ten scales lost track of what they were attached to, they returned back into the demon's body.

The demon curled up the corners of his mouth and revealed a cruel smile. He then said, "Humph! Even a trifling puppet dare to try escaping from my grasp?" While he was speaking, his body disappeared from its former place.

As the giant sea of blood was rushing toward the opening, the expression of the Silver Puppet, which was hiding within that sea, was quite unsightly, and it was exerting all of its power to fly into that opening.

However, a black ray flickered at this moment, and the demon, who was clasping his hands behind his back, stood at the opening and blocked it. The Silver Puppet was overwhelmed with shock, but since the exit was so close, it clenched its teeth and controlled that sea of blood, sending it rushing towards the opening.

That demon coldly scoffed at him. "Do you only know such pathetic moves?"

The demon extended his palm and waved it towards that sea of blood, then clenched his hand. That sea of blood, which filled the sky, seemed like it was held by some invisible giant hand, and it started being absorbed into the demon's palm immediately.

After just a moment, the sea of blood disappeared, and only the Silver Puppet was left, still held by that palm. The Silver Puppet's eyes were filled with shock and deep fright.

Su Yu looked at the scene in alarm. He was shocked that such a terrifying existence like the Silver Puppet could be this easily defeated by the demon! His heart sank down even further at this moment.

Swoosh!

As a devilish ray of light flickered, the demon, who was holding the Silver Puppet like how someone would hold a weak chick, returned back to his former place.

He sized the puppet up for a while, then nodded and said, "You are still acceptable, although your absorption ability is too inferior. However, I can still use it."

The Silver Puppet was overwhelmed with horror at this moment, wanting to fight back and struggle. But, it was already incapable of controlling its own body.

The Silver Puppet was just like a toy in front of this demon, unable to fight back. As such, the Silver Puppet felt remorse, shock, and regret.

The puppet had obviously had many opportunities to leave, but yet it still persistently chased after Su Yu to kill him. This had caused it to meet the demon, which was even more terrifying than itself! Even the puppet's consciousness might be wiped out by this demon!

However, the demon didn't immediately swallow the puppet. Instead, he swept his eyes over Su Yu and the Ghost King with his cold gaze.

The Ghost King's tall body was just a pile of bones now, and his aura was already quite feeble. As for Su Yu, he had just one scale left on his body, and his lightning had protected him from it, so he hadn't experienced any major damage.

"I should first deal with you before properly torturing this puppet!" The demon waved his hand at the Ghost King.

Bang!

As a loud sound echoed, the Ghost King shrieked as his body turned into blood and flesh, which then splattered everywhere. The Ghost King had just been killed!

The scales, which were covering his body, started crazily revolving around the splattered blood and flesh, then cleanly devoured every inch of him before returning into the demon's side. The demon's aura immediately strengthened.

"It's your turn." The demon's cold gaze turned to Su Yu as he raised up his hand and waved it at him.

Su Yu felt like his body had suffered an unimaginable oppressing force that seemed like it would cause him to shortly explode. His heart was intensely thumping and he clearly felt death approaching.

He shouted in a low voice as a longsword that was flickering with lightning flew out of his chest. After this Cosmos Thunder Sword appeared, it turned into an arc of lightning that attacked the remaining scale on Su Yu's body.

The Thunder Sword contained dense thunderbolt energy, which was incomparable to the thunder that was cultivated by Su Yu himself, and when that black scale suffered such an intense lightning attack, it immediately fell off of him, then quickly dimmed and fell on the ground. It was as if it had just died!

After he got rid of that scale, Su Yu attacked with his sword as he retreated back. In this way, he was able to escape from that terrifying oppressing force!

The demon coldly smiled, then said, "A semi-manufactured lightning magical treasure! That is truly the bane of demons! But, it's too weak!"

After saying this, the demon raised up his hand. Instantly, the Thunder Sword in Su Yu's hands seemed like it had been caught by an irresistible suction force, and as it flickered, it flew right into the demon's palm!

A sizzling sound echoed as the Thunder Sword's lightning came into contact with the demon's scales. A layer of black demonic energy then rose up! The demon wore a faint cold smile as he clenched his fist...

Bang!

The Cosmos Thunder Sword then exploded into countless pieces, each flickering with lightning. Seeing that his sword was destroyed, Su Yu's complexion was pale.

"Do you have another lightning magical treasure? If so, why don't you use all of them?" The demon then raised up his hand once again and waved it at Su Yu.

In such a precarious moment, Su Yu surprisingly became calm, as he was now resigned to his fate. So, he coldly replied, "It's still not over. Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture, open up!"

As Su Yu shouted, he waved all of his fingers, then started quickly weaving signs. However, nothing happened.

The demon slightly furrowed his brows, as he was bewildered by Su Yu's actions. However, after a moment, he abruptly looked under his feet. There, he saw rubbles of a ruin that had formed a space that was a perfect hiding spot!

There was a black scroll coming up from that underground place, which came flying out of it. The scroll then slowly began to open up...

Chapter 576 – Great Sun Punishment Fairy

Strands of black flames emanated slowly from the within the scroll, causing the demonic energy to move away frantically. The black sky had suddenly disappeared, and the world seemed bright once again.

Also, the ground had melted into pools of lava, and all of the mountains and plants had been badly burned. In fact, as the scroll opened, the flames continued to spread from the wasteland to the five peaks, then from the five peaks to the entire space beyond.

When the scroll was only half opened, the Eighth level of the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion had already become a world of flames! The demon, who had been at the center of the flames, had not expected this at all!

"Flames of the Heavenly Disaster?" The demon's face revealed a look of shock. "How is this possible? What kind of scroll is capable of sealing the Flames of the Heavenly Disaster?"

The Heavenly Disaster contained a special type of thunder, which was known as disastrous thunder. Likewise, the Heavenly Disaster also contained flames known as disastrous flames.

The disastrous flames were in fact sealed within the Great Sun Punishment Fairy's Picture! This Fairy level cultivation technique allowed the user to engulf all of the flames in the world and then use them at will!

Manipulating this scroll required Vital Energy, which was why Su Yu was only able to use it now. When he had chosen to hide from the Silver Puppet in this place, he buried the scroll beneath the ground in preparation to launch an against the Silver Puppet. Unexpectedly, it had instead been used against the demon!

"Open!" Su Yu yelled in a low tone, causing the scroll to successfully open halfway!

A ball of black flames then floated upwards! Oddly, although the surrounding area was flaming hot, the black flame itself emitted no heat whatsoever.

Despite this, the demon looked very frightened. Instantly, the demon flew off to get away from the disastrous flames. His purple eyes were filled with a frightful bright light.

Su Yu then, with a thought in his mind, caused the black disastrous flames to quickly catch up with the fleeing demon. Sensing that the disastrous flames were getting closer, the demon had a very frightened expression on his face. He shouted loudly, "Stop it! I will let you live. Stop it now!"

Su Yu was emotionless. With a single thought, the disastrous flames caught up with the demon.

The demon's face darkened significantly. "You deserve to die!"

Then, in the heat of the moment, the demon grabbed against the air. The Silver Puppet, who was dominated by him, suddenly flew to block the flames.

The Silver Puppet's eyes rolled around crazily. It was extremely frightened and shouted at Su Yu angrily, "You darned b*stard, stop it now!"

The only reply it received was Su Yu's cold words. "All of you, die!"

Boom!

The disastrous flames exploded! It looked like the sun was exploding. Endless black flames were shooting across the sky in all directions. Anything that came into contact with them was burned into oblivion.

The vast space had literally been burned into ashes and the sky was filled with purple flames. Then, a pitiful cry was suddenly heard. It had come from the Silver Puppet, who was caught within the brightly burning flames and was rapidly melting away!

The Silver Puppet's body was supposedly made from a very strong material that not even Lü Chuyi could break through. However, its body still slowly melted away into liquid silver, just like normal steel. The Silver Puppet's consciousness was even burned into a comatose state!

The demon, who was hiding behind it, did not fare any better. In fact, 99% of his entire body of black scales had been melted away, revealing his translucent soul body beneath. At this moment, his soul looked very thin and weak.

His Primordial Qi had clearly been greatly damaged, thus weakening it significantly. However, he had still managed to survive!

If not for the Silver Puppet's very strong body material, which he had used to block most of the flames, the demon would have been directly killed by the Fairy level cultivation technique! Now that he had survived, Su Yu was in big trouble!

The black scroll gradually closed up and landed back in Su Yu's shaking palm. Su Yu's was shaking slightly as a result of his using up most of his strength.

Having been through many extreme battles, Su Yu not only used up his Vital Energy, but even his physical strength had reached its limits. Moreover, Su Yu's right arm had been broken during the fight in the Great Bone Palace and still had not yet recovered.

Now, he did not even have enough Vital Energy to manipulate the Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture. Moreover, the demon had not died!

The demon panted as bouts of black demonic energy evaporated from above his face. He was shaking all over and looked absolutely devastated.

His purple pupils were still filled with the remnants of fear after having just cheated death. Immediately, his purple eyes started to emanate anger and a murderous intent.

He then said, "Alright, alright! You have managed to push me into a corner. You should be proud of yourself! If only you had another Fairy to help you, then I might actually have died at your hands. However, now..." As the demon spoke, he emanated a strong murderous energy.

Although he had stayed alive, his Primordial Qi had been affected greatly. He was not even comparable to a Fairy anymore!

Su Yu said coolly, "A Fairy? Hehe, I happen to have one!"

His arm flashed with a green light, and a little girl in a pink robe appeared. Her long eyelashes were like thin fans flapping about. They made her big eyes stand out, almost in a legendary manner.

Her small face and cute nose, coupled with her pink lips, looked exquisitely lovely. Her manner and aura were especially extraordinary! She possessed a strong and lively Vital Energy that could only belong to a Fairy!

The demon froze and looked very unpleasant. Su Yu had unexpectedly called out a Fairy, which was something that the demon was not prepared for at all.

"Sheng Ge, kill him!" Su Yu shouted, while pointing at the demon. The cute little girl was naturally Sheng Ge!

She had been resting in the mountains, when she was suddenly called out by Su Yu. Receiving this order from Su Yu out of the blue made her frown with anger. However, she immediately remembered that she was his slave, so she suppressed her anger and unwillingly focused her attention on the devil.

At first glance, she nearly wanted to run away. She then sucked in a breath of cold air, as she realized that the demon was very weak and looked devastated.

Simultaneously, she noticed that the demon was holding a mass of blurry silver in his hands. When she focused her gaze more closely, she took in another cold breath. "Is that the Silver Puppet?"

Her heart was greatly shocked. She couldn't believe her eyes, as she was staring at such a frightening and evil object.

How could it have been burned into a bunch of steel waste?

Who could have done this?"

As soon as she took a glance at Su Yu, who was behind her, she immediately moved her gaze away. In her heart, she knew that Su Yu was indeed very powerful. However, they were at the same level, so surely he could not possibly be this strong!

“Do you need me to repeat what I said?” Su Yu frowned. He had only just dominated this little girl, and she seemed to be quite unruly and disobedient so far.

Sheng Ge looked at Su Yu emotionlessly and replied, “It will not happen again.”

As she finished speaking, she turned into a cloud of ghost energy and rushed over to the demon.

Bang!

Sheng Ge used her palm to condense the Spiritual Energy that was surrounding her into a huge mark of a palm, then slapped it downwards. With the demon being in such a weakened state, he was unable to handle it, and as the mark of the palm landed on the floor, the remaining black scales on his body were all peeled away, revealing his weak soul within.

Before he could take a breath, Sheng Ge was coming at him again. She opened her little mouth and breathed out a corrosive ghost energy.

The demon’s soul was engulfed by it, while he let out pitiful cries. His soul was being corroded by the ghost energy! The demon’s soul then tumbled around on the ground as he continued to yelp.

“Kill him quickly! Do not show mercy!” Just as Sheng Ge was feeling proud of herself, she suddenly heard Su Yu’s urgent command.

Sheng Ge knew that it was indeed time to end the demon’s life! However, right then, the yelping sound on the ground stopped all of a sudden!

The demon, who was clearly in pain just a moment ago, had suddenly regrown the black scales on his body! Taking a closer look, it could be seen that, throughout the ordeal, he had never let go of the Silver Puppet. Now, the smoky aura around it had dissipated completely!

As the Silver Puppet had swallowed a lot of blood and flesh for its cultivation, all of the energy it had stored up was now fully absorbed by the demon! In the blink of an eye, at least seven-tenths of his body had regrown black scales!

The devastating state of his body had also regenerated! A frightening aura was now slowly emanating from his body!

The demon stood up once again and flicked away the dust from his body. His purple eyes were filled with a playful yet cold expression as he said, “What a shame. Your slave was dumb enough to not end my life as soon as possible, so she has now given me the chance to recover!”

Su Yu blinked coldly. If only Sheng Ge had killed him earlier! Even after Su Yu had commanded her forcefully, she had not taken him seriously!

It was this kind of attitude which caused the change in circumstances and allowed this frightening demon to regain his power. Feeling the suffocating evil energy, Sheng Ge felt like she had just awakened from a dream. Now that she was facing a formidable opponent, her heart was racing.

“Now, you will have no more opportunities!” The demon laughed teasingly and disappeared in a flash.

Sheng Ge's face changed suddenly, then she turned and tried to teleport away! However, the scary power of the demon was beyond Sheng Ge's expectations, as before she could move, her neck was grabbed by a frightening demonic claw that was covered in scales!

All the energy in her body had been sealed up, so she could neither move nor fight back! Sheng Ge suddenly became very scared and her heart beat wildly. This demon was too frightening!

She felt a deep regret in her heart for not listening to Su Yu! Now, she had caused her own life to be in peril!

"Once I swallow you, I could recover nearly one-tenth of my strength," the demon said coolly.

The scales on his body suddenly flew out in a circle and shot towards Sheng Ge. Once they latched onto Sheng Ge's body, it would only take a few breaths' time for them to suck her energy dry!

Sheng Ge was panicking. Her mind finally became fully aware of what was happening and she felt intensely regretful.

Su Yu stared at him coldly, yet the demon just kept laughing coldly. He then said, "There is no need to rush. Once I suck her dry, I will accompany you. Then! We! Shall! Play!" The last few words were spoken through gritted teeth. It could be seen how much he hated Su Yu.

All of a sudden, it was as if the universe had roared and the sky was blown apart, as a very loud and clear sound reverberated through everyone's ears. It was a strong virile energy that could even deter demons!

The demon's hand froze as his face suddenly changed. He then said, "That is disastrous thunder!"

Su Yu's face relaxed somewhat, as his expression changed into one of relief. "The final trump card made it in time after all..."

Chapter 577: The Disastrous Thunder Annihilated the Demon

A white-clothed man, who was holding a multicolored imperial jade seal, was rushing towards them, and there was a ferocious-looking small purple beast that was chasing after him. It was emitting a Purple Heavenly Lightning that seemed extremely terrifying!

The clothes of the white-clothed man, whose head and face was covered in grime, were torn to pieces by the lightning, and his flesh was lacerated in many places. He seemed quite miserable and pitiful.

The multicolored imperial jade seal was Su Yu's Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal. As for the white-clothed man, he was one of the Yufeng faction's disciples and Zheng Zhijing's younger brother.

That day in the stone statue forest, the two of them had tried to assault Xia Yujing, and while Zheng Zhijing had managed to escape, his younger brother had been subdued by Su Yu.

"Why has the disastrous thunder appeared here?" The demon's expression stiffened once again, and he spoke in a deep voice, "Is this creature the legendary lightning spirit that was sealed in the five peaks?"

Lu Chuyu once said to Su Yu that the five peaks had two types of dangers. The first was the descendants of the guards, which would kill anyone entering the peaks by every possible means.

The second one was even more dangerous! It was the lightning spirit, and even Almighty Divine Masters would be in great danger if they ran into it. Although no one knew where that lightning spirit was laying dormant, they all knew that once it awakened, they would be in great danger!

Back in the place of legacy, Su Yu had once felt a dormant terrifying aura underneath the ground. He knew that had to be the lightning spirit.

After all, it was the most terrifying existence in the five peaks, perhaps even in the whole Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion! It was because of this that he secretly arranged for this Yufeng faction's disciple to be on standby there, so that he could awaken the dormant lightning spirit once Su Yu ran into danger.

The Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal was capable of absorbing all of this world's disastrous thunder and lightning, and if it tried absorbing that lightning spirit, then it would surely wake it up. So, it seemed like everything had gone exactly according to his plan!

The lightning spirit was infuriated now, so it began crazily chasing after that white-clothed disciple, who was now holding the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal.

Swoosh!

After several minutes passed, that white-clothed disciple came over to them, and the demon, whose gaze was fixed on the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal in his hands, sucked in a breath of air and asked, "Is that a prototype fairy artifact?"

He then hesitated for a while, but chose to give up on obtaining it. The lightning spirit continued to relentlessly chase after the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal.

The white-clothed disciple smoothly reached Su Yu's side and handed the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal to him, then fearfully stood behind him.

The disciple was both frightened and angered at this moment. When Su Yu had explained his task to him, Su Yu had just said that he needed to hide within the place of legacy.

So, the disciple had assumed that it was something like an ambush. He never expected that his task was to provoke the legendary lightning spirit! After all, that was an existence that could kill even Almighty Divine Masters!

He had barely managed to survive by withstanding the shockwaves of the lightning spirit's attacks. He had done this by depending upon the faint disastrous thunder within the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal. Without the seal, he would have already been annihilated!

"You did well." Su Yu faintly smiled as he received the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal from him. He then waved his hand and dispelled the seal that had been cast upon the white-clothed disciple.

"You can leave now," he announced.

After the white-clothed disciple left, the purple lightning spirit began staring at the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal in Su Yu's hands. It was extremely wary of this treasure.

The demon averted his gaze. Then, as the lightning spirit wasn't paying attention to the demon, he tried to escape. However, at this moment, a mass of pink fog appeared around the demon's body.

A small kylin was holding a multicolored imperial jade seal in its mouth, and he could see that the seal was a Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal! When he took another look at Su Yu, he saw that the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal had already disappeared from his hands!

The small kylin was holding the Thunder Seal in its mouth, happily running circles around the demon. The demon was extremely astonished.

His heart suddenly thumped, and as he swept the lightning spirit out of the corners of his eyes, he found that its attention followed the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal and was being directed to its body.

"Beast!" The demon was alarmed and frightened by this, as lightning was the demons' nemesis, and what was before him was actually disastrous thunder! He angrily roared and waved his hand at the small kylin.

The small kylin only slightly groaned. Then, as its body's pink fog flickered, its whole body, along with the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal, transformed from a physical state into an illusory state.

No matter how powerful the demon was, he was still incapable of harming the small kylin. The demon was infuriated by it, so he decided to flee.

However, the lightning spirit had already responded, and as it roared in a deep voice, more lightning started to rain down from the sky, and a bolt of lightning, which had a disastrous nature, struck towards him.

The demon then put Sheng Ge's body in front of him to block the lightning. However, at this moment, the demon felt like his hands were holding onto nothing!

The small kylin then opened its mouth and sucked in a breath, then took Sheng Ge from the demon's hands and turned him into an illusory figure as well! That purple lightning bolt then directly bombarded the demon's body!

"Ahh!" The demon's pitiful scream echoed out. Although he used his whole strength to block the purple lightning's attack, he failed.

It was only after he absorbed the Silver Puppet that his cultivation had managed to recover back to the Later Stage of the Fairy Realm. Now, because of this bolt of lightning, it had returned back to the Early Stage of the Fairy Realm.

The small kylin was holding onto its belly and laughing in mid-air, constantly gesticulating with its forelegs and taking great pleasure in the demon's misfortunes! When the lightning spirit saw that his attack was completely incapable of damaging the Thunder Seal, it became angered and emitted another reverberation of disastrous thunder.

As a rumbling sound echoed, another bolt of lightning fell upon it. However, it was completely incapable of affecting the small kylin, which was in its illusory state.

After it suffered through two attacks of the disastrous thunder, the demon only had a small part of his soul left, and even his consciousness had started to become muddled. It could even be said that it had almost been killed a moment ago!

“Roar!” The lightning spirit viciously waved its claws at the small kylin in a threatening manner.

However, the small kylin just held its head up high and extended its foreleg, then raised up its biggest finger and pushed it downward. Such a meaningful gesture of disdain startled Su Yu, and he didn’t know whether to laugh or cry when he saw it.

The lightning spirit was also bewildered by it, so it scratched its head in confusion. Although it didn’t know what the gesture meant, it still felt that it could not have any good meaning, so it couldn’t help but bare its fangs and show its teeth in anger as a response.

The lightning spirit wasn’t dumb, and it already discovered that the small kylin was deliberately infuriating it, as well as using it to attack the demon. It threateningly bared its teeth, then turned around and left.

The small kylin chuckled. Then, while holding onto the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal, it returned to Su Yu’s side, then proudly raised its small head up. It was obvious that it was showing off.

“I will reward you later,” said Su Yu. He then directed his gaze to the demon, not daring to lower his guard.

A white flame then shot out of Su Yu’s eyes and engulfed the demon’s body. The demon, who was in a stupor, didn’t put up any resistance, so he was gradually burned by this soul flame into a black smoke, which then permeated out into the air.

Su Yu’s gaze flickered, and he waved his sleeves and sucked one remaining strand of the demon’s black hair into his palm. He was somewhat astonished when he observed it. This strand of black hair was only a few inches long, and it was perfectly straight and hard, like a needle.

“Was this the demon’s original form?” Su Yu asked, somewhat astonished.

At this moment, a feeble voice spread out from a deep place underground. “No, that’s just a strand of the demon’s hair.

As the ground cracked open, an extremely weak and feeble ghost that was the size of a normal human came out of the ground. From his figure, it could be easily seen that he was none other than the Ghost King, who everyone had thought was killed by the demon!

Unlike before, the Ghost King was now extremely feeble. He was even weaker than a Half God, so it would be easy for Su Yu to defeat him now.

“Are you saying that the demon we ran into was just a strand of the hair of a true demon?” Su Yu was extremely alarmed and terrified by this thought.

The Ghost King gravely nodded. “It’s just a strand of hair. The soul body old man had both a peerless Buddhist treasure and the strand of the hair of a demon. So, he probably came across these remnants from some old battlefield of buddhas and demons. Now, they both belong to you.”

The Ghost King's face was filled with shock, and he couldn't help but gasp in amazement at how many hidden cards Su Yu had. This lad was indeed scheming and careful, and he was even someone who went through many trials and hardships. As such, the Ghost King couldn't help but admire him.

"This strand of demon's hair contains a pure demonic power, and it's an excellent material for refining an apex demonic magical treasure. If you hand it to a great crafting master, then he may manage to refine a top-grade spiritual artifact with it. Moreover, if you had other demonic materials, he might even manage to refine a fairy artifact out of it!"

A fairy artifact? Su Yu felt a rush of excitement when he heard this, as he didn't have many spiritual artifacts, let alone a fairy artifact! The value of this demon's hair truly surpassed his expectations!

He carefully sealed the strand of demon's hair, then raised his hand and grabbed the melted Silver Puppet. The Silver Puppet's whole body's energy had been absorbed by the demon, and its consciousness was muddled. In fact, it was just a ball of extremely hard, silver metal now, not much different from ordinary scrap iron.

He recalled how awe-inspiring the Silver Puppet had been, and how, even Lü Chuyi, who was an Almighty Divine Master, had tried to evade it.

Thus, it was lamentable that it was crazily swallowing countless living beings, only to have been ultimately swallowed by a demon! Alas, its suffering such a fate was most likely heaven's retribution.

Chapter 578: Repressive Punishment

Using his hand to sweep across the silver material, Su Yu wiped out the Silver Puppet's remaining consciousness. At this point, the Silver Puppet had become a mesh of lifeless silver material.

This kind of metallic material was rare and difficult to acquire, so naturally, Su Yu would not let it slip by so easily. As he was searching around its body, Su Yu unexpectedly discovered a ruler. It was the Six Directional Ruler that was used by Bai Yijian!

It contained the Divine Decree of Tian Jizi and was capable of predicting an enemy's attack! Moreover, it could add protective measures to defend against the attack. It was truly miraculous!

Since Bai Yijian had been swallowed by the Silver Puppet, this treasure naturally had fallen into the hands of the Silver Puppet. Now, it belonged to Su Yu.

Su Yu could not help but feel giddy. Although Su Yu did not have a real need for any protective treasures, he knew that Xianer and Xia Jingyu certainly did.

Once he was done searching, Su Yu placed the silver material into the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl. He then began to search the floor.

After searching thoroughly, Su Yu finally found the Ghost Suppressing Golden Ring that had been retrieved by the soul old man. Having experienced a grueling battle, the Ghost Suppressing Golden Ring had become significantly darker in tone. This revealed that it had lost quite a bit of its Spiritual Qualities.

After finding it, Su Yu finally stopped searching. He lifted his gaze and looked towards the Ghost King and asked coolly, "Why have you not left yet?"

The Ghost King then lifted his head and looked towards the opening in the sky that was a short distance away. He smiled bitterly and answered, "If I could leave, why would I be here, risking to appear in front of you?"

"What are you trying to say?" Su Yu's eyes flashed.

The Ghost King laughed bitterly. "That opening requires someone with Fairy abilities to pass through. Now that my power has decreased significantly, I was hoping that you are able to give me a hand!"

Hearing this, Su Yu was not moved. "Why should I help you?"

"Hehe, of course I would not ask for your help and offer nothing in return. Tell me then, what is it that you want?" the Ghost King asked.

Su Yu finally smiled. "That is more like it! Okay, I want two things! Firstly, the Buddhism Relic! Do not tell me that you left it behind at the Zhenlong Continent with the ghost clan, as I won't believe you!"

Hearing this, the Ghost King froze. He had explained to the soul old man that he had left the Buddhism Relic behind at the Zhenlong Continent. However, Su Yu was clearly doubting the truthfulness of his statement.

After hesitating for a moment, the Ghost King reluctantly nodded his head. "Alright, as long as you help me get out of here, the Buddhism Relic is yours!" The treasure was indeed with him after all, as he was only fibbing about having left it behind!

Su Yu, however, was not done with his demands. "Secondly, give me a cultivation technique that is capable of controlling ghosts! As the Ghost King, you are very familiar with ghosts and have far more knowledge than the human clan. Don't tell me that you don't have it!"

The Ghost King's face sank. "Are you trying to control me? How dare you ask me for a technique to manipulate ghosts? Young man, what do you think I am?"

Su Yu laughed loudly. "If I had wanted to use you, why would I even waste time blabbering with you now? Based on your current state, it would not be very difficult for me to capture you!"

Whoosh!

Su Yu gave the little kylin a look, and the little kylin understood him immediately. Suddenly, the little kylin emitted a flow of energy from its mouth.

From the flow of energy, a small figure appeared. It was Sheng Ge!

Her face was filled with dirt and her facial expression revealed slight emotions of hatred and anger. Sensing that she had been moved outside, she immediately suppressed her emotional looks and pretended to be congratulatory.

Seeing this, the Ghost King let out a sigh of relief. The Heavenly Ghost had nearly caused a catastrophe, after all! The Ghost King had observed this and understood the meaning that Su Yu was trying to convey.

“So, that is the real reason! Although I do not have manipulative techniques, I do have experience with disobedient youngsters! I have some knowledge on how to train them to be obedient. If you do not look down upon my notes, you can read them.” The Ghost King said.

He then took out a jade pendant, placed it against his forehead, and transferred some consciousness into it. The consciousness contained the methods for controlling ghosts that the Ghost King used himself.

Su Yu accepted it eagerly and placed it against his own forehead. His expression was one of great satisfaction.

Sheng Ge was observing what was happening. Hearing that Su Yu wanted to find ways to fully control her, she felt a surge of anger in her heart and was deeply unhappy. However, she managed to conceal her emotions very well. Yet, Su Yu was still able to sense the flash of hatred in her eyes, so Su Yu’s own eyes turned cold in response.

“Alright, hand over the Buddhist Relic, then I will send you off!” Su Yu said.

The Ghost King nonchalantly retrieved a jade box. This box contained the golden and shiny Buddhist Relic. The density of the Buddha was far greater than the Ghost Suppressing Golden Ring!

“This jade box contains a thread of my consciousness. If I were to manipulate it with a thought, the consciousness would cause an explosion. Then, the Buddhist Relic would be destroyed!” The Ghost King tossed the jade box over to Su Yu.

“How can I be sure that you won’t cause it to explode once you have returned to Jiuzhou?” Su Yu asked him.

The Ghost King chuckled. “You do not have to worry about that. Jiuzhou is incapable of penetrating the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. Therefore, once I return to Jiuzhou, I will not be able to connect with the consciousness on the jade box. When that happens, you can easily wipe away the consciousness.”

After hearing his words, Su Yu checked the box thoroughly. Once he was certain that the consciousness could indeed be wiped away, he finally relaxed a bit.

“Sheng Ge, come over here!” Su Yu extended his palm, sacrificed a drop of his own blood essence, then infused it with thunderbolt energy. Thereafter, he combined the two and used the concoction placed a mark on the center of Sheng Ge’s forehead.

Although Sheng Ge instinctively resisted this, once her gaze met Su Yu’s cold stare, she bit her teeth together and endured the mark to be placed on her forehead.

Immediately, a fresh red mark appeared between her brows. It was like a cloud of fire, and it gave her already cute looks an added energy of vibrancy.

“Go ahead, lend him a hand and send him to Jiuzhou!” Su Yu waved his sleeves and ordered her coolly.

Sheng Ge's eyes flashed brightly. Her eyes were filled with excitement, despite her emotionless face. She then shouted, "Yes, Master!"

Once she finished speaking, she grabbed the Ghost King and headed for the opening in the sky. After half an hour, the opening that the demon had blasted through had closed up significantly. Now, it only one person could pass through through it.

Sheng Ge's ghost energy vibrated greatly as she tossed the Ghost King into the opening with a single move. The light screen flashed as the Ghost King successfully passed through!

However, just before passed through, the Ghost King turned back to look at Su Yu with a deep gaze. His look was hard to read, and Su Yu couldn't tell if it was revealing a sense of gratitude or something else entirely.

The Ghost King said once again, "It is better if you leave the Zhenlong Continent as soon as possible, or else it will all be too late!" As he finished speaking, he disappeared completely within the light screen.

After he had departed, Sheng Ge's eyes flashed brightly. She then tried to enter the opening and follow after him!

Su Yu yelled coolly, "I knew it!"

As soon as he had finished speaking, with a single thought in his heart, he caused the cloud of fire in the center of Sheng Ge's forehead to began to burn! The pain that this inflicted upon her soul caused Sheng Ge to yell painfully and fall from the sky.

However, Sheng Ge gritted her teeth and said, "Ah, this must be the Great Blood Thunder Technique used to control ghosts! Unfortunately, I have also used this technique before, so I already have the technique to overcome it!"

As she was a ghost, Sheng Ge also understood the Fire Cloud Seal and knew how to control it! As such, Sheng Ge channeled all of her ghost energy to the center of her forehead.

Her ghost energy then engulfed the entire cloud of fire! Although the thunderbolt in the cloud of fire was very quickly being melted away by the ghost energy, it could not be done fast enough.

While enduring the excruciating pain, Sheng Ge used the little time that she had left to rush towards the opening. As he was watching her, Su Yu's facial expression did not change.

He then asked, "Have you forgotten something?"

Her soul still contained the Great Thunder Heart Technique that Su Yu had planted within her! Hence, all Su Yu needed to do was manipulate it with a single thought, then he could destroy her soul!

However, Sheng Ge did not seem afraid. Instead, she revealed a cunning smile and said, "Go ahead and try me!"

Su Yu's heart and whirled, but to his surprise, he could not connect with the mark left by the fusion of her soul and the thunderbolt!

"Hehe, I have been through catastrophes that you can't even imagine! You are too naïve to believe that you can dominate me with a mere soul mark!" Sheng Ge

laughed for a long while before pointing towards the center of her forehead with a finger.

She then removed the entire mark of the cloud of fire, as well as the mark in her soul! With a crushing sound, she destroyed the two marks with all five of her fingers.

This lady had experienced a great ordeal. For an ordinary person, implanting a seal would have granted them absolute control over another's soul. However, in Sheng Ge's case, she had already devised ways to break free from it!

She had hidden her motives all this while, pretending to obey Su Yu. Now, she was ready to fulfill her plan and break free! In fact, she was almost able to return to Jiuzhou!

However, Su Yu, who had stayed on the ground was calm and composed, asked coolly. "Am I really naïve?"

Sheng Ge's heart thumped. She had a bad feeling about this, as his words and manner sent chills down her spine.

Right then, she felt an excruciating pain in her head, and a layer of white flames started emanating from within her soul! Her soul was being burned by the soul flame!

Crying in pain, Sheng Ge fell to the ground! When her body hit the earth, a giant pit was formed.

Blood was gushing out from her mouth and her body was experiencing great spasms. She yelled out in pain, "Stop it! Stop it right now! I admit that I was wrong!"

However, Su Yu was not moved at all. He just stared at her coldly and said, "The Great Blood Thunder Technique is no ordinary blood thunder. It also contains my soul flame, which I inserted into your mind! So, it seems like your vast experiences are still not sufficient to thwart me!" Su Yu said coolly.

Thereafter, Su Yu waved his hand and removed a big portion of the soul flame from within Sheng Ge's body. However, there was still a small flame burning within her soul.

Zoom.

With the flash of a bright golden light, Su Yu tossed the Ghost Suppressing Golden Ring towards her, which then entrapped her. Immediately, he threw her into the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl.

Using his thoughts, he sealed her in a corner of the mountains and forced her soul to be continuously grilled by the flame. All this while, Sheng Ge was in great pain. Her face turned white and she begged him continuously, "I dare not do it again. Please let me go, Master!"

Although she looked very pitiful, Su Yu did not show her any compassion. His gaze was calm as ever.

He then said, "Think about what you have done. We will talk when you are truly ready to call me your Master."

Hearing this, Sheng Ge stopped begging. She immediately fell into a fit of tears. "How dare someone like you try to enslave me? Just wait until my Master finds you. He will make you wish you were dead!"

Master? Oh? Su Yu did not know that Sheng Ge still had another master.

“Hehe, it will be good if he can find me. Then, I can completely destroy the relation between you two!” Su Yu said.

Based on Su Yu’s current might, Sheng Ge could not really offer him much help. The reason he tortured the girl was to punish her for her carelessness in dealing with the demon during the Great Battle. She had nearly got all of them killed, which greatly angered Su Yu!

After such an emotional interaction, Su Yu decided to rest for a while to recover. At this point, the Silver Puppet had died, the descendants of the guards had become extinct, and he had just overcome the most frightening demon!

Su Yu felt an immense pressure lift off his chest, which allowed him to finally relax. With a long sigh of relief, Su Yu stood up, locked his gaze onto the five peaks, and soared into the sky!

Chapter 579: The Exchange Festival

There was no one left on the Divine Sparrow Stage. This was because a great battle had just occurred in the Great Bone Palace, which had been followed by an even more terrifying fight, so no one had dared to stay here.

After Su Yu entered into the place of legacy, he didn’t find any trace of the Ice Soul Divine Dream Spell. He wondered whether it had been destroyed by the Silver Puppet or taken by some cultivator.

Su Yu’s body flickered, and all that filled his eyes was utter destruction. The beast bones that had been there had disappeared, along with the lightning material and the Desolate Sea Lost Pearl, which he hadn’t had enough time to take away with him before.

Su Yu was somewhat disappointed, realizing that he was too late. He was wondering who took the beast bones and the Desolate Sea Lost Pearl.

Those beast bones were the bones of an All Creation Realm beast, and they were extremely precious. In fact, if Su Yu wanted to repair his Eternal Stone King Armor, he would need exactly these types of materials.

As for the Desolate Sea Lost Pearl, it was a lightning material of the highest quality. He also needed it to refine the prototype Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal into a fairy artifact.

Thus, it was a pity that both of them had been taken by someone else. Su Yu swept his gaze across the whole place, and when he was about to give up and leave, he noticed Bai Zhe’s corpse.

It had been cut by Su Yu’s three golden swords into three pieces. Su Yu looked at the corpse. It was just laying there motionlessly.

Su Yu flew towards it and searched it, finding a blood-red gourd on which a ghost face was depicted. This was the Ghost Gourd, which was filled by the Blood Alcohol that had been refined by Bai Yijian and his son via the sacrifice of their whole clan. At that time, after Bai Zhe drank just a mouthful of it, his cultivation had drastically risen to the Fairy Realm.

Su Yu felt a chill run down his spine as he held this Blood Gourd. This was because it was filled with the blood of the whole Bai Clan!

If he wanted to increase his cultivation, he needed to drink from it, but just thinking about such a thing made him shiver all over. After all, he saw no difference between drinking human blood and cannibalism!

He suppressed his impulse to throw it away and kept it instead, even though the energy contained within it was extremely terrifying. After he observed his surroundings one last time and affirmed that he didn't leave anything behind, Su Yu left, thinking to himself as he flew away...

I wonder how Xia Yujing is doing now? She should have been able to escape...

As he was Silver Puppet's target, it shouldn't have the leisure of chasing after Xia Yujing, who should have already escaped by this time. However, despite this, he was still extremely worried.

Su Yu felt quite lonely, even though he had been separated from Xia Yujing for just two of three days. However, he still felt like those several days had been years!

Now, they were both in different places and neither of them knew whether the other was still alive or not! This made him frustrated and sad!

Su Yu became lost in his thoughts and stood motionlessly for a long while, then looked at the Divine Sparrow Stage. His journey in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion would end here.

What he needed to do now was to participate in the Exchange Festival, which would eventually be held at the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. Su Yu's gaze recovered its luster at this moment, as he was focusing on his current goal.

He needed three materials, and he had no idea where he could get the Lightning Avoiding Silver Pearl and the Blood of a Real Dragon, so he could only place his hope in finding them at this festival. Luckily, he still had had four days before its beginning.

After Su Yu realized that he still had four days, he flew far away, finding a safe place to recover from his injuries and wait. After half a day had passed, the sound of two people flying in the air echoed in his ears.

There were two women with beautiful bodies standing in mid-air. One of their bodies was engulfed in mist. This one had an extremely beautiful and slim body, and her face was even more beautiful.

However, her beautiful face was filled with worry at this moment. She was Xia Yujing! She had come back! After she had found a place for the Empire of Darkness's Great Lords to settle down, she had hurriedly come here!

The White Lotus Faction's Sheng Xuelian, who was beside her, asked, "Sister Yujing, their corpses aren't here, so shouldn't Su Yu have successfully escaped? As he had many treasures, it wouldn't have been impossible for him to do do!"

Sheng Xuelian spoke in a reassuring voice. However, her brows were still furrowed and she was still extremely worried.

Xia Yujing's expression only became sadder, her eyes brimming with tears. She wasn't clear how many times Su Yu had saved her, and she didn't know how she could ever repay him.

It seemed like Sheng Xuelian was able to see through Xia Yujing, so she asked in confusion, "What's your relationship with Su Yu? It seems like the two of you are quite close."

Xia Yujing came back to her senses when she heard this, and she tried to put on a calm front as she replied casually, "He's just an old friend."

“Your old friend? I never once saw a mere friend risk his life for another so passionately!” Sheng Xuelian smiled as she spoke.

After Xia Yujing had prepared a way for retreat for the Great Lords, she had also returned the Empire of Darkness’s peerless treasure, the Feather Needle of Darkness.

As she returned it, she had even asked them to transmit some words for the King of Darkness in case she didn’t manage to come back, those words were obviously her last words, and they had been meant for none other than Su Yu.

As such, she was obviously prepared to die when coming back here, so such deep feelings and sentiments could not be explained away by something as simple as a friendship.

Xia Yujing blushed and became somewhat flustered after Sheng Xuelian had seen right through her. After collecting herself, she said, “Our relationship is really good, but it’s impossible for anything else to happen between us.”

Sheng Xuelian seemed quite interested in the subject, so she said with a smile, “It seems like you truly love him. After all, his strength and potential, as well as his good looks are all outstanding and rarely seen, so what’s strange about your loving him?”

Xia Yujing was lost in her own thoughts, so she did not reply.

“So, does Su Yu love you back? Since he risked his life for you to let you escape first, it should be obvious that he loves you,” said Sheng Xuelian.

When she heard her words, Xia Yujing’s heart became filled with joy. However, as she recalled the happenings between them, which didn’t have the slightest bit of romance, her eyes became dimmer and she laughed at herself, feeling foolish.

Sheng Xuelian just smiled in response, while she looked at Xia Yujing with a glittering gaze. After that, four days quickly passed by...

The Divine Sparrow Stage began to be filled with people. It seemed like they had started to return, feeling that the previous dangers had since disappeared.

In fact, they were currently more than five or six hundred people on it, which was double of the amount that it had when Su Yu had first come here! Many geniuses from different factions, as well as wandering cultivators, were all gathered together.

“Young miss Sheng, can I ask you when the Exchange Festival will start?” A Half God Realm expert respectfully asked Sheng Xuelian.

After many talented experts had died or left this place, Sheng Xuelian became one of the most powerful experts. As such, she had been elected as the Exchange Festival’s host.

“Wait for just a little while longer, please. The Jiuzhou Continent’s Mysterious Heavenly Stage is being connected to this place now, and there will be many elders who will pass through it to participate in the Exchange Festival,” she answered politely.

The Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion was rich with resources, and many of the old monsters in the outside world were tempted by it. Hence, they wanted to make exchanges for those treasures before the disciples returned back to their factions.

“Young Miss Sheng, can I ask whether you know which elder will come to this time Festival?” asked a disciple, his eyes filled with expectation.

Sheng Xuelian wore a faint smile and asked back, “What? Are you too impatient to exchange with those elders because you found some extraordinary treasure already?”

The expression of the person who had just been asked this stiffened. He then smiled uncomfortably and said, “Young Miss Sheng, are you cracking a joke? I didn’t pass even the five peaks, so how would it be possible for me to find a treasure?”

His outward expression was bashful, while he was inwardly quite wary and vigilant. He could sense that, at the very least, seven gazes were currently onto locked him.

The hearts of many other people, who had also wanted to question her, now shivered. They immediately decided to keep quiet and maintain low-profiles instead.

Swoosh!

The sound of several people flying in the air echoed as a powerful aura spread out of the sky. That aura belonged to someone who was very close to breaking through to the Fairy Realm!

Many geniuses were astonished, as according to what they knew, there were only a handful of geniuses at such a level in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion! These included the Soul Seizing Palace’s Chou Zeming and the Returning Principal Faction’s Yang Yidao, the Purple Cloud Palace’s mysterious woman, Lü Chuyi, and the Red Blood Palace’s Shangguan Qinger. As such, there was no one at the peak of the Three Crystal Realm other than the four of them!

This made the crown wonder if the aura, which appeared here, was that of some powerful existence who had a fortuitous encounter and was somehow able to break through to the peak of the Three Crystal Realm!

All of a sudden, an extremely gentle-looking and beautifully feminine man in his twenties flew up. His forehead had the imprint of a black moon on it. He took his place in the middle of three gorgeous-looking women, making him appear like a bright moon that was surrounded by stars.

“Heiyue Langjun?” Some of the people immediately recognized him couldn’t help but cry out in alarm simultaneously.

Even if there weren’t four hundred wandering cultivators here, there should be at the very least three hundred and ninety one, and many of them cried out at the same time! From just their reactions alone, it was clear how famous he was!

“Even a person like him came to the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion?” One onlooker gasped, while many people clicked their tongues in wonder, talking among themselves...

“It’s said that Heiyue Langjun was fancied by one of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands’ three great wandering cultivators, Yang Mo, and was taken by him to be one of his official disciples!”

“His cultivation has already reached the Half-God Realm!”

“It’s also said that Heiyue Langjun was greatly doted on by Yang Mo, and he had many astonishing treasures in his hands. Moreover, it is said that he also got many precious treasures in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. So, this Exchange Festival should be quite magnificent with him here!”

Amid the crowd’s chatter, Heiyue Langjun gently and leisurely floated down to the ground. His extremely beautiful and effeminate complexion made many women blush.

Heiyue Langjun’s watery eyes, which seemed like limpid water, swept the surroundings. Then, an extremely soft voice transmitted from his throat, “Why aren’t the Purple Cloud Palace’s and the Red Blood Palace’s disciples here? Moreover, why is an insignificant disciple from the White Lotus Faction taking charge?”

The people looked at each other in dismay, not knowing how to react. How could they know that, besides Lü Chuyi, all of them had died? Moreover, Yang Yidao had even died at Su Yu’s hands!

In contrast, Sheng Xuelian’s expression was calm and peaceful, even when she heard his words.

Heiyue Langjun laughed as he continued, not waiting for an answer. “Fine, as long as you can justly and impartially uphold your position, then you can continue taking charge. If you can’t, then I will have to step in.”

Many wandering cultivators became more spirited when they heard his words. After all, Heiyue Langjun was also a wandering cultivator, so such dominating words from him let allowed them to feel more proud of themselves.

Meanwhile, the expression of the factions’ disciples became immediately tense.

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The few proud geniuses of their factions had disappeared. Meanwhile, a wandering martial artist had shocked the entire audience!

Right then, a loud laugh came from beyond the clouds. “Hahaha, the Exchange Festival of the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion has always been controlled by my faction’s disciples! Since when has it become a place for a wandering martial artist to steal the spotlight?”

The crazy laughter was accompanied by a very strong aura. Within the aura, a beast-like barbaric aura had also been hidden.

If one looked closely into the aura, a curly-haired, bearded man could be observed! He was dressed in a straw-like shirt and wore a bamboo hat. The aura emanating from him was very strong. He had reached the level of three Vital Energy Crystals!

“It’s Mister Nan Wu from the Tiexuan faction!” one disciple exclaimed happily. “My God! Before he arrived here, he was only at the level of two Vital Energy Crystals! Did he really already break through to the level of three Vital Energy Crystals?”

Although Mister Nan Wu had only recently broken through, so his abilities may not be as strong as Heiyue Langjun, he still had a Ghost Crow at two Vital Energy Crystals of a Half Fairy level, which he had raised from a young age! Coupling that with his famed upbringing, his abilities were certainly not to be underestimated!

Hence, if the two were to engage in a real battle, he may not necessarily lose to Heiyue Langjun! Moreover, Mister Nan Wu was a famed disciple, who had quite a number of treasures with him.

This was because each time he had achieved a breakthrough, he acquired more fortunes. Thinking of this, Heiyue Langjun’s face darkened slightly and he displayed a marked demeanor of unfriendliness.

He then issued a challenge, “Why don’t we compare who is stronger once the Exchange Festival begins?”

“Hahaha...” Mister Nan Wu laughed without speaking, a disdainful look filling his eyes.

After an hour, people started rushing over. Then, as time went on, the Divine Sparrow Stage was filled to the brim with onlookers!

Right then, a black figure rushed in from the skies. The person was covered in a long black robe and his body emanated a bright light that blurred the vision of all those who tried to look at him!

Everyone could see that he was a Fairy with two Vital Energy Crystals! As such, his appearance attracted quite a lot of attention from the crowd, many of which voiced their shock and awe...

“Who is this person? Why have I never seen him?”

“It looks like he could be a wandering martial artist!”

As the crowd started commenting on him, Heiyue Langjun and Mister Nan Wu observed him for a while before nonchalantly looking away. The only person who continued to stare at him was Sheng Xuelian, who had revealed a shocked look.

Even if Su Yu were here, he would not be able to identify the man that stood before him. He was Gang Dalei, who had parted with Su Yu when they were at the Thunder Emperor Mountain!

It had only been two months since they had met, but in that time he had managed to break through as a Half Fairy with two Vital Energy Crystals! Before this, he was only a mere Half God!

After half an hour, it appeared that no one else would be coming, so Sheng Xuelian’s gaze turned back. Immediately, she saw a lady who was covered in a mist of water.

“Little Sister Jingyu, how has it been? Did Su Yu show up?” Sheng Xuelian asked.

Xia Jingyu raised her head to look around at everyone present. She was clearly nervous and was looking for Su Yu. But, she did not see him.

If Su Yu did not participate in this Festival, it was very likely that he had been defeated. Thinking of this, she shook her head.

She appeared to be rather fatigued and weak. In fact, no one had any idea how she had managed to survive the last four days.

Every moment that passed made her chest feel even more tight and uneasy, as if a huge rock had been placed upon it. She could neither eat nor sleep peacefully, let alone sit still. It was a pitiful sight.

Now, the only possible Exchange Festival where Su Yu would appear did not bear his shadow. A sense of foreboding in her heart was growing more deep-rooted by the second.

Being questioned continuously by Sheng Xuelian, she finally could not hold it in any longer, as a single teardrop rolled down her cheeks. Her shoulders shook lightly as she whimpered. "Brother Yu... where are you?"

Her voice was pitiful. Sheng Xuelian was stunned and let out a soft sigh. She then turned her attention towards the sky.

At that moment, a loud booming sound had suddenly come from the top of the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. All that could be seen was a very huge opening in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion, which then immediately started to close up again!

Right then, a halo suddenly flew over and held itself against the closing gap. Amazingly, it managed to keep a very large radius of the gap open.

"I can only maintain the opening with my treasure for half a day. You must all complete the exchange within that time!" A loud and clear voice came from beyond the sky. The voice contained a very strong might, which caused everyone to look towards it respectfully.

"It is the Purple Cloud Palace's Divine Master Elder, the Yin-Yang old man!" Somebody managed to identify the master's origins from the large halo treasure and his voice!

Sheng Xuelian lifted her head and took a glance upward before speaking. "The Exchange Festival is beginning now. In the first round, there will be free trading! You may now retrieve the most valuable item you have acquired. Everyone may trade freely with one another. Jiuzhou will not do anything to interfere."

This round was the grandest round of all! As soon as she spoke, the eight or nine hundred people present started retrieving some of the treasures that they wished to trade. Everyone then began haggling with one another.

Although this was the simplest method, it was also the least effective, as the barter system required immense luck for one to acquire what he wanted through trading in a short amount of time.

In fact, without a feeling of certainty, no one would dare to bring out their biggest treasures in public. Therefore, this was often a very time-consuming round.

Meanwhile, ten thousand miles away, in a well-hidden forest, Su Yu was sitting with his legs crossed. Leaves and dust fell from his body. His eyes were shut tight and he was barely moving. In fact, he looked like a statue!

All of a sudden, Su Yu slowly opened his eyes. His eyes shone with a gloomy light at first, then gradually began emanating a bright light essence. Finally, his eyes shot out a scary and blinding light!

His entire aura had clearly recovered to its peak. Not only that, but his second Vital Energy Crystal was beginning to show signs of crystallization!

If he continued to train religiously for several more days, he would surely be able to achieve the Half Fairy level with two Vital Energy Crystals. It seemed that after several great battles, Su Yu had benefited greatly. If he experienced a few more similar great battles, it would be even easier for him to break through further!

Su Yu was very pleased with his current rate of recovery and the changes within his body. Looking at the weather, while calculating the time with his hands pinched, Su Yu's face changed suddenly. He then said, "Oh no, the Exchange Festival has already started!"

He shook his robe to remove the dust on his body. Then, after giving it some thought, Su Yu decided to get rid of the clothing from the Returning Principal Faction that he had been wearing.

After all, at the Exchange Festival, there would be many strong people from Jiuzhou observing. There might even be high-level people from the Returning Principal Faction. If he came dressed as a fake disciple, he would surely be discovered immediately!

Flipping his palm, Su Yu retrieved a black coat and put a straw hat on his head. This made his appearance rather ordinary.

Simultaneously, a mist of light flashed by his side, and the little kylin jumped out from within it. It then turned into the appearance of Lü Chuyi.

Su Yu then covered it in a silk towel and brought it with him. With such a clever disguise, surely nobody would be able to recognize him!

"Let's go to the Exchange Festival!" Su Yu flashed a smile and took off with the little kylin by his side.

His mind was thinking only of the Lightning Avoiding Silver Pearl and the Blood of a Real Dragon. Su Yu was willing to pay any price to obtain them!