

Nine-Dragon 591

Chapter 591: Examining the Spirit Herbs

All of the people here were stunned. They were wondering how it was it even cultivated.

Gu Taixu's expression stiffened and his gaze became gloomy. He then said, "The lifespan of a Thunder Herb is just mere fifty years, so how can an eighty-year-old one even exist?"

"You can easily test whether it's genuine or fake by examining it." Su Yu calmly chuckled and threw the jade box to Gang Dalei. "I will assume that you have some way of examining it?" Since Gang Dalei dared to exchange for Thunder Herbs, as a precaution, he would surely have brought along some means for examining and authenticating them.

"Obviously!" Gang Dalei's eyes lit up with excitement. He then took out a small cauldron, on which three beasts' heads were depicted.

He then announced, "This is a magical treasure that specializes in examining Thunder Herbs. After throwing a herb into it, then pouring true energy into it, the three beasts' heads will spout several halos after testing it. The number of halos is equivalent to the herb's grade and value."

He took a breath, then continued explaining, "For example, the deer's head represents the Thunder Herb's Spiritual Qualities, and it can spout up to nine halos, which represent the apex ninth grade Spiritual Qualities. The rabbit's head represents the Thunder Herb's purity. As for the eagle head, it represents resistance to lightning."

After he finished introducing these things, Gang Dalei ordered, "Let's start."

"Wait." Gu Taixu suddenly spoke, just before he threw his nine twenty-year-old Thunder Herbs at him and demanded, "Examine mine first."

Gang Dalei didn't understand what he was up to, but he still took them, all while looking at Su Yu to see his reaction.

"It's fine with me if you examine his herb first." After all, it was Su Yu's first time learning that Thunder Herbs were divided into different grades, so he was interested to see what the difference was between spirit herbs that were cultivated in a Supreme Growing Soil and spirit herbs that were grown in a natural environment.

After he got Su Yu's permission, Gang Dalei tore apart the roots of one of the twenty-year-old Thunder Herbs and threw it into the small cauldron. After Gang Dalei poured his Vital Energy into it, the small cauldron started slightly shaking, while the three beasts' heads on it started slowly changing.

The deer's head, which was shaking, was the first to start spouting white halos. The images of one, two, then three clear and distinct halos were then superimposed in the air.

"Third grade Spiritual Qualities! Not bad. Thunder Herbs gradually lose their Spiritual Qualities as they age, and just like how humans grow old and get sick, they also

gradually become weaker. As such, it's extremely rare for a twenty-year-old one to possess third grade Spiritual Qualities." Gang Dalei's eyes lit up, as he was quite surprised by these results.

Gu Taixu curled up the corners of his mouth and said, "Finish examining it before judging it."

Confusion appeared on Su Yu's face, as he wondered why Gu Taixu seemed so confident about this herb?

"The next is the rabbit's head, which will examine its pureness. A Thunder Herb's pureness greatly affects its overall grade," Gang Dalei said.

At this moment, the rabbit's head started spouting beautiful pink halos. Gang Dalei revealed a satisfied look when he saw two halos had sprouted. "Not bad! Two halos indicate that it grew in a good environment."

However, as he was speaking, the rabbit's head suddenly continued spouting more pink halos! Suddenly, a total of four halos could be seen!

"What, four?" Gang Dalei was surprised, and after a moment, he gasped again. "Wait! It is still spouting more halos!"

The rabbit's mouth started spouting halos once again. Five, six, then seven halos could now be seen!

At this moment, even Zi Qianchou was surprised. "A seventh grade purity? How is it possible?"

All of a sudden, Zi Qianchou recalled something, then spoke in alarm. "Did you go to the Fairy Mountain?"

Gu Taixu crossed his arms before him and revealed a mysterious and faint smile at the corners of his mouth. He then asked, "What do you think?"

After hearing his words, both Zi Qianchou and Gang Dalei were filled with shock. A seventh grade purity was extremely rare, and it caused Gang Dalei to start considering giving up on Su Yu's Thunder Herb.

"Please continue." Gu Taixu revealed a meaningful smile.

Zi Qianchou took a deep look at him, then glanced at Su Yu, a trace of pity appearing within his gaze. Su Yu's heart couldn't help but thump when he noticed this. He now began wondering...

What is so special about the Fairy Mountain?

Moreover, what is so special about the herbs that are taken from there?

"Okay. The eagle's head represents its resistance of lightning. A ten-year-old Thunder Herb will usually cause it to spout three halos, and in extremely rare cases, it may even spout five halos. the Thunder Herb's overall grade will mostly depend upon this last test." Gang Dalei became more spirited as he spoke.

Zi Qianchou's gaze was drifting around, looking often at the blood of a real dragon in Gang Dalei's hands. If Gang Dalei decided to exchange it with Gu Taixu, then they would be obliged to use some

extreme means, which might end up angering him. However, he knew that Gu Taixu would surely not dare to kill them.

Buzz!

The eagle's head started shaking. It then spouted three halos from its mouth, and it seemed to still be going!

"Three halos at the very beginning!" Gang Dalei was quite pleased with this, and his eyes became filled with expectation.

Sizzle!

As they expected, after it stopped for a moment, it then continued to spout two more halos.

"Five halos! That means that its lightning resistance is of an excellent grade." Gang Dalei was quite pleased by this, completely forgetting Su Yu's Thunder Herb.

At this moment, the eagle head spout yet another halo!

"Six halos! It's one of the highest qualities I've seen!" Gang Dalei was extremely delighted, as the quality of these nine Thunder Herbs was quite excellent, and the effects of the Thunder Armor that could be made by them would surely be astonishing!

In summary, it had third grade Spiritual Qualities, a seventh grade purity, a sixth grade resistance, and its comprehensive grade was of the fifth grade. Hence, it was an excellent Thunder Herb!

"Are you satisfied?" Gu Taixu calmly asked. "The inspection will come to an end here."

As a fifth grade Thunder Herb was extremely rare, Gang Dalei was quite satisfied with it. Hence, he felt that there was no need for examining Su Yu's herb.

Gang Dalei hesitated for a moment, then he looked at Su Yu and said, "Brother, I'm sorry, but I feel like these nine Thunder Herbs are more suitable for me."

"Really? Then, can you lend me your magical treasure and let me use it for a while?" Su Yu asked him directly for his Thunder Herbs examining cauldron.

Gang Dalei inwardly was reluctant, but he still offered his magical treasure to him. Zi Qianchou's eyes flickered with scorching sparks as he saw this. The exact situation that they had feared most had just happened!

"Let's exchange now, as we have already wasted enough time!" urged Gu Taixu.

Gang Dalei nudged his head towards Zi Qianchou and his two other companions, then looked back at Gu Taixu with a knowing look. It seemed like he was trying to inform Gu Taixu that this place wasn't safe for completing such an exchange.

"Just exchange it with me! I am not scared of them! They are incapable of stealing my objects." Gu Taixu coldly sneered.

As they could sense the tension in the atmosphere rise, Lü Chuyi and the Yin-Yang old man, who had followed them here, shuddered. They were preparing themselves, in case there was a fight. Meanwhile, the expressions of the Red Blood Palace's three Divine Masters also became ice-cold.

Once Gu Taixu got the blood of a Real Dragon, he would be even closer to making the Nine Spirit Fairy Elixir. Once he made that, a third All Creation old monster would be born in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands! Thus, they must absolutely not let him obtain the blood of a Real Dragon!

The people from both sides had daggers drawn, and a great fight was on the verge of breaking out. However, at this moment, crisp and rough sounds transmitted into their ears, and when they looked at the place where the sounds were coming from, they became petrified from shock...

Su Yu had taken the magical treasure and started examining his own Thunder Herb with it! The mouth of the deer's head, which represented its Spiritual Qualities, spouted many halos, and the deer's head even became extremely lively, as if it had just come back to life.

Such a shocking and astounding scene silenced everyone immediately. Even the elders on the Mysterious Heavenly Stage wore odd looks, as if they had all just witnessed a ghost. They were fixedly staring in disbelief, as nine halos appeared!

"Nine halos, eighth grade...Spiritual Qualities?" After a long while, Gang Dalei swallowed down his saliva, and his voice, which took an unusual tone, echoed with the results.

The Spiritual Qualities of the eighty-year-old Thunder Herb had reached the eighth grade! However, Su Yu didn't seem so excited.

"It's just the eighth grade?" Su Yu shook his head in disappointment, as he had assumed that the spiritual herbs that grew in a Supreme Growing Soil would be perfect in all aspects. He could not understand why it hadn't reached the highest ninth grade.

When they heard his disappointment, many people came back to their senses, almost biting their tongues from shock. After all, this was an amazing result, yet he seemed unsatisfied.

"It's impossible!" A gloomy and cold voice was heard. It was like a clap of thunder that resounded through the whole quiet Divine Sparrow Stage.

Gu Taixu raised his finger and pointed it at Su Yu. "Examine it again."

A moment ago, they were about to fight, so they weren't paying attention to Su Yu. This made him suspicious that Su Yu might have taken advantage of their being distracted to use some underhanded means to manipulate the results.

Su Yu ignored his words and continued pouring his Vital Energy into the cauldron. The rabbit's head started shaking and spouting a pink fog, then directly spouted many halos. Seven halos immediately appeared in the air, which was the same result as the Thunder Herb from the Fairy Mountain had received!

“A seventh grade purity! Was this Thunder Herb also taken from the Fairy Mountain?” Zi Qianchou was quite astonished, and although the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion had some places where Thunder Herbs could grow, it was impossible for them to produce such an astonishing spiritual herb like the one before them!

Su Yu slightly furrowed his brows in disappointment, unlike the other people, who were all in awe of such results. It was another extremely pure Thunder Herb!

Gang Dalei’s eyes became filled with excitement. “Both its Spiritual Qualities and purity are excellent, and it’s even extremely old. This is truly astounding.”

The older an herb became, the more of its Spiritual Qualities it would lose. Likewise, its impurities would also increase with age. However, such common rules had been thoroughly toppled by this eighty-year-old Thunder Herb!

“Only the last test remains. We shall now test its lightning resistance!” Gang Dalei’s eyes widened, and he became quite anxious.

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Based on the performance of the other aspects, the lightning resistance of the Thunder Herb would certainly not be too bad! Even if it were only of the third grade, combined with the earlier two aspects, the overall comprehensive grade would still be at the sixth grade. This meant that it would still be much better than Gu Taixu’s Thunder Herb from the Fairy Mountain!

Zi Qianchou’s pupils flashed brightly as he secretly anticipated what would happen next. If the Blood of a Real Dragon fell into the hands of this young man, it would still be a considerably good outcome.

Although it was a bit of a waste, it was still better than letting Gu Taixu have it! In that way, they could also avoid a direct battle with Gu Taixu. Besides, just the thought of Gu Taixu made Zi Qianchou shiver.

If they were to really engage in a battle, Gu Taixu could probably single-handedly defeat all three of them! After all, this man was known to be the number one genius in all of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands!

Now that there was a possibility of Su Yu snatching away the Blood of a Real Dragon, they secretly sighed in relief. However, despite the immense pressure from the onlookers, the Eagle’s Head still did not show any signs of movement, even after a long pause.

“Could it be that it has aged too much, such that it is behaving very differently from normal Thunder Herbs when being examined?” Zi Qianchou asked.

He had a bad feeling about all of this. In fact, the strange scene that had just unfolded was causing a everyone’s hearts to stir.

Many of them were wondering if the lightning resistance of the Thunder Herb had dissipated over the years. After all, not all spiritual herbs experienced strengthening qualities as they aged. The Thunder Herb was one of those that did not.

As the onlookers watched, Su Yu was still imbuing Vital Energy into the object. However, the Eagle's Head still did not show any reaction.

Su Yu's heart gradually sank. Is there a problem with this spiritual herb that was grown in the Supreme Growing Soil?

"Do you actually plan to use a Thunder Herb like this?" Gu Taixu directed his question at Gang Dalei. His tone sounded like he was enjoying Su Yu's current misfortune.

"I know what to do." Gang Dalei sighed quietly.

As Su Yu saw that he was about to lose out on this deal, his only choice was to do something extreme. The Blood of a Real Dragon was the only way for Su Yu to recover his strengths and unlock his Heavenly Eyes. As such, he could not pass this opportunity up!

However, right when Su Yu stopped imbuing Vital Energy into the treasure for examining the herbs, a cracking sound came out of it. The Eagle's Head, which had not budged this entire time, now suddenly exploded!

As broken pieces flew in all directions, the people stared in shock. Luckily, as everyone present had high levels of cultivation, they were not harmed.

Su Yu rolled up his sleeves and flung away the broken pieces. Gang Dalei dodged them, narrowly avoiding the flying debris.

As for Gu Taixu and Zi Qianchou, they did move an inch. This was because the broken pieces were evaporated by the formless aura that was surrounding them as soon as the pieces came close to the two of them.

The scene made Su Yu instantly aware of how a huge difference there was between the shadow figures of a Divine Master and a Fairy! The two Fairies' shadow figures that had descended previously did not have any real might, while the shadow figure of a Divine Master had its own cultivation!

Judging from the way they had both dodged the broken pieces, it appeared as though they both had the might of Fairies! Especially for someone at the peak of cultivation like Gu Taixu, his might had definitely reached a later stage Fairy! Moreover, he was definitely at the peak of existence in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion.

"What have you done?" Gu Taixu asked coolly, while he frowned at the broken treasure.

Su Yu did not understand what had happened either. All he did was stop imbuing Vital Energy into it, and the treasure automatically broke into countless pieces!

Zi Qianchou picked up a piece of the broken Eagle's Head. As he rubbed it gently, the broken piece suddenly turned into powder!

"The Eagle's Head was already broken! It might have been damaged previously, and since it had not been used for a long time, then broke into pieces when it was suddenly utilized!" Zi Qianchou's eyes were filled enlightenment.

The audience understood what he was trying to say immediately. It was not that Su Yu's Thunder Herb lacked lightning resistance, but that the Eagle's Head that was used to examine it had already been damaged! Although what he had just said was quite a stretch, it was not impossible!

"Young fellow, do you have another treasure that we could use to examine the herb?" Zi Qianchou asked.

Gang Dalei was also confused about the treasure's explosion. So he was keen to examine the Thunder Herb again to find out its true lightning resistance.

"What a waste of effort," Gu Taixu said with a wave of his hand.

Laughing his remark off, Gang Dalei retrieved another treasure for examining the herb. This time, he personally carried out the inspection.

Gang Dalei looked on with anticipation as he steadily imbued his Vital Energy into the instrument. However, just as before, nothing happened!

If one treasure could not correctly examine the lightning resistance of the Thunder Herb, it might be the treasure's fault. However, when two treasures were used, yet neither could come up with an appropriate result, this meant that there was most certainly a problem with the Thunder Herb itself!

"It seems like it really does not have any lightning resistance." Gang Dalei was very disappointed as he gradually stopped imbuing Vital Energy into the testing instrument.

Zi Qianchou was speechless and sighed quietly. This meant that a difficult battle was unavoidable, as the difficulty of snatching the Blood of a Real Dragon from Gu Taixu was unbelievably great. However, if they could not snatch it away, they still had a chance of destroying it!

Gu Taixu said plainly, "Give it to me. We have wasted too much time. I have lost my patience for this!"

Gang Dalei sighed quietly once again, preparing to do as he said. After all, there truly was no reason to prolong the process.

Bang!

However, right then, the treasure in his hands exploded unexpectedly! As he was not prepared for it, Gang Dalei's palm was cut by the explosion and a fresh stream of blood started flowing out of it.

"What happened?"

"It exploded again?"

Murmurs could be heard from the crowd, as everyone locked their gazes on Su Yu's Thunder Herb. There was clearly something wrong with the Thunder Herb, as it had caused the examining treasure to explode twice!

Zi Qianchou, who had been secretly plotting a battle, approached Su Yu. "Could you pass the Thunder Herb to me? I have a way of roughly estimating its lightning resistance!"

Su Yu agreed, then tossed a single root of Thunder Herb to him. After Zi Qianchou reached out and grabbed it with his hand, someone from behind him brought forward a black gourd. Streams of a thunderbolt aura emanated from within the gourd.

The power of the thunderbolt was quite strong. As soon as it appeared, the geniuses surrounding it backed away several steps. This was known as disastrous thunder!

“There are five types of disastrous thunder in this gourd. The lowest level could harm a early-stage Fairy, whereas the highest level could harm a middle-stage Divine Master. The lightning resistance of this Thunder Herb can be tested using the disastrous thunder. If it truly does not have any lightning resistance, the lowest level of thunder will turn it into ash,” Zi Qianchou explained.

Hearing this, everyone silently agreed that this was a reasonable method. After all, the Thunder Herb was indeed meant to resist thunder, so using the disastrous thunder to test its lightning resistance seemed very appropriate.

“I remember that you still have the disastrous thunder that is capable of harming a later stage Divine Master. Why did Mo Tianxuan not let you bring it along?” Gu Taixu asked coolly.

Zi Qianchou laughed softly. “Indeed, I do have it. However, I don’t think that I will need to use it. The ninth grade resistance of the Thunder Herb is only capable of resisting the disastrous thunder that could harm a middle-stage Fairy. If it could withstand the second disastrous thunder, that would be sufficient to prove its worth. It would not be necessary to use any more than that.”

“You seem confident that this Thunder Herb has a ninth grade lightning resistance,” Gu Taixu said coolly.

“I did not mean to imply that. We are only in the testing phase, after all.” Zi Qianchou was clearly not very confident about that!

Zi Qianchou then retrieved a single purple thunderbolt. The thunderbolt gave out an aura that caused the Half Fairies to feel threatened. Even Su Yu stepped back from it slightly, as this was the kind of thunderbolt that one would have to face when breaking through the Fairy level!

The purple thunderbolt was like a strand of hair. It curled around the root of the Thunder herb gradually.

Zap.

A slight buzzing sound was heard as the purple thunderbolt started bouncing around. It almost seemed like it was going to turn the Thunder Herb into ashes! As for the root of the Thunder Herb, it turned pitch black, as if it had truly been harmed!

The scene made Zi Qianchou’s facial expression darken slightly. Is the Thunder Herb really a worthless piece of trash?

However, right then, the purple thunderbolt flashed brightly and was suddenly absorbed by the root! Thereafter, the root returned from its burnt state to its original state.

“Is this the thunder absorbing ability? This Thunder Herb is not resisting the thunder, but is absorbing it! What does this mean?” Even a knowledgeable Divine Master in the crowd was confused by this sight!

Suddenly, he seemed to understand something, as he revealed a surprised look and asked, “Tsk tsk, could this be an additional effect of an aged Thunder Herb? Some universal spiritual herbs have strengthened effects after they reach a certain age. In fact, it might even have modified effects!”

He then added, “This Thunder Herb has developed the lightning absorbing ability from its initial lightning resistance after having aged eighty years! This explains why the treasure was not able to examine it, but exploded instead! It was because the effect of this Thunder Herb had already changed it!”

What? Could such a thing really happen? Everyone who heard what the Divine Master had said was dumbfounded.

“Ahh, what a bunch of nonsense. This is all just a guessing game!” Gu Taixu’s facial expression darkened somewhat.

This change of circumstance was beyond his expectation. The truth of the matter was not that the Thunder Herb did not have any resistance, but that it had evolved into having an even more powerful ability to absorb the disastrous thunder!

“Hehe, whether that is true or not, I am sure you know very well.” Zi Qianchou said, while he retrieved the second thunderbolt.

The aura of this thunderbolt was even more frightening, as this was a disastrous thunder that was capable of threatening a middle-stage Fairy. As it did before, the thunderbolt gradually surrounded the Thunder Herb. The root of the herb first turned black, then it started absorbing the thunderbolt.

“It can absorb even this kind of thunderbolt! This is indeed a ninth grade resistance towards lightning!” Zi Qianchou’s face appeared more relaxed now.

At this point, the battle for the Blood of a Real Dragon had seemingly come to an end. As long as Gang Dalei was not dumb, he should be able to make the right decision.

Although it was a simple comparison of objects, the grandiose nature of it all had left most of the Half Fairies present flabbergasted. After several rounds of twists and turns, there was finally a clear conclusion to the whole matter!

“Let us first have a look as to what extent this Thunder Herb is able to withstand the disastrous thunder!” Zi Qianchou laughed lightly.

His interest in this Thunder Herb had increased significantly. Hearing his words, the audience also became very expectant.

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Su Yu’s eyes flickered. “Let’s first make the exchange. As for how many strikes of disastrous thunder it can withstand, you can test that afterwards as you please.”

Zi Qianchou nodded at him, then stood with the other two Divine Masters between Su Yu and Gu Taixu. From this action alone, it could be seen how wary he was of him.

The expression on Gu Taixu's face became gloomy. When he looked at him, Su Yu clearly felt his killing intent.

Gu Taixu believed that Su Yu would surely return to the Jiuzhou Continent's Mysterious Heavenly Stage. After he returned there, with Gu Taixu's current strength, which was at the later stage of the Divine Master Realm, he wouldn't be able to obstruct him if he wanted to steal the blood of a Real Dragon.

Moreover, they still had an important task that they hadn't yet accomplished. That was regarding the divine egg of a Real Spirit that the Divine Master Tu Mo had stolen.

The person who got his corpse would surely have the divine egg of a Real Spirit, but that person hadn't appeared yet. This was because the corpse of the Divine Master Tu Mo hadn't yet been found by anyone!

While the people watched in silence, Su Yu and Gang Dalei finished their exchange. As Su Yu held the amber and looked at the fresh blood within it, which emitted a peculiar energy, he got really excited.

He had already obtained two of the three materials needed for cultivating the Evil Destroying Silver Eyes, the Undead Herb of the Netherworld and the blood of a Real Dragon! Now, he only needed the Lightning Avoiding Silver Pearl!

After the exchange was over, Su Yu let out a breath, then raised his head up. As he did so, he looked at Lü Chuyi, who was behind Gu Taixu.

As she was slightly leaning forward, her exquisite and alluring figure was clearly displayed. She had a fair porcelain-like neck and an extremely dignified facial features. She seemed sacred and untouchable.

Her Divine Master Realm cultivation, as well as her lofty temperament, would encourage anyone to look up to her. No one would believe that a Half Fairy Realm cultivator had once enjoyed such a beautiful body half a month ago.

Sensing his gaze, Lü Chuyi's eyes flickered for a moment, but she didn't turn her head to face him. Her jade-like fingers were nervously holding onto her skirt, and it was difficult to see through her to ascertain her current feelings.

Su Yu felt a burst of guilt overwhelm his heart. Doesn't she want to take even a single look at me?

He directed his gaze at the man before her, the refined and handsome Gu Taixu. This man had an astonishing talent and was her beloved. Su Yu sighed inwardly before averting his gaze from him.

The small kylin, who was beside him, widened its eyes. As it looked at Lü Chuyi, it started excitedly gesticulating with its forelegs, its meaning being something like "She looks like me!"

Only now did Su Yu realize that the small kylin's current from would cause Lü Chuyi to assume that he still had presumptuous thoughts about her. If Su Yu knew that Lü Chuyi had another different misunderstanding about its appearance, he would have been thoroughly dumbfounded!

“Taixu, half a day has passed! The diamond ring won’t persist for long, so let’s be quick.” At this moment, the Yin-Yang old man raised his head and looked at the opening in the sky, which had started to tremble.

Gu Taixu nodded at him, then swept over all of the people with his cold gaze. “If someone still wants to exchange something, then make it quick.”

When they heard him, the Divine Masters became more serious and earnest. Looking upon them, Su Yu revealed an odd look. It seemed like those Divine Masters were waiting for the appearance of some specific object.

Su Yu’s heart suddenly thumped..

Did they come for the small kylin? What else could these Divine Masters be this concerned about?

Were they waiting for someone to take the Divine Master Tu Mo’s remnant objects?

As he thought of such a fact, he realized that he had evaded such a crisis just by luck! It was fortunate that Gu Taixu had interrupted him from taking the Divine Master Tu Mo’s objects. Otherwise, the consequences would surely have been dreadful!

They waited for a long while, but no one responded. As the diamond ring was already intensely shaking at this moment, they knew that they didn’t have much time left.

“Not one of you has anything?” Gu Taixu squinted his eyes. “Since this is the case, then I’m obliged to inform all of you that there is an extremely dangerous object in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion that mustn’t enter the Jiuzhou world. Hence, for the Jiuzhou Continent’s safety, please take out all of your objects, and if you have a space ring, then open it and let us inspect it.”

Hearing this, all of the people here angered. They thought this was ridiculous. It was obvious to them that these officials were seeking some treasure and were trying to trick them into forcefully inspecting them for it. So, of course they were angered by such obvious humiliation!

However, they were facing were Divine Masters, not just some Fairy Realm experts, and each of them was an Almighty Divine Master who could rule a whole faction. As such, any one of them could easily kill all of them.

Su Yu’s heart sank. He clearly felt that this was a crisis, as the Divine Master Tu Mo’s broken sword and uncomplete cultivation technique were in his space ring!

Once they found them, he wouldn’t be able to escape. However, they might not really be able to recognize the treasures.

But, since they surely had completed thorough research into all of the Divine Master Tu Mo’s remnant objects, it would be delusional of him to try to hoodwink them now. Hence, there was just one way for lifting such a contract, and it was for the host to die.

This rapid and abrupt turn of the situation had caught Su Yu in the middle of a grave crisis. After all, there were a total of six Divine Masters here! No matter how many unusual means Su Yu had at his disposal, it would be still impossible for him to fight all six of them.

“Hehe, what Gu Taixu said is truly the case, and for Jiuzhou’s safety, we must offend all of you.” Zi Qianchou took advantage of the situation, and along with the other Divine Masters, they divided themselves into a few different groups.

The following fight would be a fight about who could first find the person who possessed the Divine Master Tu Mo’s remnants and who could first find the divine egg of a Real Spirit.

Buzz!

The elders at the Jiuzhou Continent who didn’t know the truth felt that something was amiss about all of this, so they were both startled and angered. They were startled by the fact that the six Divine Masters had kept them in the dark while they searching for an extremely important and valuable object.

What angered them was that such an object might be in the hands of one of their faction’s disciples, and such a search was tantamount to stepping upon their whole faction’s dignity!

“Stop!” an Almighty Divine Master commanded.

Even though they were Almighty Divine Masters, they would still not let them do as they wanted.

After all, they had their own Almighty Divine Masters in their faction, so they didn’t really need to fear the Purple Cloud Palace and Red Blood Palace’s Almighty Divine Masters. Those two palaces were nominally administering the other sixteen factions, and their relationship was like one between a king and his dukes. As such, there was no need for the sixteen factions to respect anyone other than their supreme leaders, Mo Tianxuan and the True Man of the Purple Cloud.

At this moment, many projections immediately descended to obstruct them. As the Yin-Yang old man was already prepared such a situation, he immediately made signs with one of his hands, which caused the diamond ring to burst out with resplendent golden light and seal the opening in the sky.

As a result, all of the projections which were descending down were forcefully sent back! The Yin-Yang old man had secretly made plans in advance by altering the diamond ring in advance!

“Everyone, please rest assured that we won’t harm any of your disciples. As long as they cooperate with our inspection, they will be safe and sound,” said The Yin-Yang old man in a hoarse voice.

At that moment the light from the ring became so resplendent, it became impossible for the people on the Jiuzhou Continent’s Mysterious Heavenly Stage to see what was happening in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. This angered them, and they viciously glared at the six Almighty Divine Masters who were sitting cross-legged on the Mysterious Heavenly Stage.

It was only their souls’ consciousnesses that had descended down, and as for their bodies, they were being protected by some experts at the later stage of the Fairy Realm who had come along with them. Thus, they were incapable of approaching them.

While the crowd was still fretting about their lack of sight of the stage, the six Divine Masters in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion had already started their inspection. All of the nine hundred people present became flustered and immediately descended into a panic.

There were many people among them, like Su Yu, who were hiding some secret objects that they didn't want revealed. However, when faced with the Divine Masters' might, many of the disciples chose to bore such a humiliation and gave up on trying to flee.

Meanwhile, Su Yu was trying to quickly come up with a way to deal with this crisis. He surely could not let them inspect him, as the objects left behind by the Divine Master Tu Mo were in his possession!

Moreover, his space ring had many extremely tempting objects, like the prototype Fairy artifact, the Five Elemental Strong Thunder Seal, and the Real Spirit Dragon Veins. Each of those objects was a treasure which could cause his death if discovered!

At this moment, the six Divine Masters started inspecting and searching the first batch of people who were surrounding the stage...

"After being inspected, you should immediately depart and leave the stage area entirely," said Gu Taixu.

His cold words made Su Yu's heart sink even further, as this revealed that they were already prepared for the possibility of people trying to escape. Their search was quite quick and efficient, as with just one glance they could tell whether someone was hiding something.

"You are courting death!" an ice-cold voice suddenly rang out in the air. It was Zi Qianchou's voice.

He was searching a wandering cultivator, and when he slapped the guy's belly, a white gourd came out of his mouth. The gourd was unexpectedly a piece of spatial storage equipment. Even though he had swallowed it, it still failed to escape their search.

Zi Qianchou took it and coldly said, "A Demonic Yang Pill and a demonic magical treasure! Why do you have my demon faction's disciples' treasures? Did you kill one of our disciples?"

Zi Qianchou didn't give him an opportunity to reply, but directly waved his sleeves and swept the wandering cultivator several hundred meters away. While he was in mid-air, he miserably shrieked. He then fell down on the Divine Sparrow Stage and fainted, It was unknown whether he was still alive or not.

"I will take care of you later! Now, the next one..." said Zi Qianchou coldly.

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Similar situations were unfolding in many corners of the stage...

Chapter 594: Mysterious Material

Some problematic wandering martial artists were identified and knocked out. They would be dealt with later on.

In a very short span of time, at least a hundred people had been searched. The crowd was gradually getting smaller, making the possibility of escaping very slim.

Su Yu's heart sank. There was only one way out of this!

“Ahh!” All of a sudden, a mortified shout came from the crowd. All that could be seen was a man with silvery white hair, who had turned into a mass of blood and was lashing out in all directions.

“Oh no! The Divine Masters are starting to kill people!” someone shouted from the crowd. The oddity attracted the attention of all six Divine Masters.

“Hmph! Trying to create a distraction?” Zi Qianchou’s facial expression turned cold as he shook his sleeves.

As a black tornado flew out from his sleeves and landed accurately on the person who had been calling out nonsensically, everything became deathly silent. In the midst of the crowd, no one had heard the soft collision, nor noticed a pink mist gradually fading away.

The panicking crowd could not have cared less about the person who had just been killed. They just didn’t want to be next!

“Let’s run away!” Some of the wandering martial artists, all of whom had something to hide, started contributing to the panic and attempted to flee.

All of a sudden, the crowd was becoming anxious and started to move about wildly! Almost eight hundred of the people present began panicking and were starting to flee towards the Divine Sparrow Stage! The crowd was so huge, not even the six projections of the Divine Masters could stop them.

“Whoever dares to move will be killed!” Zi Qianchou shouted angrily. His murderous intent had grown even stronger.

“Run away, quickly! These Divine Masters are starting to kill people!” Zi Qianchou’s threat made the situation even worse, causing more people to become even more panicked.

Zi Qianchou’s eyes flashed coldly as he waved his hand. A tornado flew out to crush the person who was speaking.

Only a few people noticed that, as soon as the person was crushed, he turned into bits of flashing light. It was a trick that was caused by a fake projection!

In the crowd, Su Yu was deep in thought. He had created the commotion by using a clone, as that was the only way that he could blend in with the crowd.

Once he had accomplished this, Su Yu successfully made his way out of the Divine Sparrow Stage and immediately departed the larger group of people, choosing rather to escape alone. As he had expected, the Divine Masters then prioritized capturing the bigger group of people who were trying to escape.

“Trying to run away? Stay right where you are!” A loud shout was heard as a gap opened up between Gu Taixu’s brows.

A wide and encompassing purple light emanated from the gap. All of the martial artists within the radius of a hundred miles were suddenly engulfed by the purple light. Thereafter, it was as if their Spiritual Energies and Vital Energies had all been sealed.

Many of them were like birds that had lost their wings. One after the other, people started crashing on the ground like piles of mashed flesh. In an instant, countless deaths had occurred!

Su Yu was also captured by the purple light. All of a sudden, his body was falling downwards!

Even the little kylin, which had tried to turn into an illusory form, could not escape the purple light. It was frightened and moved around frantically.

Thereafter, it grabbed onto Su Yu, like it was grabbing onto a life-saving device. It hugged Su Yu tightly and was yelling loudly.

The purple light was extremely terrifying. Even the little kylin's illusory form could not escape it, as its Spiritual Energy and Vital Energy was also sealed.

Seeing as he and the little kylin were about to die, Su Yu tried to activate the little bit of energy that was left in his body. However, apart from his physical strength, he could not use any of his other forms of energy.

As they were fast approaching the ground, based on their current speed of falling, they would undoubtedly be crushed into a pile of mashed flesh! Su Yu felt that they were in grave danger.

Right then, a different kind of energy could be felt in his Dantian. It was neither Vital Energy nor Spiritual Energy. Instead, it was thunderbolt energy!

Trying to sense it, Su Yu discovered that it was the crystal that had condensed from a thunderbolt within his Dantian. It had happened on the day that Su Yu had accidentally discovered an additional crystal that had condensed out of a thunderbolt when he was at the Thunder Emperor Mountain! At that time, Su Yu had assumed that it was a crystal body that was used to store thunderbolts, so he did not pay much attention to it.

Su Yu's eyes flashed brightly, as he used one hand to form a symbol...

Boom.

A soft sound of a thunderbolt could be heard, while Su Yu's and the little kylin's body were covered by a layer of lightning. The Thunder Escape technique had been activated! Just as both of their feet were about to come into contact with the ground, they suddenly were moved in a different direction!

On the Divine Sparrow Stage, Gu Taixu's gap between his brows was slowly closing up. Then, the purple light disappeared. Not a single person was left in the sky.

Everyone had fallen to the ground and had become mashed flesh! His skills had instantly killed at least two hundred people! Even those who had not died had been heavily injured.

The ground was cluttered with broken limbs, and there were even many internal organs and intestines scattered about. The whole scene reeked of blood and tears!

Many of the geniuses froze. They were all horrified by the malicious murders that they had just witnessed. No one else dared to try to escape.

The three Divine Masters from the Red Blood Palace looked morbid. Zi Qianchou's facial expression was even worse. After all, the purple light had sealed even his soul body!

Before this, Gu Taixu's might was known mostly through hearsay. But now, Zi Qianchou had experienced it for himself.

Before they fought each other, Zi Qianchou still had some confidence that the three of them could hold their own in a fight against him. However, he knew now that there was no way they could defeat him!

"Did one of them escape? It is that young fellow?" As Gu Taixu's eyes stared towards the direction where Su Yu had escaped, his facial expression turned cold.

"Yin-Yang, capture that young fellow! He was the one who started this whole commotion!" Gu Taixu ordered.

The old man accepted the command readily.

"You lot continue the search here. I will go and capture that young fellow, too!" Zi Qianchou's eyes flashed.

Of course he would not let Gu Taixu's men capture Su Yu. They were clearly trying to snatch the Blood of a Real Dragon from Su Yu!

Gu Taixu frowned slightly. His gaze turned to Lü Chuyi. "In that case, dear Chuyi, you will go instead."

Yin-Yang old man's eyes were more gifted at communicating with the universe's dead spirits, so he was more suited to play a supporting role. In terms of battle power, Lü Chuyi was much stronger.

"Yes, senior." Lü Chuyi nodded as she bit her lips lightly. After all, Su Yu was the person who she least wanted to face!

Ever since she had descended, Su Yu was right in front of her the whole time, but she never looked at him directly. However, with her senior's order, she had no choice but to oblige. She was the only one present who could deal with Zi Qianchou.

Without looking at Zi Qianchou, Lü Chuyi started spinning an ancient golden bamboo. It was the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo.

As she imbued Vital Energy into it, the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo's space-based attributes were activated. It surrounded Lü Chuyi and soon disappeared with her.

Simultaneously, Zi Qianchou also summoned a tornado from his sleeves. At a shockingly high speed, it brought him away from their current location.

The Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo's space-based attributes were phenomenal. Within a few breaths' time, Lü Chuyi had managed to catch up with Su Yu.

Thirty thousand miles away, in the midst of the golden light, Lü Chuyi's figure appeared in a flash. Her beautiful eyes scanned the rocks on the ground. There was a weak trace of a thunderbolt present. It was a sign of someone having recently cast the Thunder Escape technique.

He is alert as ever, it seems. As soon as he used the Thunder Escape technique, he had run away. However, I will not let him get away so easily!

Lü Chuyi locked on to another direction and disappeared once again in a flash. Not long after, Zi Qianchou who was also chasing after Su Yu, finally arrived.

The corners of his mouth revealed a meaningful smile. "Young fellow, I have been waiting for this moment for a long time!" As soon as he finished speaking, he flew away, his body flashing brightly.

After some time, somewhere deep in the forest, Zi Qianchou landed at an underground cave. He was holding a gourd in his hand. The gourd contained various disastrous thunders.

"Alright, you can come out now," Zi Qianchou said as he landed. "I know you have Divine Master Tu Mo's remnant objects!"

As a stream of spiritual energy emanated from below the ground, Su Yu's voice could be heard. "What are you talking about? I do not understand."

Zi Qianchou laughed. "So, it has come to this? Why are you still trying to hide the truth? The people from Soul Seizing Palace were sent to find Divine Master Tu Mo's remains. They discovered the location, but you had them killed. Hence, you are the person most likely to have found Divine Master Tu Mo's remains! This means that you knew earlier on that I had taken Divine Master Tu Mo's items, but you pretended not to know!"

Zi Qianchou finally landed on the ground. All of a sudden, the surface of the ground cracked open to reveal the lava rock beneath it.

"Of course. In order to avoid attracting Gu Taixu's attention, I had to pretend not to know. It even helped you to obtain the Blood of a Real Dragon! What I did not expect was that you had a way of escaping from the Divine Sparrow Stage. This actually saved me some effort. If the objects you held had been discovered at the Divine Sparrow Stage, I would have had to fight against Gu Taixu!"

Su Yu's tone became even lower. "One final question. How did you find me? I made sure to wipe away any trace of thunderbolts on the way here."

"That's easy! You borrowed the disastrous thunder from my gourd. When you were not paying attention, I inserted a small stream of disastrous thunder into your body. The disastrous thunders were then able to form connecting bonds with each other. Do you think that I would need to expend much energy to find you?" Zi Qianchou asked.

Su Yu suddenly understood. "I see. Thank you for letting me know."

"Eh? What does that mean?" Zi Qianchou felt that something was amiss.

At that moment, a bright figure came out of the cave. It appeared to be a jade green color.

"A clone?" Zi Qianchou's facial expression darkened.

The jade green figure grabbed something from within his body. The object was the purple thunderbolt, which looked like a thin strand of hair.

He started smiling and asked, "Did you mean this thunderbolt?"

Rustle.

Rubbing it with two fingers, the clone extinguished the thunderbolt. Thereafter, the clone turned into a cloud of light and disappeared.

Zi Qianchou's eyes were filled with a chilly light.

Why would Su Yu's clone be carrying that thunderbolt?

This was no coincidence. Su Yu must have sensed the thunderbolt hidden in his body! He had underestimated Su Yu!

Some ten thousand miles away, at the place where Su Yu first landed with his Thunder Escape technique, a huge boulder started vibrating, then soon flipped over. From below the rock, two figures appeared in a flash. It was Su Yu and the little kylin!

"Hehe, such small tricks. Did he really think that he could track me down?" Su Yu laughed cockily.

The truth was, after using the Thunder Escape technique, he had not left the original spot at all. All he did was release his clone, so that the clone could go take the disastrous thunder away.

"Just as I expected, they are looking for Divine Master Tu Mo's remains. In other words, they are looking for the little kylin!" Su Yu said.

"Ee-ee, ay-ay..." The little kylin looked very pleased with itself and was excitedly gesturing with its little arms. It clearly thought that this entire escaping incident was a fun game.

Su Yu had a slightly unpleasant and scolding tone as he spoke. "You think this is just a game? I do not play with my life!"

As he spoke, he rubbed the little kylin's head. "Still, I do have to thank you for earlier."

If the little kylin hadn't caused such a panic in the crowd with its illusory body, Su Yu would not have been able to hatch the escape plan so easily. As the little kylin enjoyed being rubbed on its head, it smiled and nuzzled its head against Su Yu's chest.

"Take your filthy hands away from me!" Right then, Su Yu heard a cold voice. It was loud and clear.

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Su Yu's body stiffened. He was quite familiar with that voice.

"Lü...Chuyi." Su Yu had quite complex feelings about her. She was none other than Lü Chuyi!

At this moment, her gaze was ice-cold. She was viciously glaring at Su Yu and the small kylin.

“Shameless!” Her face was flushed as she spoke.

Only now did Su Yu realize that the small kylin was still taking the young form of Lü Chuyi. Su Yu was at a loss for words, as he felt that no matter how much he explained the kylin, he wouldn’t be able to convince her of his intentions. He wondered how it had all ended up like this!

“What’s going on here? I will give you an opportunity to explain...” Lü Chuyi raised her brows and pointed at the small kylin.

Su Yu knew that he needed to resolve this misunderstanding, so he started to say, “Chuyi, in fact...” It was maybe because he had gotten so used to accompanying the young Lü Chuyi that the kylin had taken on, that now that he was facing the real Lü Chuyi, Su Yu had unconsciously called her by her first name.

Strange emotions welled up in Lü Chuyi’s heart when she heard this, as before she separated from him last time, he was still calling her the formal title “senior.” As she looked at Su Yu’s shy manner, Lü Chuyi was certain that he had always kept her in his heart and mind. In fact, she thought that he might have even truly fallen in love with her.

“Alright, you don’t need to say anything more. I already believe that I understand your feelings.” Lü Chuyi, who had strange emotions intertwining in her heart at this moment, interrupted Su Yu.

Su Yu opened his mouth, yet still didn’t say anything. What do you understand?

“You don’t need to use superfluous words to express your feelings toward me.” Lü Chuyi looked deeply at Su Yu. “I already understood everything, but it’s impossible for us to be together. I have someone who I love, and you have your own future, so you should forget about what happened between us, and I should also forget!”

Su Yu felt like he had been struck by a clap of thunder when he heard her, the fact that the small kylin looked like her had unexpectedly led her to assume that he loved her!

“Chuyu, wait, I’m...” As Su Yu began to correct her misconception, Lü Chuyi interrupted him once again, her eyes filled with decisiveness, “Don’t speak anymore, I don’t want to hear it, you should bear my words in your mind and forget me. This is an order.”

Su Yu became even more anxious to set things straight. “Chuyu, I’m in fact..”

“Don’t speak anymore.” Lü Chuyi was somewhat annoyed by him now, so she berated him. “As matters stand, what else is there to say? I already clearly stated my feelings about it. I already have someone who I love, so it’s impossible for us to be together.”

Su Yu was almost driven mad by her misconstruing the situation. “I...”

Lü Chuyi felt like Su Yu was too stubborn and willful, and that he wasn’t willing to give up in her, so she couldn’t help but be chilly towards him. “It’s the last time I will say it, you must stop loving me. I can’t ever love you back!”

She then turned around to leave. Su Yu finally had an opportunity to speak, so he said, “Chuyu, you misunderstood me. I don’t love you at all.”

Lü Chuyi, who had just turned around, stiffened, and she slowly turned her head, while countless emotions appeared on her snow-white face.

“What did you just say?” Lü Chuyi asked through her clenched teeth. She suddenly realized that she might have just misunderstood everything from the beginning.

Su Yu faintly smiled. As a cool breeze blew past him, his silver hair started fluttering. Since he was still faintly smiling at her, he had a dreamy look.

Su Yu then said sincerely, “I also have someone who I love, and you misunderstood everything. In fact, my spiritual pet took your form on its own accord.”

After the small kylin heard him, it lightly nodded to corroborate the truth of Su Yu’s statement. It then started sizing up Lü Chuyi with its big eyes, revealing a human-like confused look as it gazed at her face.

It seemed like it was baffled by the many strange expressions that were appearing on the face of the woman who resembled it. Lü Chuyi felt like she was struck by a clap of thunder, and her pretty face became flushed.

She had misunderstood everything! Su Yu didn’t fall in love with her! It was just her own wishful thinking.

At this moment, she badly wished to find a hole to bury herself in. Shame started overwhelming her heart, then gradually turned into anger.

“Did you just say that you don’t love me, but that you love someone else?” Lü Chuyi lowered her head, and as her beautiful hair covered her face, her current expression couldn’t be seen.

Su Yu revealed a relieved smile. “You finally understand. Yes, so your worries are truly needless..”

Lü Chuyi kept silent, while her shoulders started to shake. Su Yu was startled by this. Was she weeping?

“Someone else... haha... Someone else!” Lü Chuyi raised her head, and her eyes at this moment were filled with a raging flame of anger. She truly seemed like she had lost control of her wits!

Su Yu was startled once again, it seemed like he was mistaken. She was not weeping, but shaking with rage!

“I will kill you!” Even Lü Chuyi herself didn’t know why she was this angry at this moment, but it was most likely because of shame or resentment.

Rip!

A golden Heavenly Bamboo appeared in her hand, and as she waved it in the air, a golden arc emitting space power appeared all around her. It seemed like it was capable of tearing everything apart!

Su Yu's eyelids shook, since an opening was torn by the demon in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion, it seemed like the rules restricting Fairy Realm experts had also been broken apart. Such a strike, if it hit him, would surely injure him severely, if not even kill him!

Knowing that he dare not remain here, Su Yu covered himself with his bamboo hat, then turned around and launched the Thunder Escape, while he resentfully muttered, "What's wrong with you? If I love you, you are angry with me, but when I say I'm not in love with you, you are angry with me still!" His speech was like gasoline poured on a raging flame.

"Ah! You bast*rd! I will kill you." When Lü Chuyi heard him, she became even more enraged, so she used her space power to relentlessly chase after Su Yu.

The two of them started to chase each other around, and Lü Chuyi's attacks were quite fierce and ruthless.

Su Yu almost found himself in grave danger, so he couldn't help but become slightly angered himself. At this point, the guilt that he felt toward her weakened by a large margin, as he was being unjustly hunted down by her!

"Well, I guess I'm mad and insane because I unexpectedly let you off in the past. I truly regret that now!" As a golden light flickered, Lü Chuyi overtook Su Yu.

What the f*ck? What's truly wrong with this crazy woman? Su Yu was quite confused and bewildered.

"I'm not afraid of you!" Since he couldn't escape, Su Yu clenched his teeth and turned to face her, his head held high.

The Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation's blue formation orb flickered as he poured his Vital Energy into it. It then formed a blue screen around him. The blue light screen intensely trembled when the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo bombarded it.

"You still dare to defy me?" Lü Chuyi was angered even further, and she couldn't help but recall the unforgettable night that they had spent together within the Ice Soul Divine Dream Spell's snowy world.

At that time, Su Yu had been quite gentle and loving, but now, he was fighting against her! She felt quite aggrieved by this and wondered if he had stopped being so gentle and loving towards her because she had already given her body to him. She was so infuriated by this thought that she became somewhat muddle-headed and stopped thinking rationally.

"Now, I must surely kill you." Lü Chuyi mercilessly attacked him in her frenzied mindset.

As the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo shone in a golden light, the trembling blue light screen was shattered. Su Yu was startled, as the light screen should have been able to easily withstand the attacks of someone at the early stage of the Fairy Realm, yet, it had ended up being broken by Lü Chuyi, whose cultivation was just at the early stage of the Fairy Realm!

Her fighting prowess was truly remarkable! Since there weren't any obstructions between them anymore, the Silver Bamboo in Lü Chuyi's hands flew toward Su Yu. At such a precarious moment,

Su Yu's space ring flickered, and as a blue light shone out of it, a cyclone appeared in front of Su Yu's chest.

The Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo, which had attacked him, was immediately deflected back by the blue light ball. However, after such a collision, the blue light ball became dimmer and its true appearance was revealed.

It was unexpectedly just a blue ruler that had countless mysterious and profound-looking characters written on it. It was the inherited sacred artifact of the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion's descendants of the guards. Moreover, it was a middle-stage spiritual artifact ruler!

"Die!" It seemed like Lü Chuyi had gone completely insane, and as the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo flickered, its spatial power was activated, causing it to disappear from its former place.

In the next moment, it suddenly appeared behind Su Yu's back. As it flickered in a golden light, the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo teleported into another place. However, the ruler once again already discerned its direction and flew there beforehand, successfully deflecting it. From then on, the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo continued teleporting around, while the ruler continued accurately predicting its path.

The blue and golden lights could be seen unceasingly flickering around Su Yu, and no matter how tricky and crafty was the angle from which the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo attacked, the ruler still managed to predict it and protect the place in advance.

As the ruler contained Tian Jizi's Divine Decree Path, it could discern from which path the enemy would attack. Moreover, its predictions were infallible.

"Alright, I have only been separated from you for a few days, yet you already got another new magical treasure! However, I still believe that I will be able to deal with you." After Lü Chuyi attacked him for a long time without any success, she became even more angry.

However, before she had a chance to attack him once again, Su Yu coldly said, "Enough, let's end this."

As he spoke, he waved his hand and the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation's orbs dispersed in the surrounding area. They then sealed and trapped Lü Chuyi within them.

"It's this same formation once again! I'll not let you trap me in it." Lü Chuyi coldly snorted, then waved her fair palm, and as a golden arc flickered, the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation's light screen was torn apart.

Su Yu wasn't surprised by such an outcome, as with his One True Crystal Vital Energy, he was still incapable of completely exhibiting the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation's power. However, despite this, it would still be difficult for him to trap someone with such a powerful prowess like Lü Chuyi.

A great number of black threads, which were thin and long, flew out of Su Yu's sleeves, each emitting a mysterious eerie light. After the black threads flew out, they intertwined around Lü Chuyi, who was still within the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation.

"Tear them open!" Lü Chuyi said in a low voice, while several golden leaves flew out of her bosom. These were the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo's leaves, which contained space power, were extremely sharp and tough, and were able of cutting through everything!

Rip!

As the leaves revolved in the air, they created several spatial cracks in the air, then revolved once again in it before turning into golden lines that flew toward the black threads. A black crack was left behind any place that these golden lines flew through.

Buzz!

However, what was astounding was that despite all of this, the black threads weren't torn by them. Instead, they just became somewhat crooked after they collided against the golden leaves. Moreover, they still managed to deflect back the golden leaves because of the astonishing bounciness that they possessed.

"It's impossible." Lü Chuyi was quite astonished.

The Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo's leaves were quite sharp, and they could leave a scar in even top-grade spiritual artifacts, let alone the middle-grade spiritual artifact that was before her.

But, what was astonishing was that the ordinary-looking black threads directly deflected back the leaves without sustaining any damages. She could not have known that the black threads were the treasure that had been left behind by the elder Tian Jizi, and that they were the veins of a Real Spirit dragon!

If she could recover her Divine Master Realm cultivation, she might still be able to deal with this, but her current cultivation was still in the Fairy Realm, and such a cultivation wasn't powerful enough.

As she gasped in alarm, the Real Spirit Dragon Veins that were revolving around flew toward her. The veins, which were like fine strands of hair, bound her tightly, intertwining around her.

Her feet and hands were also tightly bound by them. Only her neck remained unbound.

"Let go of me you stupid things!" Lü Chuyi started struggling, trying to break free from the dragon veins.

However, the more she struggled, the tighter they became. While she was struggling, she stumbled and fell down on her face.

Thump!

Lü Chuyi raised up her head, and with sparkling tears in her eyes, she visibly and resentfully glared at Su Yu. His heart shuddered as he was faced with such a gaze, as it was filled with hatred.

Su Yu became somewhat downcast. He owed her so much, and he had wanted to make it up to her. It even seemed like had Lü Chuyi forgiven him at first, but now, things had taken a horrible turn...

He waved his sleeves and took back the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation. He then gazed at the tied up Lü Chuyi, his enthusiasm waning. "Fine, as I took your purity away from you, after I take care of my matters, I will surely give you compensation." Su Yu untied the Real Spirit Dragon Veins to set her free.

Lü Chuyi was startled, as she hadn't expected that Su Yu would say such words to her. She started calming down and coming back to her senses, but was still a frustrated.

While she waited for Su Yu to finish untying her, she gazed at his face, which seemed quite dignified, yet it also seemed foreign to her now. After they had gone through such a conflict, they had now become even more estranged.

The memory of them embracing each other, while sleeping in a small hut in a snowy world, seemed like it was drifting away from her. Sensing this, a faint pain welled up in the deepest part of her heart.

"Wait!" She said, quite anxious. Then, after hesitating for a moment, she found herself still found herself incapable of giving up on them, so she mustered up her courage and said, "I...I'm in fact..."

Su Yu came to a stop, then turned and gazed at Lü Chuyi, waiting for her to finish her words. As she faced Su Yu's apathetic gaze, she felt quite sad and downcast.

She gave up on the explanation that she was about to utter and just sighed. "Don't mind me. Just go and walk down your road, while I walk down mine. After this, we.."

She wanted to say that they would then walk into different worlds and would never run into each other again, but she felt like such words had a tremendous weight to them, and she wasn't able to utter them in the end.

Swoosh!

At this moment, a black cyclone suddenly flew out from under their feet, then pounced at Su Yu. The black cyclone contained an extremely terrifying poison, and even the ground was directly melted by it into a black putty. If it came in contact with a human body, then the human would end up dead, without even his soul spared!

As it had appeared so suddenly, neither Su Yu nor Lü Chuyi had detected it, so Su Yu definitely had no time to adequately dodge it! Su Yu didn't even have enough time to take his magical treasures out!

His heart started intensely thumping as he felt death engulfing him. He was so careless, he had forgotten all about Zi Qianchou!

Now, he sent a deadly strike at Su Yu, and Su Yu, who was grossly unprepared for such a surprise attack, felt his heart sinking. All the while, just a single thought emerged in his mind...

Will I really die here?

Chapter 596: Hong Luan Puppet

Psst!

A sound of space tearing apart bombarded Su Yu's ears without any warning. In the moment of acute danger, Su Yu's body was surrounded by a golden bright light and instantly teleported to a place far away!

The black cyclone shot past the golden light, then headed towards the sky. A pitch black color appeared at the top of the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion, making it look like it had been corroded.

Su Yu had yet to calm himself down, but he immediately started imbuing Vital Energy into the Six Directional Ruler to activate it. As he did so, he looked towards Lü Chuyi.

Zoom.

A single golden leaf stopped rotating beneath Su Yu's leg, then immediately flew back into Lü Chuyi's palm. As she calmly retrieved the golden bamboo leaf, her pupils glistened brightly beneath her lashes.

She calmly said, "You can only die in my hands."

Su Yu was stunned. Is that really the case?

Then, a demonic mist suddenly began rising from the ground just off to the side. A man in a black robe, his hands clasped in his sleeves, walked creepily out of the demonic mist.

Lü Chuyi immediately asked, "Did you finally realize that you have been tricked, Zi Qianchou?"

"I admit that I have indeed underestimated this young man's deceptive abilities." The man in black robe was indeed Zi Qianchou. He took a glance at Su Yu, his eyes filled with an icy tinge.

"He is indeed deceptive. You are not wrong about that. If I did not know him any better, I would probably have followed blindly after the clone like you did." Lü Chuyi agreed with Zi Qianchou.

Su Yu laughed bitterly. Even if he was deceptive, Lü Chuyi had still managed to see past his deception.

"However, based on your status, I did not expect you to use a sneak attack." Lü Chuyi played around with the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo in her hands as she spoke.

"Based on his level of cultivation, there is no need for you to use a sneak attack. In truth, you really wanted to attack me instead, right?"

As she spoke, Lü Chuyi suddenly slashed at the ground beneath her. With a loud booming sound, the ground beneath her cracked open.

At that moment, a black demonic energy that was ten times stronger than the one that had attacked Su Yu suddenly appeared. It was immediately crushed by the golden light. The smaller black demonic energy had merely been a distraction!

Zi Qianchou drew in a breath softly. His smile faded away. "You are indeed difficult to deal with!"

After all, the person he really wanted to sneakily attack was Lü Chuyi. In the end, his plan was easily seen through and thwarted.

“I will examine him myself, so back off!” Lü Chuyi gracefully moved forward and stepped in between Zi Qianchou and Su Yu.

Lü Chuyi’s aura was extremely strong. Her grace and heroic aura was astounding.

“I am afraid that is not up to you!” Zi Qianchou was determined to get what he wanted.

As Lü Chuyi rotated the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo in her palm, it gave out a bright golden light that made her beautiful face glow with a divine appearance that could not be tainted.

“You cannot do anything to me!” she shouted.

As the Lady of the Heaven Rulers in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands, she was extremely capable. Even many elders of the older generation were shocked by her talent.

“Hehe, of course it would be difficult, that is if I were alone!” Zi Qianchou laughed mysteriously, while he retrieved a human-shaped puppet from his bosom.

Su Yu had seen that wooden puppet before. Shangguan Qinger had used it multiple times!

The difference was that this wooden puppet did not resemble Mo Tianxuan. Instead, it looked like someone who Su Yu was not familiar with.

“Patrol Official Hong Luan? Was this the soul wooden puppet that was used to seal her?” Lü Chuyi recognized the figure in an instant, thus shocking Su Yu.

Zi Qianchou laughed coolly. “It seems that you too already know of the existence of the Patrol Official! If you do not wish for your soul to be harmed, you should leave right away! Hong Luan Patrol Official’s soul is not something you can withstand. Even a tiny strand of it could severely affect you!”

Patrol Official Hong Luan? Who is that?

Lü Chuyi showed signs of hesitation. She seemed very wary of the puppet.

“You and your people from the Purple Cloud Palace are wavering. To this day, you have not succumbed to the lord. He sent the Patrol Official to be stationed in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands to supervise you and the factions that are overseen by the the Purple Cloud Palace! If I was to summon her soul in a place like this, do you think that she would have mercy on you? By then, your soul would be severely injured. So, do not blame me then for not giving you a chance now!”

Su Yu looked on coolly, but his heart was very alert. A small strand of Hong Luan Patrol Official’s soul was capable of harming Lü Chuyi to a degree beyond recovery. It was unquestionable that she had exceeded the highest level of Divine Master!

After contemplating for a while, Lü Chuyi backed off slowly. She looked at Su Yu with a complicated expression, her pupils filled with a chilly light.

“You take care of this yourself!” Lü Chuyi yelled, then turned around and transported away with a flash of golden light. As she left, she turned her gaze back at Su Yu’s figure, which was becoming increasingly blurry in her beautiful pupils.

When they were in the Yin-Yang Formation, she had put Su Yu in a dangerous position for her own gains. Today, when he was in trouble, she had abandoned him once again. She knew that there was no longer any chance of salvaging their friendship.

Perhaps this was their fate. Regardless of whether Zi Qianchou came or not, there would no longer be any relationship between them. As she slowly closed her eyes, Lü Chuyi could feel the bitterness in her heart, especially when she noticed that Su Yu was also looking at her when she turned to look at him.

As their eyes met each other’s, Lü Chuyi could not see any surprise or disappointment in his eyes. In fact, there was no emotion at all.

It was as if Su Yu had known all along that Lü Chuyi would make such a decision and betray him. The look of unfamiliarity made Lü Chuyi feel terrible.

Right then, the space energy was taking her away quickly. As she left Su Yu behind, she also left behind the past that she had hoped to cherish forever.

With his hands still holding the puppet, Zi Qianchou seemed rather disappointed. “She escaped rather quickly. If I could use this opportunity to cause some damage to her soul, I could end her journey of cultivation.”

This was because if one’s soul was damaged, the journey of cultivation would indeed become very difficult. Also, since the Purple Cloud Palace already had the extraordinary Gu Taixu, if the Lady of the Heaven Rulers, Lü Chuyi, could be eliminated, it would be fantastic!

“Young fellow, give it to me. You know what I want.” Zi Qianchou’s black figure flashed as he quickly approached Su Yu.

Right then, Su Yu was alone against this Divine Master! Su Yu looked at the puppet warily, sizing up the situation. As Zi Qianchou only had the cultivation of a middle-stage Fairy, if Su Yu fought with his life, he might actually be able to save himself.

However, the puppet posed a threat to Su Yu’s soul. As such, it was definitely a wise decision for Lü Chuyi to have left. It was possible for Su Yu to fight Zi Qianchou, but his fighting the puppet was out of the question!

Without a second thought, Su Yu summoned the thunderbolt around him in order to cast a Thunder Escape technique! However, the transportation did not occur! A seemingly restrictive power had formlessly sealed the surrounding space!

As Su Yu turned to look, he saw that the puppet in Zi Qianchou’s hands had already been activated and was emanating a weak blue light. From afar, the puppet looked like a blue crystal puppet and was very beautiful.

“Trying to escape? Do you think that is even possible?” The blue puppet was only emanating a weak light at this point, yet it had already sealed the space within a

hundred miles! Based on Su Yu's current level of cultivation, there was no way that he could break the seal to escape!

"Ahhh!" Right then, the little kylin let out a cry, while it frantically slapped something in front of its body.

All that could be seen was a mist of blue light encircling it. The little kylin that had transformed into a person's appearance was slowly revealing its true form under the blue light's spell.

The original state of the little kylin, which was the size of a palm, seemed to be in flux between visible and invisible states. Not only was the blue light from the puppet capable of sealing things and people, it was also able to dispel any form of concealing transformations. As such, within a hundred miles, any hidden or concealed enemies would be revealed!

"A young Real Spirit!" Zi Qianchou was greatly surprised. "It has already hatched!"

Apart from being surprised, Zi Qianchou was very happy. His eyes were dancing in excitement as he exclaimed, "Heaven is on my side! If I bring this to the Lord, I will be greatly rewarded!"

To prevent any possible mishap, Zi Qianchou continued to imbue Vital Energy into the puppet. The blue light surrounding the little kylin became even more concentrated. Two illusory hands came out from the blue light to catch the little kylin, which swiftly jumped on its four hooves to transform into an illusory form.

Lifting its head, it nonchalantly flew back to Su Yu's hands. However, surprisingly, the blue palms were able to grab onto the little kylin's back hooves! It had completely ignored the kylin's illusory transformation, having the same effect as the light that came from between Gu Taixu's brows!

The little kylin panicked as it tried to escape towards Su Yu. However, the blue palms dragged the little kylin towards Zi Qianchou instead!

Su Yu's face darkened. The little kylin had been very helpful to him, never asking for anything in return. It had contributed greatly to Su Yu, so there was no way that he would allow it to be taken away!

However, before Su Yu could do anything, Zi Qianchou yelled coolly, "I have already found the Real Spirit. You are of no use to me now! However, as it looks like there is some kind of bond between you and the Real Spirit, I cannot let you live!"

Chapter 597: At the Brink of Life and Death

Zi Qianchou sucked the small kylin toward him with one of his hands, while he started weaving signs with his other hand. Then, a chain that had been condensed by demonic energy flew from his sleeves and shot toward Su Yu, who was coming at him.

"Snort!" As Su Yu coldly snorted, a blue light shone from his body and the ruler was activated. It predicted in advance the chain's path and blocked it.

"Hmmm... a middle-grade spiritual artifact? Lad, you truly have many treasures, and after I kill you, I will properly search you to know your secrets!" Zi Qianchou was quite calm and composed.

Swoosh!

Three other chains flew out of his sleeves, and the four chains started attacking Su Yu at the same time from different angles. Although the ruler had an extraordinary prediction power, its flaw was that it could be used in only one attack. While one of the four chains was blocked by it, the other three chains flew toward Su Yu.

As a black light shone from Su Yu's body, the Eternal Stone King Armor appeared around his body. At the same time, he took a crystal and embedded it in the armor. The crystal's Vital Energy was quickly absorbed by the armor, and a faintly discernible membrane appeared around it. The crystal then directly turned into a fine powder.

In the past, he had managed to activate the armor three times by using the broken scarlet crystal, but now, even though he had used a whole crystal, it was barely able to sustain its use this one time. Su Yu realized now that the scarlet crystal was an extraordinary crystal.

But now, he didn't have time to ponder such a matter, so he tilted his shoulder to evade one of the chains once again. However, he was incapable of evading the other two chains, which both bombarded the light screen that was covering him.

Su Yu felt like what had just smashed into him were two grandiose mountains, not mere chains, and his body was sent flying back forcefully. Such an overwhelming force almost suffocated him, despite the fact that he was protected by the armor. It was fortunate that the light screen wasn't broken completely by them, and after a short deadlock, it deflected the two chains.

"A semi-manufactured spiritual artifact? No, it's a broken top-grade spiritual artifact defensive armor!" Zi Qianchou was amazed, and his eyes became filled with greed. "Good, I'm really more and more interested in you."

Su Yu used the impact force of his collision against the chains to swiftly fly and overtake the small kylin, which he grabbed. A golden light flickered in his sleeves at the same time, and a small golden sword flew out of them before cutting the blue palm into two pieces.

The small kylin was frightened, and it directly nestled into Su Yu's bosom, rubbing its head against him. It then entered the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl and took refuge in it.

"You have another spatial artifact?" Zi Qianchou was startled by this and became somewhat anxious. "Fine, after I kill you, they will all become mine."

"We'll see whether you are able of achieving that or not." Su Yu coldly snorted, and his eyes brimmed with killing intent.

Zi Qianchou heartily laughed. "You are really interesting, as you dare to challenge me just because of such trifling magical treasures."

While he ridiculed him, the demon energy within Zi Qianchou's body surged out of it, like a raging flame. His astonishing and imposing manner wasn't something that another expert at the early stage of the Fairy Realm could rival.

He was, after all, a Divine Master, and even though the current him was just a projection, he was still many times more powerful than ordinary experts at the early stage of the Fairy Realm.

However, it was still fortunate that he was just a projection, as such a projection didn't have even a hundredth of his true body's power and might.

"I'm truly curious how a soul body like you could be this strong while facing me," said Su Yu coldly, a white flame flickering in his eyes.

Zi Qianchou, who intended to beat Su Yu with a single move, suddenly felt a scalding sensation as he looked at the white flame in Su Yu's eyes. He was clearly frightened as he gasped. "A soul flame!"

What he saw before him was a flame capable of burning the soul of any experts at the early stage of the Fairy Realm! As he was just a projection and only a part of his soul had descended down here, he wasn't any stronger than someone at the early stage of the Fairy Realm. So, such a flame was his nemesis!

"How dare you?" Zi Qianchou glared at Su Yu.

"Since you want to kill me and take my treasures, then there's almost nothing I wouldn't dare to do!" Su Yu coldly sneered at him, then shot out his soul flame.

The white flame immediately started burning above Zi Qianchou's body. Zi Qianchou was currently just a soul body, so his soul directly started to be burned by it.

"Ahh!" Zi Qianchou cried out in pain and started frantically revolving his demonic energy, trying to suppress the flame.

But, no matter how powerful his demonic energy was, it was still incapable of affecting such a strong soul flame. As he miserably shrieked, a layer of his soul was burned by the flame, causing his body to start to become even more transparent. His soul had already sustained irreversible damage.

"Ahh! bast*rd, I curse you!" Zi Qianchou started angrily shouting.

As he looked at how the flame was ceaselessly burning him, knowing that it would shortly annihilate him, Zi Qianchou found himself obliged to pour his Vital Energy into the puppet in his palm.

Buzz!

Ripples, which were flickering in a blue light, radiated out of the puppet. Then, the air in started crystallizing. Forests, mountain, rivers, vegetation, and everything was turned into blue crystals!

As Su Yu witnessed how even birds were turned into crystals and stagnated in mid-air, he felt his life force being swallowed up. Su Yu also witnessed how the beasts on the ground, which were fleeing, were soon overtaken and crystallized before all turning into life-like blue crystal sculptures.

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In just several breaths, all of Su Yu's surroundings had turned into blue crystals.

"This must be one of Hong Luan's techniques, Blue Death! Even an All Creation Realm Old Monster can be frozen to death by it! So, I truly want to see who can save you today!" Zi Qianchou cackled.

It seemed like the crystallization had a will of its own, and it bypassed Zi Qianchou, who held onto the puppet and went after Su Yu. As he fled, Su Yu's expression was extremely grave and dignified.

After just an instant, a thin layer of crystals started appearing on Su Yu's skin. Soon, his veins, blood, and flesh all started to crystallize. His life force was also quickly flowing out of him.

As he looked his own mortality in the face, a distant and remote world's scenery was reflected in his eyes. Two pretty silhouettes and faces appeared in his mind. These were memories which could never be erased by the passing of time.

"I can't die here." When he was almost completely crystallized, a defying will rose up within him and he shouted his refusal to give in.

He had been reminded that he still hadn't married Xianer and finished their wedding ceremony, nor had he bid farewell to Xia Yujing. Hence, he couldn't just die here!

"Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture, open up!" At this moment, he surprisingly managed to raise up his already crystalized arm and take out the Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture.

A thread of Vital Energy came out of his almost crystalized internal blood energy channel, then immediately entered the picture.

Chapter 598: Willingness and Unwillingness

As the ancient scroll opened, black disastrous flames started burning along the ground. The blue crystal melted away like snow, then turned into a blue mist and gradually faded away.

Within a ten mile radius, the air became a vacuum void. The spreading of the blue crystal in Su Yu's body also came to a halt.

"Fairy level cultivation technique!" Zi Qianchou's pupils contracted all of a sudden. In a moment of fright, he had pulled away instantly, not daring to touch the disastrous flames.

If it were his physical body, he would not have needed to be afraid of the disastrous flames. However, as it was his soul body, he knew that it would be eliminated if he came into contact with the flames! The disastrous flames were even more frightening than the soul flames had been!

After retreating until he was safely ten miles away, Zi Qianchou was finally able to calm himself down and properly evaluate Su Yu for the first time. This young man was beyond difficult to deal with!

The good thing was that most of the Vital Energy had already been sealed in Su Yu's body, which limited his Fairy level cultivation technique to be activated at only one-tenth of its original strength. Otherwise, Zi Qianchou would have been in deep trouble!

Right then, Su Yu was still focusing on suppressing the spreading of the crystal in his body, making it the perfect time to kill him!

"Good! Very good! Soul flames and Fairy level cultivation technique... I do not care who you are or what status you have. No one can save you today!" Zi Qianchou's

killing intent shot through the roof. There was no way that this young man was going to live!

Zoom.

The blue puppet was tossed into the air, and with a shout from Zi Qianchou, it suddenly exploded! The entire crystalized world within a hundred miles exploded along with it. All of the mountains, rivers, grasslands and forests, together with the all of the beasts that had also been crystalized exploded together with the puppet.

The mountains broke into countless pieces as they exploded. The birds and beasts also broke apart, their carcasses having been crystalized. It all happened from the inside to the outside, but was all equally deadly. What's more, there was no way that any of it could have been prevented!

A crackling sound came from the veins and flesh in Su Yu's body, which had also crystalized. He too would dissipate as he turned into a crystal form.

Knowing that he had tried his best, he sighed in his heart and slowly closed his eyes. However, just as everything turned black before Su Yu's eyes, a familiar bright golden light lit up the darkened world.

The gold light and the shadow figure that flashed by caused Su Yu to open his eyes once again. He was surprised. Thereafter, his face filled with a smile.

It was her. Su Yu's old friend!

The golden light engulfed the entire space, including Su Yu. At that moment, it transported him away from the cracking, crystalized world.

As he was being transported away, Su Yu could scarcely hear Zi Qianchou's angry and shocked voice. "Lü Chuyi!"

That was right. In the final moment, she had chosen to return to help Su Yu after all!

As he was moving, the scenery around Su Yu changed. The only thing that did not change was the figure that was holding on to his arms. She looked magnificent in the golden light.

When their feet finally landed on the ground, they had already moved about a hundred miles away. The place seemed scorched. Coincidentally, it was the abandoned place where Su Yu had battled the demon.

"Thank you," Su Yu said, while smiling at her.

Lü Chuyi did not face Su Yu as she spoke. "Do not be happy just yet. I only wanted to prevent the Real Spirit from falling into the hands of Zi Qianchou. That was why I came back."

She secretly tucked her palm into one of her sleeves. However, Su Yu noticed her slight movement.

A smear of blue crystal was caught by Su Yu's pupils. Her left palm had been crystalized!

In other words, when crystals began forming within a hundred miles, she was still inside the area! In fact, she had pretended to leave in front of Zi Qianchou, but she had really just been hiding in the dark, so that she could come to Su Yu's aid in the final moment! She had never intended to leave Su Yu behind!

“Let me have a look at your hand.” Su Yu’s heart felt warm towards her.

Although she appeared cool outwardly, her heart was truly kind. She reminded Su Yu of his savior, An Yurou, who had an ugly appearance, but possessed the heart of a gentle and kind lady.

“I am fine...” As Su Yu’s compassion had melted Lü Chuyi’s heart, her tone had become much softer.

In the following moment of silence, neither Lü Chuyi nor Su Yu knew what to say. Su Yu looked at her figure from behind her, while she looked into the far distance. They both stood still. Their shared silence was better than any sound.

Having experienced what they just had, the gap between them seemed to disappear. The lost sense of familiarity was slowly healing.

“I am leaving now. Take care of yourself!” Lü Chuyi did not turn back to look at him. “When you return to Jiuzhou’s Mysterious Heavenly Stage, if it is possible, seek protection from Yu Qihang. If he is willing to help you, you might be able to escape from this disaster!”

Yu Qihang was the old man who was skilled in the crafting of mechanism puppets. He had previously said in front of the crowd that when they returned to the Mysterious Heavenly Stage, anyone who wished to harm Su Yu would have to go through him to do so. Based on his personality, he seemed to be a man of his word.

The problem was that Su Yu was not planning on returning to Jiuzhou’s Mysterious Heavenly Stage. Thus, he and Lü Chuyi’s farewell today would perhaps be for forever.

“Wait a moment.” Su Yu thought for a while. His soul entered the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl to carefully retrieve the sapling of the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo. He then put it in a jade box and held it out to her.

“This is a gift for you. There is no other way I can repay you for saving my life.” The sapling was an invaluable treasure to Su Yu. It was the key material for remaking the Nine Suns Cosmos Sword Formation.

He had wronged Lü Chuyi in the past, and he felt that he owed her a favor for saving his life. Moreover, this was perhaps the last time they would ever meet in this life. As such, Su Yu did not want to have any regrets.

Of all the things he had, the only thing of interest to Lü Chuyi was perhaps the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo. Hence, this was the most appropriate gift for her.

“What is this?” Lü Chuyi turned back to look at it, but she did not recognize what it was.

“Of the two seeds that you gave me, one of them died, while the other fortunately survived. This is a gift for you. Also, it rightfully belongs to you.” Su Yu smiled genuinely as he handed it to her.

Lü Chuyi was shocked. “The Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo? You managed to plant and grow it?”

She was very puzzled, as the bamboo required the blood essence of an All Creation Old Monster in order to grow. In fact, it required a hundred years of watering, day and night!

How did Su Yu accomplish it?

Her white snowy eyes flashed with joy and surprise. The Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo was indeed extraordinarily important to her!

However, as she noticed Su Yu’s smile, Lü Chuyi’s heart gradually became calm again. “I cannot accept it. Before it loses its Spiritual Qualities, you ought to find somewhere suitable to cultivate it.” Lü Chuyi then quickly turned away from Su Yu once again.

Su Yu was surprised. “Why?” He was confused, as the bamboo was clearly very important to her.

Lü Chuyi turned around and smiled suddenly. Her smile was as beautiful as the sunlight in the middle of winter, and it gave someone a feeling of immense warmth.

“I already got what I wanted, so I am satisfied.” Lü Chuyi smiled once again as she spoke the meaningful words. Thereafter, she flew across the sky and returned to Jiuzhou.

Looking at her disappearing figure, Su Yu suddenly felt a little disappointed.

“Goodbye...” Su Yu mumbled bitterly.

Perhaps Lü Chuyi thought that they would still meet again at the Jiuzhou’s Mysterious Heavenly Stage. She clearly did not know that this farewell would most likely be their last.

Thud.

Suddenly, a black ancient scroll fell from Su Yu’s bosom and clattered on the ground.

Chapter 599: Fighting Gu Taixu

The five words, “Mysterious Heavenly Crafting Secret Technique,” clearly echoed in everyone’s ears.

Did she bestow such a crafting technique to Su Yu before she left?

It was only because she persistently clung to such a book, while disregarding her own safety, that she ended up meeting Su Yu in the first place. Their relationship had started and ended because of this book. Su Yu felt his heart becoming heavier, as he held onto the book that contained the Mysterious Heavenly Crafting Secret Technique.

Swoosh!

At this moment, the sound of someone flying in the air echoed, as the angered Zi Qianchou overtook them and yelled, “Punk, where do you think you can run to?”

Su Yu just motionlessly stood in his place, not even attempting run away. After he left the crystal world, the crystals within his body had disappeared by themselves after losing contact with their power source. His Vital Energy and Spiritual Energy started revolving once again, and he could now use all of his techniques, even the Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture.

What was bewildering was that Zi Qianchou, who was just one mile away from him, suddenly stopped approaching him, and his face, which was full of anger, became filled with wariness. He just fixedly stared at Su Yu, or more precisely, at what was behind Su Yu.

Su Yu's heart shuddered. What is behind me?

"Can you tell me what happened between you and Yi'er?" The sound of a calm, clear, yet overbearing and imposing voice, brimming with killing intent, fluttered to his ears.

Su Yu turned his head around and looked at the person, who had his hands clasped behind his back and was standing just three feet away from him. Su Yu hadn't even sensed or detected him at all!

"How long have you been standing so closely here?" Su Yu's expression was calm and composed, and he didn't rashly make a move. His instinct was informing him that once he made a move, the person behind him would easily take his life!

It was Gu Taixu, of course. He was unexpectedly facing Gu Taixu, all by himself!

Su Yu's expression was composed as he calmly asked again, "How long have you been here?"

"I was already here when Yi'er found you. I have been observing you and waiting for you ever since then." Gu Taixu's voice was extremely calm. However, he gave off an oppressing and palpitating aura, as if his peacefulness was just the calm before the storm.

Gu Taixu had witnessed everything! He had heard the words that had been exchanged between them and witnessed how Su Yu had been chased by her, even how they were trying to save each other!

"It was my first time seeing Yi'er smiling in such way. Such a smile has never been directed at her fiancée, only at a stranger like you." Gu Taixu sighed a sigh filled with constrained anger.

"So, inform me what happened between the two of you. What exactly is your relationship?" Gu Taixu clasped his hands behind his back and softly spoke. "I will ask such a question just one time, so you have just one opportunity to explain yourself."

What was our relationship? Su Yu turned his head around and faced Gu Taixu, while his expression became somewhat cold.

Gu Taixu had been spying on them from the beginning, or in other words, he deliberately sent Lü Chuyi here to act as bait, so that he could sense what was really going on between them! Su Yu was somewhat angered upon figuring this out.

Su Yu felt like it wasn't worth it for Lü Chuyi to be deeply in love with Gu Taixu, as in Gu Taixu's eyes, she was just a pretty piece of art to control and add to his collection!

"You aren't worthy of her," Su Yu said calmly.

“Whether I’m worthy of her or not isn’t for you to decide, nor anyone else.” Gu Taixu’s expression was still calm, and he extended one of his fingers and pointed it at himself then said, “It’s up to me alone. If I say I’m worthy of her, then it is so! Alright, now answer my question, as you have already exhausted my patience.”

Gu Taixu’s gaze was apathetic. He somewhat hated him because of his repeated intervention while he was competing for the blood of a Real Dragon in the Exchange Festival’s stage.

Su Yu sucked in a breath. “You want me to satisfy your curiosity? Dream on!”

Gu Taixu’s expression was still calm as he indifferently replied, “Are you trying to anger me? Tread carefully, as for me, there is no difference between crushing you to death and crushing an ant to death!”

His attitude was full of arrogance and disdain. “I already gave you an opportunity, and I won’t ask you again. Regardless of what your relationship with Yi’er is, you have just one fate, which is death. However, since you didn’t harm Yi’er, I will give you an opportunity to flee for your life like a pitiful dog.”

After Gu Taixu spoke, he stopped caring about Su Yu and clasped his hands behind his back, then strode toward Zi Qianchou. His pace seemed quite slow, yet in fact, he was moving as fast as lightning.

Zi Qianchou was obviously swiftly retreating, but Gu Taixu still overtook him in just two breath’s time. Gu Taixu, extended one of his hands and waved it at Zi Qianchou.

An extremely powerful oppressing and crushing force immediately went after Zi Qianchou. As Zi Qianchou was quite afraid of him, his demonic energy surged out of his body and formed a golden bell-like light screen around him.

“It’s useless,” calmly said Gu Taixu, while he leisurely clenched his hand.

Crack!

The golden bell was shattered, while the dumbstruck Zi Qianchou, who was within it, was held and confined by a tremendous power. It was too terrifying!

Gu Taixu was even more terrifying than what he had expected or imagined.

Swoosh!

Another puppet appeared in his hand, and it was exactly the same as the one before it. He had two puppets!

After he poured his Vital Energy into it, it started flickering in a blue light, while the transformation of a crystal world started once again. Gu Taixu didn’t evade or flee from it, and the hand which had had just extended still didn’t stop. He then said, “I told you that it’s useless.”

An astounding scene appeared just after that. As Gu Taixu pressed down his palm toward him, the blue light emitted from the puppet not only didn’t manage to crystalize his palm, but was instead forced back into the puppet!

Swoosh!

After Gu Taixu quelled the puppet, he clenched his hand and the puppet immediately shattered into pieces. In that instant, the terrifying blue light, which burst out of it at such a moment, was also forcefully annihilated by his palm. After he opened his palm, only splinters could be seen.

“The supervisor Hong Luan, is it? It will be fine if she personally comes here, but if it’s just a puppet, then it’s still not worth considering.” Gu Taixu said.

As a light breeze blew over, it swept the puppet’s fragments into the air. At this moment, Zi Qianchou’s expression was extremely unsightly, and he decisively, and without caring about Su Yu anymore, fled away.

However, after he fled for just several hundred meters, he felt the space surrounding him tightening, firmly confining him. Gu Taixu waved his hand and took him into it.

“It will come to an end here.” Gu Taixu clenched his hand.

“No! Ahh!” A miserable shriek echoed out, as Zi Qianchou’s soul body was destroyed., It immediately turned into specks of light that fluttered down onto the ground.

As his soul was annihilated, his true soul also suffered irreversible damages. If he didn’t manage to heal it and recover it, it would be difficult for his cultivation to progress by even a little throughout his whole life!

They were both at the Divine Master Realm, and the current cultivation of their souls that descended down here was just at the middle-stage of the Fairy Realm and the later stage of the Fairy Realm! However, despite such a small difference in their cultivations, killing him was extremely easy for Gu Taixu. It was as if he was just crushing an ant to death!

After he put down his palm, Gu Taixu calmly turned his head around and asked, “Why didn’t you flee?” Su Yu had just remained standing in place this whole time.

“Did you realize that you wouldn’t manage to escape, so you preferred to die in a dignified manner, unwilling to flee like a dog?” It seemed as if Gu Taixu had seen through Su Yu’s mind. Regardless, Su Yu’s expression remained extremely calm and composed.

“I didn’t flee to wait for my death, but to wait for your death!” Su Yu, whose expression was still dignified, started weaving signs with both of his hands. It seemed like he was using some obscure technique.

He had clearly decided that he would fight Gu Taixu all by himself!

Chapter 600: The Merging of Origins

“You have overestimated yourself.” Gu Taixu was fiercely calm.

Then, as he raised his arms, the air suddenly seemed to explode. A tornado that could not be observed by the naked eye then rolled out, spreading in all four directions.

Clang.

The tornado moved extremely fast. Within the blink of an eye, it seemed to tear Su Yu apart, along with a large volume of space. A soft sound was then heard, and the tornado suddenly came to a halt.

Su Yu was still standing in his original spot. However, there were now two other clones that were standing next to him. Each of them looked exactly like him!

One of the clones was a jade color, whose body emitted a bright flame. The other clone was surrounded by lightning from head-to-toe. The appearance of these clones had been made possible through a method called the Second Grade Clone Technique, whereby Su Yu had been able to summon two clones!

At the moment, Su Yu was covered in the Eternal Stone King Armor. He had sacrificed a crystal in order for the armor to emit a bright light, which engulfed the three of them during emergency situations.

At present, the fiery clone was holding onto the Six Directional Ruler, which had predicted the attack. Meanwhile, the lightning clone was standing on the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation. With the three of them working together, they were just barely able to withstand the tornado.

In fact, such a powerful attack had required Su Yu to use all of his defensive treasures in order to protect himself! As such, the tornado was not able to pierce through his armor and other defenses. Thus, it gradually weakened.

Seeing that his single attack was unable to kill Su Yu instantly, Gu Taixu stepped forward and yelled, "Useless clones! Useless treasures! Useless defense! You'll see..."

As he yelled, he shook his sleeves, causing the weakened tornado to become twice as strong! Su Yu and his clones, who had barely withstood the earlier attack, were suddenly warped inside the tornado!

All of a sudden, the space around them broke into pieces. As the Six Directional Ruler could only block one side and not the others, the sound of the fiery clone breaking apart could be heard throughout the entire area.

Next to be targeted was the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation. After a moment of vibration, the light screen was also crushed by the tornado. It then immediately turned into dust.

Both of the clones had been destroyed! Now, only Su Yu remained, his original body being protected by the strong Eternal Stone King Armor. Even though the battle was a struggle, he was still withstanding it!

"It is over!" Gu Taixu stepped closer to Su Yu and stretched out his fingers towards him.

A similar scene had already occurred with Zi Qianchou. The only difference was that only Zi Qianchou's soul had been destroyed, whereas both Su Yu's soul and body would be destroyed today!

The space around Su Yu tightened, while he felt a suffocating pressure surround him. The space was quickly compressing more each minute.

All Gu Taixu needed to do now was to close his fingers and Su Yu would be squeezed to the point of exploding. He would then be dead immediately!

With a chill in his eyes, Gu Taixu started closing his five fingers tightly! However, right then, emerging from a larger place where they had just battled, black threads moved to surround Gu Taixu at lightning speed.

These were the Real Spirit Dragon Veins! Based on Gu Taixu's current soul state, there was no way he could demolish them.

Gu Taixu suddenly became aware that he had been trapped! While he was killing Zi Qianchou, Su Yu had started devising this clever trap!

"Do you think that same trick would work on me?" However, Gu Taixu did not seem surprised by the ambush. In fact, he almost seemed prepared for it!

He retrieved a cat-shaped jade beast from his sleeves, which glowed with a bright light and had the power to slow down time. This was a heaven-defying treasure that had time-passage capabilities!

The Real Spirit Dragon Veins that were encircling Gu Taixu suddenly slowed down. The, with two fingers clipped together, Gu Taixu effortlessly grasped the Real Spirit Dragon Veins. Flipping his fingers, he then rolled them into his hands, successfully snatching them away!

"Let me guess, you still have something up your sleeve, am I right?" Gu Taixu seemed to see through Su Yu's tricks.

As he spoke, he pointed his finger towards the ground. Immediately, the ground tore apart, revealing a black scroll that was hidden underneath. It was the Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture!

"Open!" Su Yu yelled. He was shocked in his heart. He could not believe that it had been discovered!

Based on his plan, the Real Spirit Dragon Veins would trap Gu Taixu, while he activated the Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture in order to kill him. Now, everything had been uncovered!

As the scroll opened, the disastrous flames that were capable of burning everything started flowing out from within it. Even a single strand of those disastrous flames would be something even a Fairy's soul could not withstand!

However, Gu Taixu was very calm. "I have already said, that same trick will not work on me."

As he held Su Yu with one hand, he extended the other hand. Then, a shocking scene unfolded. The disastrous flames were forcefully compressed back into the scroll! Thereafter, the Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture fell into his hands from across the space.

"A remnant scroll of the Fairy level cultivation technique. I will keep it on your behalf." Gu Taixu looked very calm.

Simultaneously, he tucked the Real Spirit Dragon Veins and the remnant scroll of the Fairy level cultivation technique into his bosom. As such, two valuable treasures and two supposedly deadly traps had been annihilated, just like that!

"Everything has now come to an end. I will send you on your way before I look for the little kylin." Gu Taixu pinched his fingers together to compress Su Yu. However, it

seemed that Su Yu had already formed a symbol with both of his hands while Gu Taixu was not paying attention.

“Your garbage-like clones again?” Gu Taixu inferred calmly. “You have used the same technique twice...”

The two clones once again appeared next to Su Yu and stood there quietly. The difference in them now was that they had each condensed an Origin’s energy between their palms. The jade clone held the Fire Origin, while the thunderbolt clone held the Thunderbolt Origin.

As for Su Yu, the mark between his brows split, and an endless stream of cold energy was flowing out of it. This was the Ice Origin, which was flowing out like a stream of water!

“You were just saying that the same technique would not have any effect on you. Then, what about a technique that you have never seen before?” In this most crucial moment, Su Yu was finally using his main trump card!

In the past, Su Yu had asked Lü Chuyi how he could safely merge the Origins. Her answer was that the Origins repelled each other. As such, a single mismatch could easily cause an intense explosion. Thus, the safest way to merge them was to control all three of them with a single heart.

Although Su Yu could not control all three with a single heart, he could control two of the clones at the same time. In this way, he could then use one heart to control three bodies.

“Three types of Origins! Your level of comprehension is pretty strong. However, what is the use of that? A dead man is still a dead man.” Gu Taixu was surprised for the first time, as he had never known that one person could cultivate three types of Origins.

Su Yu ignored him, instead focusing his energies on working with the two clones to merge the three Origins together. As each of the Origins had the same size and strength, their angles of merging were perfectly in tune with one another. It was as if the three Origins were controlled by the same person!

This was the new method that Su Yu had thought of, which he called the merging of Origins. This trio, consisting of the fiery red flame, the dark purple thunderbolt, and the pale white frost, was a true miracle.

Three colors, three powers, and three Origins were uniquely merging. Their union soon became a beautiful cloud that looked like a tri-colored flower!

“Did you not say that the technique that I used before would be useless against you? Well then, try this!” Without giving Gu Taixu time to react, Su Yu spun the tri-colored cloud towards Gu Taixu.

Since the cloud contained a strand of Su Yu’s intentions, as Su Yu controlled with his heart, the intentions manipulated the energy. Even if there was a slight change in the energy, that minute shift created an instability within the three types of Origins.

Sizzle.

Then, a crack suddenly appeared within the tri-colored cloud, as the three mixed energies collided against each other and caused several small explosions. This produced an aura that caused goosebumps to appear on one's skin.

The formally calm Gu Taixu suddenly tensed up. "What kind of Origin is this? No merged Origins can have this kind of destructive power!"

At this moment, Gu Taixu was gripped by fear and instantly backed away. After all, this was an intensely destructive power that was capable of threatening his life!

"It is too late to escape now! Explode!" Su Yu shouted coldly.

Boom!

Immediately, the Origins obeyed Su Yu's words. The energy in the tri-colored cloud had been mixed to its most saturated point. Thus, the destructive power was at its peak.

A ground-breaking, loud, and booming sound could be heard all over the place, while the colors of red, purple, and white could be seen everywhere. The three combined colors were like an earth-shattering light that engulfed the entire Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion, the Divine Sparrow Stage, the five peaks, and every corner of the realm...

What swiftly followed this was a scene of utter chaos, filled with lightning, flames, and even frost! Then, a crazy collision caused a destructive and explosive power to fill the entire area!

Boom!

The ground shook continuously, as did the sky. Jiuzhou's Mysterious Heavenly Stage was suddenly shaking as well!

What is going on down there? From Jiuzhou's Mysterious Heavenly Stage, a group of worried elders suddenly changed their facial expressions.

Yu old monster's eyes lit up. He then stood up and said, "This is unbelievable! This kind of energy flow must be close to the Divine Master level! If this was not Gu Taixu's doing, who could be responsible for this?"

Zi Qianchou's face was pale, and he looked very fragile. As his soul had been damaged, he looked extremely unhappy.

Sensing this great wave of energy, and knowing that it could not be Gu Taixu or any of the Divine Masters who had descended, his thoughts immediately went to Su Yu! That deeply disguised, loathsome, and fearsome young man!

Similarly, Lü Chuyi, who had just returned, felt a shock in her heart. The strong wave of energy reminded her of something familiar.

In the past, this kind of energy wave had also occurred in the seventh level of the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. It was known as the merging of Origins.

This was indeed Su Yu's merging of Origins! In comparison, the energy wave this time around was more than ten times stronger than before!

"It is him!" Lü Chuyi was greatly surprised. She was shocked by the frightening power of Su Yu's Origins, and was also worried about Gu Taixu's fate.

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In the midst of the shocking vibration, dust filled the air and floated over the entire land. A figure, whose clothes were ripped and whose mouth was filled with blood, appeared to be floating around within the dust. The figure seemed to have sustained severe injuries.

“Three of my bones are broken, and my internal organs have been greatly damaged. I was able to kill an enemy, but also severely injured myself in the process!” Su Yu laughed bitterly.

Even in the final moment, while sacrificing three of his protective treasures, Su Yu had still been seriously injured. At least the circumstances were still far better than the time he had fought Yang Yidao! Back then, Su Yu had nearly killed himself in the explosion!

This time, with the aid of the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation and the Six Directional Ruler, he had decreased his danger of self-inflicting harm significantly. Compared to the rough merging that he had suffered through previously, this time around, the merging had been handled much more coherently. Also, the might had increased by not only one or two times, but ten times!

Is the might of my Origins truly this scary? Su Yu could not help wonder.

As a singular Origin was not very strong, it would be difficult to harm anyone above the Half God level with just one. However, for some unknown reason, Su Yu’s Origins were unusually strong after merging.

Although he had many questions on his mind, he did not forget about what needed to be done in that very moment...

In a burned crater ten miles away...

The crater was extremely deep and wide, and within it were some remnant energies of lightning, flames, and frost. In the center of the crater lay a soul body that had been turned into an ice sculpture. It looked burned and frozen at the same time.

Zoom.

Su Yu floated towards it. With the wave of his hand, he took back the Real Spirit Dragon Veins and the Great Sun Punishment Fairy Picture.

“The objects have been returned to their rightful owner,” Su Yu said calmly.