

Nine-Dragon 661

Chapter 661: Exposed Identity

Although the group had levels of cultivation that were not that great, they still had very well-trained techniques. Their speeds were also much faster than those at the same level.

In the blink of an eye, Su Yu had travelled hundreds of miles away, leaving the people chasing after him far behind. After flying for some time, they landed by a lake.

“Let’s stop here. We should be safe now,” the middle-aged Clan Master said as he rested by the lake.

Sighs.

Linger and Ying Cheng sighed, as they were both slightly exhausted. Although they had moved very quickly, they had expended a great amount of energy in doing so.

“Father, what happened? How did the otherworldly people discover our presence? Did we expose ourselves?” Linger asked, clearly confused.

The enemies had come at them very decisively. Clearly, they had found out about their exact location. If it were not for their acute senses, they would have been in trouble.

The middle-aged Clan Master was deep in thought, so he did not answer her.

However, Ying Cheng replied, “Is there a need to even ask that? We were carefully hidden. How would they have discovered our location? Apart from that clueless man who exposed himself by standing on the mountain peak, there can be no other explanation.”

As Ying Cheng spoke, he looked towards Su Yu with discontent. Linger suddenly realized what had happened and turned to stare at Su Yu. “I was wondering what went wrong. It was you!”

Su Yu had stood above the mountain peak without any intention of hiding. Although he was far away, it was difficult to ensure the otherworldly experts did not have anyone skilled in pupil techniques who could see from afar. So, it was possible that Su Yu’s exposure had gotten them into trouble.

Su Yu had indeed not tried to conceal himself as they had. However, Su Yu had constantly projected a natural consciousness, which blended himself with the surrounding environment.

As such, he did not give out any aura. So, even if the otherworldly people looked over in his direction, they would only be able to see the natural scenery and not discover his presence.

This was why they could not detect Su Yu’s aura, even if they were very close to him. Therefore, the exposure was clearly not caused by Su Yu.

“It was not him,” the middle-aged Clan Master said. “Based on his ability to conceal his aura, even we could not detect his presence from a close distance. So, how could the enemies do so from hundreds of miles away? We must have caused it ourselves. We are the ones who burdened this young man.”

He then cupped his fists and said, "I am sorry, young man, for getting you into trouble. I believe our path has already been discovered by the enemy."

Linger peered at Su Yu with suspicion. She did not believe that she could have exposed herself.

"Clan Master, we are on a secret mission that was commissioned by the Seven Lords Palace. Only the Seven Lords Palace could possibly trace our every move. Even if there was a spy in the Empire of Darkness, he could not possibly know our exact location. Could the spy be in the Seven Lords Palace? I think that the biggest problem here is still this young man!" Ying Cheng said, while he stared at Su Yu with narrowed eyes, not trying at all to conceal his suspicions.

Facing two suspicious gazes, Su Yu shrugged. He turned to look around the environment and suddenly raised his eyebrows. "I am afraid that now is not the time to discuss whether or not I am a spy."

"Hmph, don't try to change the subject. You are the spy!" Ying Cheng seemed to have seen through Su Yu's motives. He reached towards a blade that was at his waist, his killing intent blindingly apparent.

"Stop it!" the middle-aged Clan Master yelled suddenly. He looked very displeased. "He is right. We have no time to waste. We have been surrounded!"

"Surrounded? Since when?" Linger asked in alarm. She and Ying Cheng were both greatly shocked to hear this, and they both wondered...

How could the enemy have caught up with us so soon, and even surrounded us?

The two of them immediately used their Aura Observing techniques, and streams of a vague aura continuously entered their noses. In a short period of time, both of their facial expressions turned sour.

"This is bad. We truly are surrounded. Based on the aura, there seems to be at least thirty enemies surrounding us at the moment, all of whom seem to be Two Three Crystals Half Fairies! This... This is a trap that was clearly set in advance!" Ying Cheng's facial expression changed quickly.

Right then, his suspicions towards Su Yu were thoroughly erased. After all, such an ambush was clearly prepared well in advance, and Su Yu had only just met them a while ago.

"Stop talking. Take him and escape now!" The middle-aged Clan Master's face sank as he gave the order.

Ying Cheng showed a look of uncertainty as he said, "Clan Master, we can barely protect ourselves. If we bring him along..."

Linger also hesitated. She was nervous that they did not have the capabilities to protect another person, especially in the face of such intimidating opposition.

“Shut up. We got him into this, so how could we possibly leave him alone now? Bring him with you and depart immediately!” the middle-aged Clan Master said. He then immediately tipped his toes and flew away.

Ying Cheng clenched his jaw and stared at Su Yu with concealed hatred. “I will be honest with you. If you dare to affect me even a little but, I will kill you immediately!”

As he finished speaking, he grabbed Su Yu and swiftly followed after the middle-aged Clan Master. After they had flown for about ten meters, some vague figures appeared among the nearby clouds.

The enemy’s trap seemed very well-organized. It was as if the enemy had calculated their positions to the exact point. This explained why they could completely surround them so expertly.

Luckily, the three of them, especially the middle-aged Clan Master, had very strong Aura Observing techniques. Therefore, they could detect the enemy’s weaker areas.

At the moment, there were three Two Crystal Half Fairies blocking them in front. As the Clan Master’s power rivaled that of a Three Crystal Half Fairy, they could easily break through the defense!

“Open!” the middle-aged Clan Master shouted loudly as he opened his mouth. A loud and clear voice, which had a numbing effect on one’s body came out. This was the sound wave cultivation technique!

The dense clouds dispersed and revealed three hidden figures within it. Under the effects of the sound wave cultivation technique, the three people were simultaneously numbed.

“Use the opportunity now!” the middle-aged Clan Master shouted, while he led Su Yu and the others through the circle and rushed towards the horizon.

Zoom.

Right then, the trap contracted rapidly, while a white-clothed young man spoke with anger, “They got away! What happened? How did they suddenly discover our trap? Did we do something wrong?”

“Master, I have something to tell you. However, I am not sure if I should say it.” A henchman behind him had an expression of confusion on his face.

“Speak!” the white-clothed man replied angrily.

The henchman said, “Master, I am not sure if you noticed the silver-haired young man...”

“Silver-haired young man? Which one?” The white-clothed man frowned. He had focused his attention on the three important informants, so he did not pay any attention to the silver-haired young man.

The henchman carefully looked at the white-clothed man’s face as he spoke with uncertainty, “I don’t know if my intuition is wrong, but I feel like the silver-haired young man looked very familiar. He looked like the youth of the Zhenlong Continent, Su Yu, the one who the Central Prefecture’s Black Shadow Guards have all been talking about.”

“Well, he did have same silver hair, the same age, and even the same appearance. However, this man is an existence akin to a Divine Master. Why would he associate himself with three unimportant people?” The white-clothed man’s facial expression had changed from a look of impatience to one of wariness.

Although the speaker had no clear intentions, the listener did. As soon as the words were spoken, many of the otherworldly experts’ facial expressions started changing.

Chapter 662: Trying to Enter the Summit Once Again

Xin Fu wasn’t the only person who noticed the silver-haired youth.

“Even if you are mistaken, it isn’t possible for everyone else to be mistaken too.” The white-clothed scholar spoke in a deep voice.

He had already noticed the grave changes in the surrounding people’s expressions. This made his heart thump intensely, while cold sweat seeped out of his forehead.

Su Yu’s name was quite famous among the Black Shadow Guards. His strength especially deterred all of them from bothering him.

His heart couldn’t help but intensely thump, as he recalled how he almost tried to attack such a terrifying youth. He finally understood why they had managed to easily detect that they were waiting in ambush there. It was all because of that mysterious genius’ existence!

“Sir, there is still another matter to inform you about... When I used my pupil technique a moment ago to observe them, it seemed to me like the silver-haired youth was obeying those three insignificant people. So, how could he be a truly that legendary person?” Xin Fu voiced out suspicions.

The corners of the white-clothed scholar’s mouth twitched. “It’s probably because he didn’t want to reveal his true status.”

“Sir, should we chase them?” Xin Fu asked. He felt like he just took a tour through the gates of hell and had amazingly come back alive, and as he rejoiced over such a fact, he couldn’t help but wonder what should be done next.

The white-clothed scholar glared at him. “Is it you who will chase them, or me?”

Xin Fu was somewhat embarrassed, as he immediately understood his meaning.

“What did you see a moment ago?” The white-clothed scholar’s gaze became ice-cold. If the fact that he deliberately let their targets go were to be spread, his superiors wouldn’t ask him for the reason behind such behavior, they would just punish him regardless.

Xin Fu rolled his eyes. “Our target was saved, then taken by someone, and we didn’t manage to successfully capture them.”

“Who saved the target?” the white-clothed scholar asked him.

Xin Fu put on a stern look as he replied, "We didn't get a proper look at his facial features."

It was only now that the white-clothed scholar revealed a faint smile. "You've properly replied. As for the others, do they also know how they should reply?"

"We understand," the other people replied in unison. They also didn't want to bear the responsibilities of letting their enemies go, so they surely knew how they should report back.

"Good, let's go back to report the end of the mission." The white-clothed scholar waved his hands to dismiss them. Not only hadn't he chased them, he even led his people away and quickly retreated!

The middle-aged Hall Master, and the other three people, who still hadn't fled too far away from them, were somewhat dumbfounded when they didn't detect any more movement behind them.

"Dad, if I'm not mistaken, they retreated." Linger widened her eyes till they became as big as bells, and her face became filled with disbelief.

Ying Cheng was also dumbfounded by this. "What happened to the enemy's troop? Why did they suddenly retreat?"

Even the middle-aged Hall Master was dumbfounded by such a sight. "That's odd. Weren't we the enemy's target? Did they give up on chasing us?"

The three of them had already prepared themselves for fleeing for their lives, yet the enemies had unexpectedly retreated. It was truly odd.

"Don't be careless. We should first leave this place and then discuss this," the middle-aged Hall Master said wearily.

After two hours. In a quiet and secluded forest, far from the Empire of Darkness.

When night fell, the small group was sitting around a bonfire and roasting some of the mountain's small beasts. A faint fragrance, which refreshed their minds and aroused their appetites, was wafting from the fire.

"We were truly lucky today." As she gnawed on the delicious food, Linger's face became filled with delight and satisfaction. They were truly lucky today, as they managed to flee from their enemy.

"Linger, it's you who brought us such good luck." Ying Cheng sliced a piece of deer's leg off, then passed it to Linger.

Linger waved the meat in her hand and said, "Exactly, with me here, we can avert all dangers. Isn't that the case, dad?"

Linger looked over at him and suddenly discovered that the middle-aged Hall Master's brows were furrowed. He didn't reply, as he was lost in his thoughts, while blankly staring at the bonfire.

“Dad, what are you thinking about?” Linger interrupted the middle-aged Hall Master’s thoughts.

After he came back to his senses, he spoke while still furrowing his brows, “I’m thinking about how can we return to the Empire of Darkness. Judging from today’s circumstances, it can be seen that the otherworldly army has set their gazes on us, so traveling back now would be more dangerous than usual.”

After he spoke, Linger and Ying Cheng became worried and serious. Although they had managed to escape today, it would be extremely difficult for them to return to the Empire of Darkness.

Linger felt like the meat that she was eating instantly became tasteless, and as she furrowed her brows, she became more anxious and agitated. Among the four of them, only Su Yu remained calm and composed. He was now leaning against a tree, quietly cultivating.

When the middle-aged Hall Master noticed this, he couldn’t help but inwardly praise and admire Su Yu, as even in such a situation, he could still cultivate. Not only was he composed, he was also hard-working! Such a person would surely succeed in the future.

However, his actions sat differently on the heart of the vexed Linger, who asked him harshly, “Hey, can’t you help us try to think of some solution? Don’t you feel that it’s quite selfish of you to just attend to your own cultivation at such a time?”

Su Yu slowly opened his eyes. He had been using the free time to consolidate his Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm cultivation.

When he heard Linger’s shout, he stopped cultivating, faintly smiled, then said, “I was cultivating as you were eating, so how come I’m selfish? Isn’t that the case for you too, then?”

Linger had just wanted to vent her vexation on him, and she hadn’t expected that he would dare to talk back to her!

“What did you just say? How can you talk to her in such a way?” Before Linger even replied, Ying Cheng got upset and yelled at Su Yu.

His face was filled with anger, which he didn’t try to conceal. “If it wasn’t for us, you would already be a corpse, so can’t you at least respect us? If I knew that you were such a low person, I wouldn’t have saved you.”

Su Yu just smiled, yet didn’t reply. His calm expression only made Ying Cheng more infuriated. “From your expression, it can be seen that you aren’t grateful to us at all! In fact, it seems like I saved just a thankless wretch! Now that you are safe, you can get lost, as we don’t want to see you ever again!”

Linger, who was beside them, furrowed her brows. She was just arguing with Su Yu, yet Ying Cheng had started bullying him in order to please her. However, this backfired, as it only displeased her, as well as making her feel somewhat uncomfortable.

As she looked at Ying Cheng out of the corner of her eye, she curled her lips in disdain. She could clearly see that he was just flaunting his power.

“Enough!” the middle-aged Hall Master shouted in a deep voice. “What’s so great about shouting at someone who is weaker than you? If you were really so great, then why didn’t you shout at the otherworldly experts in such a bold way?”

When he heard him, Ying Cheng slumped his shoulders and felt his face become very hot. Naturally, his comments had embarrassed him. When they were surrounded by the otherworldly experts, he didn’t dare to even loudly gasp for breath, let alone shout at them!

“Moreover, if it wasn’t for this young man’s warning, we wouldn’t have been aware of the experts’ ambush. Not only didn’t you thank him, but you are instead mocking and ridiculing him!” The middle-aged Hall Master was clearly angry.

“Little brother, they are still young, so please forgive them.” The middle-aged Hall Master then turned and cupped his fists at Su Yu.

Su Yu waved his hands at him and replied, “Don’t worry about me. Let’s instead discuss business. Hall Master, did you find a way to return to the Empire of Darkness yet?”

The middle-aged Hall Master hesitated slightly. “I found a way, but it’s somewhat dangerous. But, if you don’t fear taking risks, you can come along us and try it. However, I can’t guarantee that we will succeed.”

As he finished his words, Linger immediately responded, “What? Dad, you want to take him with us? It is already extremely difficult for us to pass by the enemy’s army, and in our current situation, won’t it be even more difficult for us if we took another person?”

Ying Cheng was also against the idea, but after he had just been reprimanded, he didn’t dare voice his opinion. He only glared viciously at Su Yu.

Chapter 663: Revealing the Hidden

Su Yu completely ignored the Linger’s and Ying Cheng’s reactions as he said, “Thank you, Clan Master. I am not sure how I should address you.”

The middle-aged Clan Master nodded slightly. “I just wanted to help you on our way. Consider it a favor in return for your help earlier. Once we enter the mountain peak, we will have nothing to do with each other. In fact, the three of us have special statuses which I cannot reveal to you. Of course, I will also not ask you about your status. Once we enter the city, we will part ways immediately.”

Su Yu could not have asked for a better arrangement, so he nodded happily.

“Father, you really are...” Linger was flustered, as she could not bear having Su Yu around.

Ying Cheng was also displaying a look of discontent.

“I have already decided on the matter,” the middle-aged Clan Master said as he glanced at the two. “After half a day’s rest, we will leave as soon as night falls.”

Even though Linger was secretly flustered, she could not go against him. She could only glare hatefully at Su Yu as she said, "If a fellow like you dares to get us into trouble, I will never forgive you!"

Su Yu shrugged at her as he prepared to rest. Soon, it was nightfall...

"Alright, get ready. Linger and Ying Cheng, check to see if your Concealment Cloaks are complete!" the middle-aged Clan Master shouted. He then retrieved a thin and wide cloak that was almost transparent from his bosom.

Linger and Ying Cheng retrieved identical cloaks and attentively examined every inch of them. They both then reported in unison, "They are fine. We can leave now."

Once they were certain that everything was alright, the two took a few deep breaths. They were starting to feel nervous.

The middle-aged Clan Master took the lead. "Alright, once we are thirty kilometers away from our target, you must immediately put on your Concealment Cloaks. Little brother, you will share a cloak with me temporarily."

Su Yu nodded in compliance. After an hour, the Empire of Darkness was thirty kilometers away.

"Linger, Ying Cheng, follow me closely on my left and right. If anything happens, I can immediately assist you," the middle-aged Clan Master. At the same time, he opened his cloak and covered himself and Su Yu with it.

Ying Cheng was on the left, the middle-aged Clan Master was in the center, with Su Yu was closely positioned to the right of him, and Linger was on Su Yu's right. In the blink of an eye, the four figures disappeared into the darkness simultaneously.

"B*stard, stay away from me!" After taking a few steps, Linger yelled out loud.

As she was standing closely on Su Yu's right side as they moved forward, it was impossible not to bump into each other. This had made her very sensitive and uncomfortable.

Su Yu shrugged his shoulders helplessly. "Isn't it your fault for walking so close to me? If you do not like it, you can stay further apart. I don't mind."

Right then, Linger shouted back at him angrily, "You b*stard! I will deal with you later!"

After all, she knew that she could not move too far away from her father. If anything happened, he would not be able to help her!

Su Yu laughed, but did not reply. Ying Cheng, who was walking on the other side, glared at him with cold eyes.

"Shut up! Keep moving!" the middle-aged Clan Master yelled.

While Linger was still filled with discontent, the four started walking forward once more. As they had suppressed all of their Vital Energy and Spiritual Energy, not a tinge of an aura could be felt. Under the night sky, they looked as transparent as air and were completely unnoticeable.

However, they also walked very slowly as a result. Normally, they could have completed the thirty kilometers' journey in a few breaths' time. However, in this manner, it had ended up taking them nearly three hours. Moreover, they were extremely cautious throughout the journey.

Finally, the huge mountain peak was before them. The army of otherworldly experts was also right before their eyes.

There was a hidden otherworldly expert nearly every ten meters, either on the tops of the trees or in between boulders. Some of them even hid in the bushes. They were essentially all over the place!

If any of the four of them made a sound, it would surely alert all of these hidden otherworldly experts. By then, they would not have a chance of escaping!

In this most crucial moment, even the middle-aged Clan Master was starting to become nervous. Su Yu noticed that his breath had quickened.

At the same time, Linger subconsciously stuck even closer to Su Yu. Even when her arm touched his, she was so nervous, she didn't even seem to notice. This was finally the deciding moment between life and death.

The middle-aged Clan Master's eyes grew wide. He could not help but pant as he used his Aura Observing technique to observe the enemy's situation. All the while, the surrounding aura continued to enter his nose.

As the middle-aged Clan Master took a step forward, Su Yu could feel that his footstep was as heavy as lead. He smiled as he followed after the Clan Master quickly.

Linger and Ying Cheng also swiftly followed after them. Nobody dared to breathe too loudly now, as they were afraid of being discovered.

One step, two steps, three steps...

A seemingly short distance of three kilometers felt like a distance of walking through an entire mountain. They moved slowly, as they had to observe the surroundings carefully as they took each step.

Crack.

All of a sudden, the three stopped in their tracks. They felt goosebumps all over their bodies. This was because, when they had passed by a tree, an otherworldly person had jumped down from it unexpectedly!

His left foot had deliberately landed on a corner of Linger's cloak, which was what had caused the cracking sound. The odd sound caused the hearts of the middle-aged Clan Master and Ying Cheng to beat wildly.

They both frowned as their facial expressions changed drastically. They dared not move as they stared at the man who had jumped down.

"Eh?" The person who had jumped down from the tree was a yellow-clothed Two Crystals Half Fairy from the other world.

He gasped in surprise as he curiously lifted his foot. The ground was dark and there was no weird object in sight.

Thereafter, he looked at the sole of his foot. There was also nothing odd there either. He looked very suspicious as he rubbed his lower chin in deep thought.

After a brief moment, he shook his head and looked around from his left to right. He then unzipped his pants and started peeing on the big tree.

Linger's face turned green, while her heart was beat wildly and sweat formed in her palms. Her arm, which was tucked closely next to Su Yu's, had turned wet from all of the sweat on her body.

Her entire body turned weak as she staggered from side to side. She subconsciously extended her arm to grab Su Yu's wrist to stabilize herself.

It was a scary moment. Even the middle-aged Clan Master and Ying Cheng were nearly scared to death. The scare made them even more cautiously as they walked on.

It took them almost an entire night to walk just three kilometers. Currently, the sky was beginning to show a shade of white, indicating that morning would soon arrive.

The difficult journey had finally come to an end. They had arrived at the bottom of the mountain peak!

Just as Su Yu had expected, there was an entrance outside the mountain peak. However, there were nine bright yellow light balls in front of it.

The light balls had a very strong repelling power. Su Yu could even smell a dangerous aura emanating from them. He believed that if one tried to enter forcefully, one would face horrible consequences.

"Whew..." Linger let out a long sigh of relief. "It is finally safe..." she mumbled softly.

Suddenly, she realized that she had been holding on to Su Yu's arm for almost the entire night. Once she realized this, she almost shouted out in surprise.

She quickly retrieved her hand, as if she had just been shocked by lightning. Her face turned red as she glared at Su Yu angrily and spoke with a low and embarrassed voice, "You... You took advantage of me!"

Su Yu did not know whether to cry or to laugh. "Big sister, you were the one who took my hand. If anything, I am the person who was taken advantage of."

"You! I..." Linger was really mad.

Recalling how she had been in close contact with this man the entire night, she felt very uncomfortable and goosebumps started appearing on her skin. She then shouted, "I will deal with you after we return!"

After that, Linger kept some distance between herself and Su Yu, but she still continued to glare at him. The middle-aged Clan Master shook his head helplessly as he overheard the two's banter. He did not have time to bother with their affairs as he retrieved a jade-colored ball.

The ball was similar to the other balls at the entrance. They all seemed to have come from the same source since they had very similar auras.

Su Yu knew instantly that the round ball treasure was the key to entering this place. Only someone who held the treasure would not be repelled and could enter safely.

However, there was only one ball at present. So, if the four of them wanted to enter simultaneously, they would have to walk very closely together.

Indeed, as the middle-aged Clan Master held the pearl in his mouth, he grabbed Ying Cheng's arm with his left hand, while his right hand grabbed Su Yu's arm. At the same time, he gave Su Yu a look that signaled for him to grab Linger's arm.

Su Yu acknowledged it and extended his hand towards Linger. As Linger sensed that Su Yu was going to touch her, she knew that they were about to enter the peak.

However, because of what had happened earlier, she instinctively dodged him, while her small mouth uttered, "I do not want you to touch me! I will walk behind my father."

As she spoke, she moved behind the middle-aged Clan Master. However, at that crucial moment, something happened.

"I have finally discovered you! I have been waiting for you for a long time!" A cold sneer could be heard unexpectedly from behind Linger. "I knew my intuition was not wrong. I had indeed stepped on something important!"

As they turned to look in the direction where the voice had come from, they could not see anyone in front of them! However, with the help of a dim light, they could see a remnant footprint at the corner of Linger's cloak. Seeing this, all of their pupils contracted.

The Clan Master immediately knew what had happened. Although the middle-aged Clan Master was very careful, he had not expected that the journey would take so many hours.

Hence, by the time they arrived here, the sky was already bright. Under the bright light, Linger must have exposed her tracks!

Shuffle.

A shuffling movement suddenly came from behind Linger as an invisible cloak was unveiled to reveal a yellow-colored figure. It was the yellow-clothed young man that they had bumped into earlier, the same one who had peed beneath the tree! They could clearly see that his cultivation was at the Two Crystals Half Fairy level.

"Show yourself!" The yellow-clothed young man yelled as he lunged at Linger as soon as he appeared. Linger was very shocked and could not react in time. Although she tried to dodge him, her cloak was torn into pieces.

As Linger screamed loudly, her face was filled with a look of horror. She knew that she was only a One Crystal Half Fairy, so she would be no match for this Two Crystal Half Fairy!

"Oh? A young and beautiful girl! This is a surprise." The yellow-clothed young man looked surprised. All of a sudden, an evil smile appeared on his face.

He stepped out with his left foot and grabbed Linger's shoulders. His eyes looked like a beast's. They were full of lust and mischief.

Linger stepped back in surprise. However, she could not avoid the grasp of this Two Crystal Half Fairy.

The worst part was that she had moved away from the group on her own initiative. Hence, the middle-aged Clan Master could not save her in time.

Chapter 664: Scaring Powerful Enemies

“Linger!” How could the middle-aged Hall Master remain calm when his daughter was in danger?

He immediately moved, and as the Body Hiding Cloak swayed before the faint light, the three forms that were on it were revealed.

“As expected, there is still someone hiding here.” Just when he moved, two powerful gales came from his sides. Then, six meters from him, two Body Hiding Cloaks flew out as two people charged at him.

The two people each emitted a powerful aura, which were second only to Fairy Realm experts. They were clearly Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm experts.

The middle-aged Hall Master was startled and astonished, but he quickly responded. As he decisively waved his palms at each of them, a cyclone that was formed by his Vital Energy rotated on his palms. It then emitted a powerful repelling power.

Thump! Thump!

Two dull sounds echoed as the middle-aged Hall Master blocked their attacks. Luckily, his repelling force offset most of their power.

“Let us go!” the two Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm experts shouted angrily.

They surprisingly discovered that the Vital Energy of the person in front of them was extremely weird, and the repelling force from a moment ago still contained a suction force within it. This caused them to be firmly stuck to him, and prevented them from budging even an inch!

“Ying Cheng, go save Linger.” The middle-aged Hall Master hindered the two people in order to give Ying Cheng an opportunity to make a move, as he knew that Ying Cheng couldn’t handle the Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm experts.

Ying Cheng was extremely anxious. However, once he saw that the two Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm experts were subdued, he immediately prepared to make a move.

However, he suddenly realized something and took a step back, while cold sweat seeped out of his forehead. He looked in fright at his empty surroundings, thinking paranoid thoughts...

The enemies have already ambushed us twice, so is it possible that they will ambush us a third time?

“Ying Cheng, what are you doing? Why didn’t you attack him yet?” The middle-aged Hall Master tightly clenched his teeth, while his face became flushed and a crisp cracking sound echoed from his arms. It was obvious that it was quite strenuous for him to hold back the two experts!

Ying Cheng just stood there as Linger was captured by the yellow-clothed youth. His inward struggle and hesitation appeared in his eyes, while the fear overwhelming his heart prevented him from daring to take even a single step forward. In the end, he just turned his head around and motionlessly stood on his place, cowering and hiding so that he wouldn't be discovered by the enemies.

"Ying Cheng, you..." The middle-aged Hall Master immediately realized that Ying Cheng was frightened and had chosen to give up on Linger in order to protect himself. As such, he couldn't help but resent him.

"Ahh!" Linger's sharp shriek filled with air, while she was being detained by the yellow-clothed youth.

"Beauty, you can leave such cries till we get on a bed." The yellow-clothed youth laughed, while he exerted all of his strength to drag her away.

However, despite his powerful strength, he was still incapable of hauling Linger towards him. It was indeed odd!

"Who is it? Who is holding my wrist? Come out!" The yellow-clothed youth's expressions stiffened, and he shouted in a low voice.

His naked eye could see that a hand print, with five full finger marks, had appeared on his wrist, as if it had been grasped by someone preventing him from dragging Linger any further. But, since he couldn't see anyone there, it was obvious that this person was invisible!

"Brother Ying Cheng, save me!" Linger was so overjoyed to think that he had come to save her that she wept. However, she soon heard an unfamiliar voice instead, so her smile stiffened...

"Ying Cheng? It seems like he doesn't want to make a move, and I'm just compelled by the current circumstance to make a move, despite how weak I am." Such a voice didn't belong to her Ying Cheng, but to Su Yu!

Just after Su Yu spoke to her, he lifted open the Body Hiding Cloak and revealed himself. He had long silver hair, which fluttered in the wind and covered half of his cheeks, yet it couldn't cover his deep eyes, which seemed like they contained the whole starry sky. His hair also couldn't conceal his outrageously handsome features.

He had one hand behind his back, while his other hand was casually holding the yellow-clothed youth's wrist. His casual stance, as well as his clothes and hair, seemed like they were frozen in time at this moment, and the sight of him was extremely beautiful.

He was like a god, who had just descended down from the sky. He wasn't only graceful and handsome, he was also extremely powerful and possessed a boundless and terrifying strength.

"Go away." Su Yu slightly flipped his wrist over, and as the yellow-clothed youth miserably cried out, he was sent flying for several hundred meters, as if he was just a ragged doll.

As he careened into a boulder, the yellow-clothed youth's chest burst open and his eyes' luster quickly dimmed. At that moment, he took his last breath, then died. The boulder that he had hit started turning into dust, its rubble burying the youth's corpse.

A Two Crystals Half Fairy Realm expert was killed by just a wave of Su Yu's sleeves! Moreover, all of this took just a matter of seconds! All of the people who witnessed the scene were stunned, regardless if they were his enemies or allies.

Linger became absent-minded, while she stared at the white-clothed ethereal immortal-like man in front of her, whose silver hair fluttered in the wind. Her heart intensely throbbed, and for just an instant, she even felt that Su Yu was the silver-haired immortal from the ancient legends.

After all, he was noble, grand, mysterious, all-powerful, and had a transcendent bearing. All of these characteristics didn't seem like they belonged to the mortal world.

Just the sight of Su Yu caused a feeling of inferiority to well up in her heart, and she wasn't the only one who had such a feeling, as all of the people here also felt like this god-like outstanding and peerless youth could exist in the celestial heavens! He truly didn't seem like one of the mortal world's mortals at all!

"Who are you?" The middle-aged Hall Master, who was using all of his strength to confront the Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm expert, became extremely uneasy when he came back to his senses.

Su Yu clasped his hands behind his back and wore a faint smile as he looked to his right. He saw a Level One Fairy Realm supervisor, who seemed like he recognized Su Yu, which caused him to immediately turn and flee.

Su Yu just faintly smiled again. Rather than chase after him, he just walked to the front of the middle-aged Hall Master and asked, "Are you injured?"

It was unknown whether it was just because he was vigilant, or because he was awed by Su Yu's imposing manner, but the middle-aged Hall Master retreated back by several steps from Su Yu at this moment. Then, he looked in fright and shook at Su Yu, without blinking his eyes even once. The middle-aged Hall Master felt like the person standing before him wasn't some insignificant nobody, but a great and grandiose existence.

"Hall Master, are you injured?" Su Yu asked once again.

It was only after he was asked the second time that the middle-aged Hall Master came back to his senses and replied in haste, "Ah, I, I'm all right..." Even someone as astute and shrewd as him was so shocked by Su Yu, his speech became nearly incoherent!

"Since you are fine, then we should immediately go to the summit, as they have a grand number of people there, and I'm incapable of dealing with all of them alone," Su Yu said.

If a hundred people charged at him, even if he used all of his means and techniques, he might not survive. So, it would be better for him to leave quickly.

When he heard him, the middle-aged Hall Master's whole body quivered. Then, he took a bead once again and said, "Hold onto me."

Swoosh!

When he saw that they had averted the danger, Ying Cheng, whose face was still somewhat pale, removed his cloak and held the middle-aged Hall Master's other hand. The middle-aged Hall Master looked at him coldly, while thinking in his heart, I will pay you back for this later!

"Your excellency! Thank you for saving my daughter. We will immediately enter the mountain's summit," The middle-aged Hall Master said.

Su Yu calmly nodded, then turned his head around and faintly smiled at Linger. "Miss Ling, are you okay?" As he spoke, he extended his hand to her.

Linger wasn't unfamiliar with such a smile, but at this moment, it seemed like his faint smile possessed a mysterious power, which only increased its charm and ethereal beauty. Linger became dazed for a moment and her heart thumped faster.

"Charge at him and capture him, he's..." Among the crowd, the Fairy Realm supervisor, who had just escaped, shouted. His voice was filled with fright.

Upon hearing his orders, the otherworldly experts immediately charged towards Su Yu like surging water. At such critical moment, Linger was still dazed, and Su Yu couldn't help but slightly furrow his brows and think...

This Linger's mind is really too frail! I can't believe she got lost in her thoughts at such a pivotal moment! It's only thanks to her powerful father that she has managed to survive till now!

"Excuse me." As he had no other choice, Su Yu used his energy to attract Linger towards him.

He took her into his arms and held her waist so that nothing unexpected would occur as they entered the mountain's summit. As he came into contact with her sweet body, he felt its cotton-like softness, as well as her ample chest, both of which were pressed against him. Meanwhile, her mesmerizing fragrance wafted to his nostrils.

It was a pity that Su Yu couldn't enjoy it any longer, as he was taken into the bead, along with the middle-aged Hall Master. Just when he came into contact with her, the middle-aged Hall Master's bead emitted a soft light, which engulfed him, then spread to the people who were connected with him. As such, Ying Cheng, Su Yu, Linger and the others were all engulfed by it.

After they entered the bead, the light was sucked back into the bead, and it fused with Linger. Just after that, they passed through nine different beads, while a deafening noise suddenly ran in Su Yu's ear. As he was caught off guard by it, he felt a slight pain in his ears.

When he swept his surroundings with his Soul Eyes, he witnessed a tremendous amount of people. They were at the plaza in the center of the city.

Three lines of soldiers, who emitted a powerful aura, surrounded the plaza. Even the weakest among them was still a Two Crystals Half Fairy Realm expert, and there were even two Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm experts within their ranks.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Just when they appeared, the sound of some chains and shackles echoed around the space. Then, nine chains shot out from all different directions, then tightly bound Su Yu and the others.

The chains were made from an extraordinary material, and with Su Yu's eyesight, he could make out that it was even more robust than the Heavenly Law Alliance's warship materials! Besides the Fifth Saint Master, no one would probably be capable of breaking them.

However, Su Yu wasn't new to such a situation, as the Heavenly Law Alliance's teleportation formation's existence was also heavily guarded by soldiers. But, what was different was that the Empire of Darkness' lineup was ten folds more power than the Heavenly Law Alliance's was.

"The Intel Hall's Hall Master, Ling Jianliu... Back to report on finishing the mission." The middle-aged Hall Master took out a glittering badge from his sleeves. The badge contained a special aura within it, making it impossible to imitate or counterfeit.

The two Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm experts took the badge and examined it. Then, one of them said, "The badge isn't fake. Go ask the commander for instructions."

One of the Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm experts immediately flew away and transmitted the news.

Su Yu somewhat approved of such a procedure. Here, if someone wanted to enter the mountain's summit, not only did he need an approved badge, he even needed the approval of the commander. Although such a procedure was complicated, it helped to guarantee absolute safety.

The nine beads formation was just one of the reasons why the Empire of Darkness had persisted for so long. However, the most important reason was due to their vigilance. Hence, the Heavenly Law Alliance could learn a lot from them.

After a short while, the surroundings darkened. Three phoenix-like birds, pulling a ferocious-looking carriage, were flying through the air, approaching this place. Upon the carriage, a beast's head was depicted.

All of the people that it passed carefully evaded it, looking up at it respectfully. They weren't at all bothered by the giant carriage, which occupied a third of the sky's vast expanse.

The middle-aged Hall Master's gaze didn't experience any changes, but Su Yu could still sense his worry.

"Shouldn't you put down Linger now?" A voice filled with hostility suddenly rang in Su Yu's ears. Ying Cheng, who just a moment ago didn't dare to even breathe in front of Su Yu, was now reprimanding him.

Su Yu put her down without taking a look at him or Linger. He just leisurely clasped his hands behind his back, as if everything around him had nothing to do with him whatsoever.

Linger's face was flushed when Su Yu just put her down, and she intensely took several breaths, as she had been nervously holding them in for a long time. She patted her chest, which was intensely heaving up and down, and a numb feeling was still transmitting from it. This only made her delicate and fair face become more flushed.

As she gazed at his grand and noble back, which seemed like it belonged to a great sovereign, Linger felt like all of this wasn't real. In fact, she felt like maybe this was all a dream.

"Linger, were you injured? I was extremely worried about you." Ying Cheng came over and stood before Linger, calmly placing himself between her and Su Yu.

When Linger came back to her senses and heard his fake caring words, she was quite angered. "I'm fine, and I don't need you to trouble yourself to save me. I'm still alive because he saved me."

Ying Cheng became somewhat embarrassed when he heard her words, which were filled with anger. He knew that his previous performance had really disappointed her.

Trying to explain it now would only lead her to dislike him even more, so he just faintly smiled and shuffled back to the middle-aged Hall Master's side. He then said, "Hall Master, don't worry, you are already aware of my relationship with the commander, and even if the Lord that he's serving is in conflict with the lord who you are serving, he will still not make trouble for you out of respect for me."

When he heard him, the middle-aged Hall Master, who was still angry, constrained his anger, thinking that he shouldn't offend him now. So, he forced himself to show a faint smile and nodded.

Chapter 665: Commander of the Forbidden Army

As the overbearing carriage gradually descended, the phoenix's huge feet exerted a very strong force as they landed on the ground. Even Su Yu, who was standing very far away, could feel the ground vibrate slightly.

The strong aura caused the dust on the ground to bounce up. Everyone could not help but narrow their eyes.

"Welcome, Commander Long." Two guards of the Three Crystals Half Fairy level bowed as they greeted him in unison.

Their voices were very synchronized and their movements were also in perfect formation. It seemed that they were very respectful towards this man. Or rather, they were unusually afraid of him.

The people around them who were not involved all stepped away. This created a large void, which had previously been filled to the brim with pedestrians.

Shuffle.

All of a sudden, two gentle and beautiful female servants walked exited the carriage. Each of them carried an umbrella as they stood by the door respectfully.

After a brief moment, an unhurried motion came from within the carriage. A middle-aged man with grand clothing and a golden purple crown on his head walked out in a mighty manner. His hands were behind his back as he stepped out of the carriage.

He had a normal appearance. The only thing that drew people's attention to him were his eyes.

They had a dark yellow color that resembled a snake's eyes, and they gave one a chilly feeling whenever one looked at them. In fact, anyone who locked gazes with those eyes would feel like he was being targeted by a poisonous snake.

“Get up.” The middle-aged man walked out of the carriage and rubbed away the dust that had landed on his nose, while frowning slightly.

It was only after he addressed them that the group of armored soldiers dared to stand up. However, they still kept their heads down and did not make any sudden movements.

Su Yu was surprised as he secretly shook his head. Such a grandiose display!

He had seen more than a few Fairies from the otherworldly army. However, he had never met one who loved to put on such a show!

“Who was making so much noise?” the middle-aged man asked casually. Although he had clearly received information prior to that, he pretended not to know anything.

The two Three Crystal Half Fairies dared not complain as they repeated the whole story. Only then did he raise his eyes and look at the four people who were bound by chains, including Ling Jianliu.

“Oh? I know who they are. They have come to report news. Have they returned after completing their mission?” he asked.

It seemed as if the middle-aged man had only just noticed them. Ling Jianliu secretly clenched his jaw. The middle-aged man before him was the Commander of the Forbidden Army, Long Quan.

They had both been part of the huge peak’s Forbidden Army. They also held equal ranks as Deputy Commanders. However, they never got along very well.

This was because, three years ago, there was an odd change in Zhenlong. Long Quan had a higher level of natural talent. In fact, he was supported by a person of high stature in the Saint Lords Palace.

As such, he was able to overcome the Bypass disaster and break through as a Grade One Fairy. Consequently, he was promoted to the position of Commander.

After this, Ling Jianliu naturally was sidelined. Luckily, Ling Jianliu also knew some elders in the Saint Lords Palace. With their support, he was able to relocate and take charge of the Intel Hall. This was a means of avoiding Long Quan as well.

In that way, he had been able to live rather peacefully since then. Normally, it was difficult for Long Quan to trouble him. In fact, times such as these were the only opportunities that Long Quan had to disturb him.

“Commander Long, I have something important to report to the Saint Lords Palace. I hope you let us through quickly. Neither of us can afford to miss golden opportunities during wartimes.” Ling Jianliu spoke with logical reason and relative fearlessness.

As Long Quan heard his words, his eyelids closed slightly. His already chilly eyes seemed to emanate a cold air. However, his mouth maintained an emotionless smile.

He replied, “You are right. Since he is the Intel Hall Clan Master, he is naturally free to go! Go ahead.”

Clang.

As the chains were unlocked, he was freed instantly. Ling Jianlui then pulled Linger along as he stepped out and said, "We will leave now."

"Hold on. It is important for Clan Master Ling to report your findings. Therefore, you may leave, but Ying Cheng and Linger must stay. I need them to describe everything that has happened in the enemy's camp so that we may better understand the situation," Commander Long said.

Ying Cheng did not show any emotion at all, but he was secretly gleeful about what he had just heard. This was because Long Quan was his aunt's husband, who had always known about Ying Cheng's admiration for Linger.

He had asked them to stay under the guise of better understanding the enemy's behavior, but it was actually a plan to allow Ying Cheng and Linger to spend more time together so that their relationship may deepen. However, Ling Jianliu could immediately tell what Long Quan was up to.

Ling Jianliu frowned as he spoke, "Commander Long, Ying Cheng alone can stay. Linger was greatly shocked during the journey and needs her rest."

Long Quan waved dismissively as he chuckled. "Clan Master Ling, do not worry. We are only going to ask her some simple questions. She will not be terrorized. Alright, that's it. Bring them away. We cannot delay. I hope you understand."

The unchallengeable decision made Ling Jianliu angry, but he was helpless to do anything about it. He could not reject Long Quan's excuse of wanting to find out about their enemy's behavior.

"I do not want to go with you!" Linger shouted as she met Ying Cheng's gaze. She thoroughly despised him for not saving her previously, so tipped her toe and attempted to go after Ling Jianliu.

Stomp.

Suddenly, a loud stomping sound could be heard as Long Quan stomped his foot on the ground. The impact of the stomp caused the earth to shake.

Long Quan, who was still chuckling a moment ago, suddenly became serious. "How unbecoming! The Forbidden Army is in charge of the safety of the Empire of Darkness' headquarters. If you refuse to cooperate, does that mean that you do not care about the Forbidden Army?"

Linger had never been scolded in such a way. On top of that, Long Quan's Fairy aura had thoroughly shocked her to the point where she could not even move.

Ling Jianliu felt deeply angered. After all, Long Quan was bullying his daughter right in front of him. It was clearly an act against him, which was done expressly to embarrass him.

However, he could not react to it. Otherwise, Long Quan would be able to use that against him.

Despite this, someone else was willing to do so on his behalf...

"Forbidden Army... Hmm, is the Forbidden Army even that great? You rely on people returning from the outside to understand the situation of the enemy's army outside the mountain peak. Did the Empire of Darkness raise you to be a bunch of

dependents?" The cold voice had come from the steel cage. The words were spoken by a young man with silver hair.

As he walked out with his hands behind his back, Su Yu glanced around. He did not bother to conceal the look of disappointment on his face as he said, "I had originally thought that the Empire of Darkness was our Zhenlong Continent's last line of defense. However, I did not imagine it would be this unworthy!"

As he spoke, he did not even try to mask his disdain. "Even a dog would be more aware of the enemy in front of its house! What about you all? You know nothing about the situation of the enemies who are right in front of you! Not only are you scared of confronting the enemy to chase them away, but you have even locked yourself in and bully your own people!"

He then demanded to know, "What are your responsibilities? Is it to protect the citizens of the Empire of Darkness during a time of trial, or to act all high and mighty by treating outsiders fearfully while bullying your own people?"

This chain of questions caused all of the Forbidden Army's guards to gawk at Su Yu in surprise. No one had ever spoken to the Forbidden Army in such a manner!

The Forbidden Army was in charge of the Empire of Darkness' safety. As such, their men had the right to punish anyone. Hence, everyone was afraid of them.

At the moment, many of the Forbidden Army's guards' faces turned red. They wondered how they could not be aware of the enemy's situation in their own backyard.

Someone was, of course, keeping watch over their enemy every single day. Long Quan had only used the excuse of gathering information to allow Ying Cheng and Linger to spend more time together.

However, none of them could explain that. After all, they could not expose Long Quan's secret motives!

Ling Jianliu was stunned as his facial expression changed significantly. Long Quan was clearly looking for an opportunity to cause trouble!

Although Ling Jianliu knew that Su Yu was full of secrets, he was wary that Su Yu could not possibly fight against Long Quan and his many guards in the Forbidden Army. Long Quan was also slightly dumbfounded. He had not expected such a scene to unfold before him. No one else dared to speak to him in such a way!

"Who are you? How dare you speak so disrespectfully in the Empire of Darkness?" As soon as Long Quan collected himself, he felt angry and shouted at Su Yu in a loud voice.

Unexpectedly, Su Yu did not even look at him directly. He simply walked out of the steel cage causally. He and even brought Linger with him!

He then said, "My identity is probably not something a person like you can inquire about. Let someone who is more deserving come out and speak to me. You can step aside."

Chapter 666: Chief Inspector Bai

Before Su Yu came here, he intended to keep a low-profile, but he was displeased by the imperial guards' behavior.

Was this one of the Empire of Darkness' forces that the elder Jiu had mentioned?

If it was truly the case, then the Empire of Darkness was truly rotten, and it wasn't any different than the past Heavenly Law Alliance! It could be seen how rotten it was from the mere fact that a person such as Long Quan could hold power!

The fact that he first ran into such a situation, while coming here full of expectation, was made him lose hope instantly. He even felt like giving up on asking for reinforcements from them, as his instincts were telling him that the Empire of Darkness was probably unreliable and untrustworthy.

At the moment, all of the city looked at Su Yu as if he was some kind of freak.

Even the commander of the imperial guards, Long Quan, didn't even use his name! In fact, his brief words, "you, stand aside," were extremely arrogant!

Even Long Quan himself was dumbfounded by it, as hearing his own tone of voice after he spoke left him feeling like he was now facing one of the older generations' old monsters. However, after he came back to his senses, he became both angered and embarrassed.

"Capture him, then let's question him via torture." Long Quan tried his best to speak in a calm tone.

The imperial guards immediately encircled Su Yu, while they looked at him with wariness and shock.

Swoosh!

However, before the imperial guards managed to make any movement, a scarlet cloud flew from in from a distant place, and only when it neared them did they discover that it wasn't a scarlet cloud but red-robed old men!

"They are the inspectors!" someone among the crowd shouted with respect. In fact, he was even more respectful to them than the imperial guards!

The inspectors were like the Empire of Darkness' eyes, as they were in charge of supervising all of the factions that were affiliated with the empire. So, everything from ordinary crimes to armed rebellion was all within their jurisdiction. As such, this gave them the right to make prompt decisions and act first before reporting such matters.

When the Seven Lords Palace was shut down, they were the people with the greatest authority besides the King of Darkness. In this way, they were like a collective blade that was hanging over the heads of all of the empire's citizens.

They could execute anyone who violated the Empire of Darkness's laws on the spot by them, and it was because of this that the citizens' respect of them vastly surpassed the imperial guards'.

Da*n! Those meddlesome guys are here! Long Quan's expression became gloomy as he quickly took several steps forward and greeted him. "Inspector, I'm the imperial guards' commander, Long Quan, greetings to all of you."

When the three of them landed, they emitted an extremely powerful aura, which was at the Level One Fairy Realm. However, it seemed like they had just advanced to it recently, as they were slightly weaker than Chief Inspector Bai.

The three inspectors wore deadpan expressions, and when they scanned the surrounding with their gazes fell, they focused in upon the broken birds' carriage and furrowed their brows. One of the experts then said, "According to the empire's rules, any citizen whose rank is lower than a lord isn't allowed to use more than one beast."

He then added, "You have three, so two of them must be killed." This inspector, who took the lead and whose age seemed like it surpassed eighty years, had snow-white brows and gave people an eerie feeling.

After he spoke, the other two inspectors went over to the carriage. Then, they each waved one of their palms at a demonic beast's head.

"Are you crazy? You know that those beasts were bestowed to me by the Third Lord..." Long Quan angrily started to shout.

Bang!

Suddenly, two crisp sounds, along with two miserable shrieks, were heard. The phoenix-like beasts had been killed on the spot! Now, only one of them, which was currently very frightened, was still alive.

"You are really daring!" Long Quan angrily glared at them.

Unphased, the white-browed old-man still dared to retort. "We are just enforcing the laws."

He then looked at the carriage out of the corners of his eyes and calmly said, "The carriage's size is too big... Destroy it."

The two inspectors moved once again, and as a cracking sound echoed throughout the air, the carriage was instantly destroyed. Throughout this entire dramatic scene, Long Quan didn't dare try obstructing them. This was because he understood that if tried obstructing them, it could be counted as showing resistance against the inspectors, which was one of the empire's most severe crimes. If he were to commit such a crime, even the Third Lord wouldn't be able to protect him from the consequences!

"Do you have any objections against my handling of this matter?" The white-browed old man coldly looked at Long Quan.

Long Quan clenched his teeth and tried to contain his resentment. "I don't have any objections, but the beasts were bestowed to me by the Third Lord..."

"So what? Even if it was the beast of the Great Lord, it will still be the same. What makes you think that you are allowed to disturb the citizens' sleep by flying with such a thing anyway, just because it's the beast of a Lord?" An awe-inspiring, cold voice transmitted from the sky.

The white-browed old man and the other two inspectors immediately straightened their backs and cupped their fists out of respect for him as they said in unison, "Chief Inspector!"

Swoosh!

A red-robed old man, who had white hair, a beard, and a scorching gaze, descended from the sky like a mirage.

“It’s Chief Inspector Bai!” The crowd became impassioned, and they shouted his name in excitement.

“Why had even Chief Inspector Bai appeared here? Wasn’t he trying to advance into the Level Two Fairy Realm in secluded cultivation? Why has he suddenly shown himself?” someone from the crowd wondered aloud.

Long Quan’s expression stiffened, and his eyelids lightly shivered. After all, Chief Inspector Bai was scarier than any other inspector!

This was because he held the power to decide the fate of everyone’s lives, except for lords. Even the past Four Great Palace Masters could be executed by him on the spot! This high power and status wasn’t something that ordinary inspectors could achieve.

As such, a commander like Long Quan was one of the people who the Chief Inspector could execute. Moreover, what made it worse was that the Chief Inspector’s backer was the Great Lord, and even the Third Lord, who was now at his back, was somewhat wary of him. After all, his strength didn’t surpass the Third Lord’s by much, yet he possessed a terrifying authority!

“Greetings Chief Inspector.” Long Quan slightly bent his waist, and earnestly cupped his fists at him.

“Commander Long, it seems like you are dissatisfied with my inspectors’ decisions. Why don’t you tell me about it?” The old man clasped his hands behind his back and walked in front of Long Quan, his eyes calmly sweeping over him.

Cold sweat seeped out of Long Quan’s forehead when he felt his gaze upon him. He quickly became even more respectful, while he cupped his fists at him once again and said, “It was just a slip of the tongue. I didn’t mean to contradict them. Please forgive me.”

The Chief Inspector calmly averted his gaze from him and replied, “Okay, but just this once.”

“Many thanks.” Long Quan let out a breath and finally relaxed. It felt like he had just barely escaped from death, and his heart was still palpitating wildly!

“So, what exactly happened here?” As the Chief Inspector asked him the question, his gaze fell upon all of the people gathered around them. There was quite a crowd.

His pupils suddenly contracted, while his gaze fixedly started at the silver-haired youngster.

Seeing his gaze stop on Su Yu, Long Quan explained, “Sir, this youth had a doubtful status, and he tried to maliciously slander the imperial guards and mislead the public. I was just about to take him down...”

The Chief Inspector sucked in a breath of cold air, then looked at him and asked, “How did he maliciously slander them?”

Long Quan repeated Su Yu's words, while adding many exaggerated details to it and cutting out some dubious parts. In the end, he concluded by saying, "This lad is extremely bold, as he dared to look down upon our Empire of Darkness! Such person should be heavily punished in order to preserve our empire's prestige."

The Chief Inspector quietly listened to his whole story, without interrupting him. At the end of his speech, he turned his head around and looked into Long Quan's eyes.

He then said coldly, "I don't know whether all of the parts of your recollection are true or not, but what is true is that you are really not qualified to even know this youth's name..."

Long Quan was dumbstruck by the Chief Inspector seemingly harsh words! In the whole Zhenlong Continent, apart from the king and the Seven Lords Palace's fellow, who could speak to him in such a way?

All of the other people present were equally dumbfounded, including Ling Jianliu and his daughter. When Su Yu had said similar words, they had assumed that he was just bluffing and putting up a strong front. However, since such words had just been said by even the Chief Inspector, everyone started to reassess their validity.

"Alliance Master Su, I hope that you can please forgive their deeds.." After he coldly glared at Long Quan, the Chief Inspector, who came back to his senses, wore a faint smile, and quickly went over to Su Yu. Then, in an extremely respectful manner, he bowed to Su Yu in front of everyone!

Alliance Master...Su?

All of the people were dumbfounded, as he had used the title "Alliance Master," which made them all wonder... Which alliance's master?

Chapter 667: Heavenly Water Tower's Master

An unfamiliar position like the Alliance Master did not exist in the Empire of Darkness.

"Alliance Master..." Ling Jianliu mumbled as he pursed his lips tightly. He seemed to be deep in thought.

Then, all of a sudden, he raised his eyebrows. This was because an image had just popped up in his mind!

It was the image of a young man who was mightily strong and had an exquisite head of long, silver hair. The image suddenly looked very similar to the man before him. It was Su Yu!

"Could you be the Heavenly Law Alliance Master, Su Yu?" Ling Jianliu's voice suddenly cracked as he took in a breath of cool air.

As soon as he spoke, the crowd was stirred.

"No way! How could that great man possibly appear in the Empire of Darkness?" someone from the crowd exclaimed.

The crowd was surprised and confused. They were all shaken after learning Su Yu's identity.

Linger, who stood at the side, was equally surprised. Her mind went blank, as she could not think of how the two could be possibly associated with one another.

Suddenly, she recalled his fairy-like features a while ago, and she finally believed it. She had actually been walking next to a legendary and great man!

Thinking of this, Linger felt a strong sensation in her heart. Her eyes became misty as she stared at Su Yu without blinking. Her red lips opened as if she was about to speak, yet no words came out.

At that moment, Su Yu was so close to her, yet she felt a pressure that prevented her from approaching him. She would not have dreamed of one day being so close to the Heavenly Law Alliance Master, the hero who she so deeply admired!

However, she suddenly recalled how she had been unfriendly to him during their journey here. She could not help but feel restless and panicky. She wondered if the Alliance Master would blame her making such a terrible impression!

She hated herself as she thought about this. The great hero was right in front of her all this time, but she had not left a single good impression.

In fact, she had even attacked Su Yu and called him out for being too weak. She had even asked him to focus on cultivating his abilities.

Recalling these instances, she immediately blushed. Su Yu had clearly been the bigger person throughout the whole ordeal!

However, the person who was even more afraid of Su Yu was Ying Cheng. Not only had he exhibited a terrible attitude, but he had even wanted to kill Su Yu. If it had not been for Ling Jianliu's presence, he surely would have attempted to assassinate Su Yu.

Subconsciously, Ling Jianliu took several steps backwards. He could not even bother thinking about Linger at the moment, as he was now worried about his own life.

"Who are you to call him Su Yu?" Chief Inspector Bai Chong asked with a reprimanding tone, while he glared at Ling Jianliu coldly.

After collecting himself, Ling Jianliu was shocked to realize that he had been travelling next to the Heavenly Law Alliance Master this whole time! "Greet... Greetings Alliance Master Su! I apologize for all the mistakes on our way here. Please forgive me."

As he was apologizing, Ling Jianliu bowed to Su Yu with respect. He felt somewhat regretful for his own actions.

In all honesty, since the moment Su Yu had appeared, Ling Jianliu should have been instantly aware of the similarities in Su Yu's capabilities and age to the legendary Heavenly Law Alliance Master's

Su Yu smiled gently. "Clan Master Ling, there is no need to be so formal. I should thank you for bringing me into the huge peak."

"I dare not accept your thanks. Please do not speak in such a manner to me, Alliance Master Su." Ling Jianliu felt very unnerved. Once he had discovered Su Yu's identity, he suddenly felt a strong pressure emanating from Su Yu's body, which nearly suffocated him.

After the string of sentences, Su Yu's identity was very much confirmed, and the crowd began to murmur among themselves...

"Is he really the Alliance Master Su?"

"The man who was capable of killing Saint Master Xue Wu and enslaving Saint Master Wuhen has made history by achieving the first victory in the continent!"

"I heard that he only used a single palm attack to kill Xue Wu!"

"Legend has it that he was once an unknown young fellow from an abandoned place. Within four years, he has become a god-like figure. It is truly a miracle!"

"Legend also has it that the famed geniuses in the continent, Yin Yu and the Black Snow Devil King, were both a part of his identity!"

News about Su Yu had already spread to the corners of the continent within the last ten days. All his past experiences and incidents were also transmitted across the continent at the speed of lightning. As such, everyone was aware of the emergence of a godly genius in the Zhenlong Continent!

In just four years, an unknown young man had become the Heavenly Law Alliance Master and had led the downtrodden warriors of the Heavenly Law Alliance to annihilate the much-hated Xue Wu's army. In this way, he had created a new generation in the Zhenlong Continent.

The current Su Yu was already a legendary figure, comparable to the King of Darkness. Other than the King of Darkness, there was no one else who could be on par with him!

"Alliance Master Su!" The crowd of people erupted into cheers of excitement, respect, awe and various other emotions as they rushed over like waves of religious followers.

Su Yu's new chapter of life in the Zhenlong Continent had become one where he was known as a hero to everyone in the world. This was even the case in the Empire of Darkness!

He was especially admired among the young men and ladies. The young men were all impressed and awed by his might, while the ladies deeply admired him as a hero of the world.

He looked exactly as described in the rumors. He was young, handsome, well-respected and very skilled in the martial arts world.

Cheers and shouts accompanied the crowd that was charging towards him. All of a sudden, it was as if a tsunami was upon him, as even the mountain peak was shaking. Although Su Yu was used to such huge welcoming crowds, he was still slightly shocked.

"Chief Inspector Bai, let us go somewhere else where we can talk," Su Yu said helplessly.

Bai Chong chuckled as he tipped his toes and leapt into the air. "Welcome, Alliance Master Su. Let me bring you to meet the Saint Lord."

Su Yu shook his sleeves as he quickly followed after Bai Chong before the crowd could surround him. But, just before he left, he cupped his fists at Ling Jianliu and Linger and said, "Farewell, until we meet again."

He then casually glared at Long Quan. The look was seemingly calm, without any killing intent or emotion within it.

However, it shocked Long Quan, who felt as if a thunder had struck him. His entire body shook and his Vital Energy went haywire, while his heart beat wildly in his chest.

Long Quan felt that death was upon him the moment that Su Yu had glared at him. It was as if Su Yu could remove him from this world with a single thought.

Luckily, Long Quan could also sense from Su Yu's look that he was completely disregarded by Su Yu! Apparently, such an insignificant character like him did not even deserve the attention of a legendary figure like Su Yu.

Not only did Long Quan not feel an ounce of shame about this, he was relieved. In fact, he was even secretly rejoicing over it.

Luckily for him, the difference in their statuses was too great for the Heavenly Law Alliance Master to even bother with an insignificant character like himself. Otherwise, based on the legends about Su Yu, he could kill Long Quan with just a single thought!

"Commander Long, can my daughter and I leave now?" Ling Jianliu asked.

He had still not been able to calm himself down. This was especially due to the fact that Su Yu had only bid farewell to him before departing. He was now suddenly the center of attention.

He could feel that many people whose capabilities were not weaker than him had started casting looks of envy, fear and respect in his direction. This was something that had never happened to him before.

He could not help but feel somewhat proud about it. After all, being able to travel alongside a legend like the Heavenly Law Alliance Master was the proudest moment of his life.

Hearing Ling Jianliu's question, Long Quan's face muscles tensed. However, Long Quan did not dare to show any signs of fear as he wondered... Who knows what kind of a relationship exists between Ling Jianliu and the Heavenly Law Alliance?

"Let them go," Long Quan ordered as he thought to himself... How would I dare stop them? Su Yu is not even far away yet!

Ling Jianliu let out a long sigh of relief in his heart. He had never felt this good. He never imagined in his wildest dreams that Long Quan would one day have to bow to him!

"Clan Master Ling..." The crowd stepped aside as a beautiful middle-aged lady moved forward with a smile. She was accompanied by two female servants.

"Heavenly Water Tower's Master! It's her! When did she come?" a voice of surprise could be heard from the crowd.

Long Quan frowned as his face showed a wary expression. "Greetings, Heavenly Water Tower's Master. I wonder... Why have you come to this place?"

The middle-aged lady laughed. "I am not here for you." Her agile movements were accompanied by a flowery scent that was mixed with an indistinguishable fairy aura.

Ling Jianliu bowed respectfully. This Heavenly Water Tower's Master was the granddaughter of one of the Great Lords.

With the Great Lord's help, she had broken through as a Grade Two Fairy two years ago. Now, she was preparing to break through as a Grade Three Fairy.

She was a famous individual within the Empire of Darkness. Such a character would normally not be associated with someone like Ling Jianliu, as he was not on par with her standards.

"Greetings, Heavenly Water Tower's Master." Ling Jianliu did not dare disrespect her.

The Heavenly Water Tower's Master smiled. "Clan Master Ling, there is no need to be so formal. You may complete your mission at the Seven Lords Palace. Come to my Heavenly Water Tower after you are done. In the meantime, I will guide your daughter's training."

What? The crowd was shocked when they heard her. She is going to guide Linger's training personally?

Even Long Quan was shocked. The Heavenly Water Tower's Master had achieved so much because of the Great Lord's guidance. Everything she had learned had come from the Great Lord.

She had always been a loner and had never once guided others in their trainings. She was never even this friendly when she greeted someone!

This was the first time she had openly guided someone. Basically, this was the equivalent of Linger becoming her half-disciple! As such, no one would dare trouble Linger from this day onward!

Even those who craved after her beauty would have to be wary of Linger now. After all, they might not be able to match her standards!

Long Quan's heart sank when he heard this. He knew that he would need to work much harder to cause trouble for the duo of father and daughter from now on.

"Thank you so much, Heavenly Water Tower's Master. Linger, thank her!" Ling Jianliu felt so moved, he did not know what else to say.

This was a day that had been filled with pleasant surprises. However, he understood very clearly that everything had happened because of Su Yu. This was because the Heavenly Water Tower's Master clearly only wanted to get closer to Linger so that she could better understand Su Yu and show her fondness towards him.

"Oh, thank you so much!" Linger was overwhelmed by her emotions.

She felt as if the people around her wanted to devour her at that moment. Everyone was filled with envy and admiration towards her, and it made her very uncomfortable. She had never received so much attention in her entire life.

"You are such a beautiful and talented young girl. Linger, come with me. Clan Master Ling will come later." The Heavenly Water Tower's Master chuckled as she grabbed Linger's small hand and affectionately pulled her away. They left behind a crowd of people whose eyes were green with envy.

Clan Master Ling's spirits had been lifted greatly. After an extended moment of laughter, he also departed.

After awhile, the crowd quieted down. Soon after this, the entire Empire of Darkness heard about Heavenly Law Alliance Master's arrival at the empire!

The news was groundbreaking. If not for the fact that everyone knew that Su Yu had entered the Seven Lords Palace, there might have been another chaotic scene!

The inner section of the huge mountain peak was split into nine levels. Each level had its own segregated space. Su Yu had entered the lowest level, and there were still eight levels of space above him.

People were everywhere. It was a unique sight in the huge mountain peak.

Su Yu frowned slightly as he wondered aloud, "Chief Inspector Bai, there are so many people in the empire. Many of them are also martial artists. How are these people able to sustain themselves with such limited resources?"

In terms of numbers, there were at least two hundred thousand people in the empire. Such a large number of people meant that the basic necessities, such as food, water, and cultivation materials were a significant issue to consider.

However, as Su Yu walked on, he noticed that, although it was very crowded, everyone behaved peacefully. Nobody was fighting for resources. This meant that the resources provided were sufficient for all of them.

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Su Yu was bewildered as he saw that the Empire of Darkness' Giant Summit was surrounded in all directions, as well as having been sealed.

How could it still provide such an astronomical amount of resources?

"It's..." The Chief Inspector Bai was troubled. "Alliance Master, you really have sharp eyes! However, our Empire of Darkness has another source that provides resources for us, and a wealth of things are stored there. So, if we are providing for just this number of people, it will be more than enough to sustain them for more than a hundred years. So, you don't need to worry."

He didn't mention where the resources came from, as he still wanted to keep that fact hidden. Besides, Su Yu would obviously not try to get to the bottom of it, as he would be offended by it.

Su Yu nodded, and didn't continue questioning him any more after that. When he raised his head and looked into the distance, Su Yu saw that the eighth layer was just before him, while the top layer, which was the ninth layer, was just above it.

It was rumored that the King of Darkness was in the ninth layer, and that he hadn't even taken a single step out of it in hundreds of years. As such, it was unknown whether he was even still alive or not.

Su Yu's entire purpose for the journey here was to ask for reinforcements from the King of Darkness, so that he could fight the Fifth Saint Master's army. But, after he met Long Quan, he start

to hesitate, as the army of the Empire of Darkness had never once participated in any battle. This made him wonder if it was really worth it.

However, no matter what, he figured that he should first pay a visit to the King of Darkness before deciding anything. He would then choose whether to ask for reinforcements from him or not, based on what kind of person he was.

“Alliance Master Su, please wait for a while. Then, I will immediately bring you to the Seven Lords Palace.” Bai Chong brought Su Yu to the front of an ancient palace.

There were two spirited old men beside it, who were playing chess. They were wholeheartedly concentrating on their match, and it seemed like they had very dignified bearings.

When Su Yu examined them, he found that they had a boundless Vital Energy, and it seemed like they would shortly advance to the Level Three Fairy Realm at any time. This made him wonder if they were two of the Seven Lords Palace’s Lords.

“Greetings Black Elder and White Elder, may I trouble you to announce that the Alliance Master Su has arrived?” Bai Chong addressed the two men with a polite nod.

Are these two people, which are clearly about to advance to the Level Three Fairy Realm, really just gatekeepers?

Su Yu was quite startled by this thought, as if this was so, it meant that the Empire of Darkness’ hidden power was outrageously powerful!

“Well? Is this guy the Alliance Master Su?” The two elders looked at Su Yu in surprise. However, unlike other people, their gazes were still calm and composed, and there wasn’t any excitement or veneration within them.

“Okay, just wait till we finish this match.” The two elders took just only that single look at Su Yu, before averting their gazes again and returning to their chess match.

The fact that they unexpectedly wanted Su Yu to wait for them to finish wasn’t just impolite, it could even be seen as a utter humiliation. Even if it wasn’t towards someone like Su Yu, who represented a whole faction, the fact that mere gatekeepers dared to ignore someone at the gates, thus leaving them outside in front of all to see, was truly maddening!

Bai Chong was also somewhat troubled by it. “This...He’s the Heavenly Law Alliance’s master, and a guest who came from a faraway region! Such treatment is not...”

“Some matters aren’t up to you to decide, so if he wants to wait, he can wait, but if he can’t wait, then he can just leave,” one of the elders replied.

The two elders calmly spoke, without taking even a single look at him. Their calm and composed gazes were filled with pride.

“It’s really like the story of the seven grade official, who worked as the prime minister’s gatekeeper. The more he worked, the more proud he became. Soon, he felt like he was really superior to others.” Su Yu chuckled at them, and he couldn’t help but look down on them, as they were just the gatekeepers of the Seven Lords Palace,

yet they became this proud and arrogant! He thought that it was really funny and pitiful.

Thump!

As a chess piece fell down, the blacked-robed elder looked at him, his expression still calm and composed. He then said, "The Seven Lords Palace's front gate isn't a place where you can misbehave. You should bear in mind that thoughtless words may invite a disaster upon you."

Su Yu calmly smiled in the face of his threat and said, "It's easy to visit the king of hell, yet difficult to deal with the little demons in charge of guarding his palace gate, so you can just continue working as gatekeepers like you want. Goodbye!"

After he had met Long Quan, Su Yu had already lost hope in the Empire of Darkness' army, and he really just wanted to go back home. But, since he was already here, he thought that he really needed to proceed. But now, as he was obstructed by these insignificant gatekeepers, he found that even getting access to meet the Seven Lords Palace's Lords was difficult, let alone the King of Darkness!

"I have truly wasted my time." Su Yu laughed at himself inwardly. If he had known that it would end up like this, he never would have come to the Empire of Darkness in the first place.

Swoosh!

"Just take this, and it's up to you whether you deliver it to the proper people or not."

Su Yu took the elder Jiu's handwritten letter and threw it on their chessboard. After he spoke, he waved his sleeves and took his leave.

Anxiety appeared on Bai Chong's face, while the two elders were still remained indifferent and uncaring, as if such a matter didn't concern them at all. Even though their attitudes were deplorable, Bai Chong didn't dare berate them.

Instead, Bai Chong could only chase after Su Yu and repeatedly apologize to him, "Alliance Master Su, please wait for a moment and listen to me..."

Su Yu waved his hand at him dismissively, then entered the teleportation place as he spoke, "Chief Inspector Bai, you this matter has nothing to do with you. I should actually be thanking you for receiving me and guiding here. Rest assured that I will surely bear this kindness in mind."

"The Black, White elders' tempers have always been like this, as they are a proud and arrogant pair! In fact, they often anger many people within the Empire of Darkness, so you don't need to lower yourself to their level." Bai Chong weakly sighed, while many thoughts swirled in his head...

The Heavenly Law Alliance's master must have come here for some important matter, yet the Black, White elders were too proud and didn't consider the overall picture of matters, or their severity...

Su Yu didn't feel like wasting time worrying about the two old men, so he quickly changed the subject. "Chief Inspector Bai, are there any medicinal pill shops in the Empire of Darkness?"

He took out the list of items that contained the information regarding the Phoenix Tail Purple Fire Pill and the Peerless Moon Fall Pill, among others. These were both needed to cure the Phoenix Master Qiu.

Bai Chong was startled by his question, and as he took a look at the list, he slightly furrowed his long white brows and said, "Regarding the Phoenix Tail Purple Fire Pill, I have one of those that I can gift you, but it's extremely difficult to find the Peerless Moon Fall Pill."

"Isn't it sold here, as you are such a prosperous empire?" Su Yu was bewildered by this new information.

Bai Chong shook his head. "It isn't that it isn't available to sell, it's just that this pill is very special, as it needs the light of a full moon to refine it. Then, after refining it, it can only be preserved for half a month before it loses all of its effects."

He then added, "As today is the already middle of the lunar month, even if some Peerless Moon Fall Pills were available, they would have already lost all of their effects by now. Moreover, if you wanted to get a newly refined Peerless Moon Fall Pill, you would need to wait until the beginning of a new month. I am sorry, Alliance Master Su, you seem to have not come in time for it."

Half a month? How could I wait for such a long time, as the Fifth Saint Master's army might arrive at any time and destroy the northern continent!

Moreover, the Phoenix Master Qiu's injuries weren't light, and if I don't get all of the pills, that she needs, then her injuries might worsen. She might even stay in a coma forever!

"Well, wait... It isn't like there are no ways of getting it at all, but it's just that it's somewhat difficult..." Bai Chong suddenly spoke, hinting at some alternative option.

Su Yu raised his brows. "Well, Chief Inspector Bai, there is no harm in mentioning it..."

"The empire's Giant Summit has a hidden space, which is a secret realm that has a different time flow than the outside world. After I calculated it, I found that today should be its full moon's day, meaning that you can get the full moon's light from it, which can then be used to refine the Peerless Moon Fall Pill!" Bai Chong offered a solution.

Su Yu was astonished. "Is that hidden space the eighth layer?" Even such a majestic and lofty place like the Seven Lords Palace could only be situated within the seventh layer, and from this, it could be seen how important the eighth layer was.

"Alliance Master Su, you really are quick-witted," said Bai Chong with a smile.

A thoughtful look appeared in Su Yu's gaze as he asked, "Is the eighth layer the place that provides the resources for the whole empire?"

"It isn't. In fact, the reason that the eighth layer isn't habited isn't because our resources are stored in it, but because its space is extremely unstable. As such, spatial fissures constantly appear in it, making it extremely dangerous and not suitable for living. Hence, people rarely even go to it."

He took a breath, then continued. "But, it was only because of these constant spatial fissures that the difference between its time flow and outside world's occurred. There are some people who take advantage of that and use the space to cultivate within it, while other people will occasionally go to it to harvest the full moon's light."

Making use of the difference in the time flow to cultivate? Su Yu suddenly recalled his own past time manipulation.

"How much slower is the eighth layer's time flow versus the outside world's?" asked Su Yu.

Bai Chong replied, "An hour in the eighth layer is two hours in the outside world."

As that difference was pretty significant, it wasn't really strange that the Empire of Darkness had managed to train a great number of Fairy Realm's experts in just three years, especially if they had made use of this space!

"However, people rarely pass more than four hours in it, as a miasma will appear in it every two hours, which is extremely poisonous, one that even Level Three Fairy Realm experts may faint within if they came into contact with it. Hence, every two hours, the people within it will leave and wait for two hours before entering it once again.

Su Yu smacked his lips in wonder when he heard him. It seemed like the difference in their time flow wasn't really as easy to use as he had first thought.

"Alliance Master Su, why don't you wait here for a moment while I go inside to harvest some full moon's light for you?" Bai Chong was quite considerate.

Su Yu was somewhat embarrassed by his care, as now that he thought about it, he even stole his Cloud Galloping Horse! But, maybe because of the disparity in their statuses, or maybe even out of respect for him, Bai Chong never mentioned it.

Still, how could I let Bai Chong take such risks for me? Although Bai Chong didn't explicitly state it, Su Yu still sensed that this was probably not a safe place.

"Chief Inspector Bai, can I not enter it myself?" Su Yu asked.

Bai Chong slightly hesitated, then said, "According to the rules, only the citizens of the Empire of Darkness are allowed inside." It wasn't surprising that this was the case, as it would obvious be unwise to let outsiders enter such an important place.

"Then, what if I hid my identity?" Su Yu took a mask and placed it over his face.

Bai Chong hesitated for just a moment, then reluctantly agreed. "Fine, there isn't really anything precious in the eighth layer anyway, so your entry cause any harm to the empire. Just follow behind me."

After an hour, at the edge of the seventh layer, where an old and damaged teleportation formation was situated.

Sizzle!

Intense light shone out of the teleportation formation, while a large number of people came out of it. The state of the people at the front of the crowd was fine, and they all seemed composed and calm, but the ones behind them were all in a sorry state. Some of them had fainted and were currently being supported by their comrades.

Various expressions appeared on the faces of all of the people here, many of which were surprise, shock, and amazement. They were all talking and arguing amongst themselves, which caused the scene to quickly descend into chaos.

“What has happened?” Bai Chong’s heart tightened as he came to a person who had fainted and examined him. The person was a thirty-year-old young man, and his face was a purplish color because he had been poisoned.

“Greetings Chief Inspector.” When they witnessed Bai Chong, they all greeted him out of respect.

“Chief Inspector, it’s because of the miasma.” A young woman was supporting him and helping him stand up.

She seemed to be his wife, and she had tears streaming down her face. As he looked at her, he could see that her face was also somewhat purple, as if she had also been poisoned by the miasma.

Bai Chong raised his brows. “Is there anyone else who has been badly injured apart from him?”

Such matters constantly occurred, as many would not cultivate alone without a comrade. This helped them to avoid common dangers, like forgetting about the time and cultivate for more than an hour, thus getting poisoned by the miasma!

However, as the empire already marked off a safe area around the teleportation formation, as long as they didn’t leave it, they wouldn’t be in any danger. So, a long time had passed since someone had been injured.

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“No,” the young wife said as she shook her head. “However, the two of us did not make it back alive.”

“Did someone die inside?” Bai Chong was surprised. “Did you move away from the safe area? Was that why you did not escape in time?”

After he looked around and saw many of their pale faces, Bai Chong felt that something was amiss.

“No, we were all in the safe area. However, the miasma did not explode according to our predicted timing. It came out of the blue. Luckily, we were all near the transportation portal and were able to make it out in time. However, the other two people inside were not able to return in time,” she said.

The miasma exploded out of the blue? Bai Chong’s eyes flashed with a bright light. “Who were the two people? Did they leave the safe area and enter the deeper parts of the space?”

The young wife nodded. "Yes, they said that they were on a mission and had to enter the deeper parts in order to fix the fissure. However, not long after they entered, the miasma exploded."

She then added, "They looked like Palace Master Nan Guang and Inspector Bai Yun. I heard they had entered for a dangerous mission in order to make up for their past mistakes."

Bai Chong nodded as his eyes flashed brightly once again. He seemed to understand what was going on.

"Let him rest in peace. None of you will mention anything about what happened here," Bai Chong said coldly as his face muscles became tense.

No one dared to defy him. Besides, after the dangerous incident they had just experienced, they dared not enter the space to train for the time being.

"Alliance Master Su, it seems that we will have to wait for a while. I did not expect the miasma to explode so suddenly. It is too dangerous now." Bai Chong sighed as he spoke.

Su Yu pondered this in his mind. He had been observing the situation since the beginning.

It seemed like Bai Chong was hiding something. Palace Master Nan Guang and Bai Yun were being punished by being tasked to carry out a dangerous mission. However, Bai Chong was not willing to reveal what kind of mission it was. He even demanded that the people present not to speak a word about it.

"Alright, we will wait then," Su Yu said helplessly.

As they were waiting, Bai Chong handed Su Yu a chilly jade gourd and said, "This is a gourd that was made from moon-chilled jade. It can be used to store the moonlight. Later, after you enter, find somewhere with sufficient moonlight, then open the gourd. Then, leave it for the time it takes to drink a cup of tea. That will allow you to store enough moonlight, and after you bring it back, I will craft the Peerless Moon Fall Pill for you."

He then added, "Additionally, anywhere within thirty kilometers of the transportation portal is considered the safe area. There will be places where you can harvest the moonlight. Please remember not to go any further than thirty kilometers. Otherwise, if an emergency occurs, you will either be injured or be unable to return, like the others."

Su Yu looked determined. "I understand."

After two hours.

"Alright, the miasma should have subsided by now, so you may enter." Bai Chong imbued Vital Energy into the transportation portal to activate the spell formation.

Due to what had happened, only Su Yu entered the space. "I will be back shortly," Su Yu said as he cupped his fists as and stepped onto the transportation portal and immediately entered the space.

After a flash of white light, Su Yu was teleported away.

Bai Chong, who was standing at his original spot, also stepped onto the transportation portal. He looked concerned as he said, "I hope that place has already been repaired."

After speaking, Bai Chong also entered the space. However, the location he went to differed from the location where he had just sent Su Yu.

Shuffle.

When Su Yu opened his eyes, he could smell a rotten scent all around him. Without a moment's hesitation, Su Yu used his Vital Energy to sweep the rotten smell away.

He then saw a world that was covered in a light purple mist. It was as if the entire world existed in a haze.

“This must be the remnant miasma. Although its poisonous effects are gone, breathing in too much of it is still dangerous,” Su Yu said.

He discovered that the Spiritual Energy in this place was indeed less dense. It was also much weaker than the external world.

Logically speaking, it was not a suitable place to train. However, the different time flow made the place very attractive for people who wanted to train.

As there was not much time, Su Yu hurried along. He used his Soul Eyes to look around. Although the mist made it very difficult to see much, he was at least able to observe everything clearly within a radius of three kilometers.

“There is some moonlight.” Su Yu discovered a gentle stream of light about three kilometers away. The moonlight came from above and shone brightly on a small hill.

Tipping his toes, Su Yu arrived at the small hill in a few leaps. He could see that the sky was filled with purple clouds. The moonlight seeped through the clouds and projected a dreamy light onto a piece of small rock.

As his gaze traced the moonlight, he saw a full moon high up in the sky! Su Yu retrieved the jade gourd and placed it on the small rock. The gourd quietly began to absorb the full moon's light.

Meanwhile, Su Yu stood beside it and was paying attention to his surrounding environment. He tried to stay alert in case the miasma exploded again.

Suddenly, Su Yu could vaguely see a blurry figure about three kilometers away. The figure was shaking from side to side as it moved slowly towards the transportation portal.

Bump.

Not long after that, the figure fell to the ground and did not stand up again.

“Is someone here? Are you still alive?” Su Yu was surprised and flew over to have a look.

When he came close enough to see the face of the figure who had fallen, he exclaimed, “It is you! Palace Master Nan Guang!”

The person who had fallen to the ground was a middle-aged lady. Her eyelashes fluttered continuously. Although her eyes were closely shut, one could feel that her eyeballs were rolling around rapidly in her head. At the same time, her snow-white forehead looked tense and she had a pained expression on her face.

“I was told that even a Grade Three Fairy would be poisoned and become unconscious in this place. However, you have survived and even made it this far!” Su Yu was very surprised.

As he looked down, he noticed that a red rope was hung around her neck. A pendant was connected to the rope and was tucked in between her chest and clothing. Su Yu was uncertain what kind of object this was, but he could tell that all of the weak miasma that approached Palace Master Nan Guang was sucked into the pendant.

This must be the item that kept her alive!

Since Palace Master Nan Guang had not been able to salvage the northern continent, her being punished was not surprising. However, her punishment was also somewhat related to Su Yu because he was the one who put her in such a difficult position. Therefore, he naturally wanted to help her.

Su Yu held her up and sat in a cross-legged position. He then placed both of his palms on her back as he imbued Vital Energy into her body to get rid of the poison. Surprisingly, as soon as his Vital Energy entered her body, the poison disappeared without a trace.

“Although this pendant is valuable, in that it protected her life, it is now a hindrance. It even sucked away my Vital Energy!” Su Yu immediately identified the source of the problem. So, he had no choice but to remove the pendant from Palace Master Nan Guang.

“I hope she does not misunderstand my intentions.” Su Yu laughed bitterly as he removed the pendant from around her neck.

Once he had done so, Su Yu immediately started to heal her. Wherever his Vital Energy passed, the poison in Palace Master Nan Guang’s body would be removed via the pores on her skin.

At the moment, Palace Master Nan Guang’s body was covered by a thin layer of purple mist. It was clearly a layer of poison.

After the time it took to drink half a cup of tea, there was not an ounce of poison left in her body. Her pained expression had also changed, as she now looked like she was sleeping peacefully.

As Su Yu removed his palms from her body, he realized that it was time for him to collect the jade gourd. It should have absorbed a sufficient amount of moonlight by now.

Su Yu carried Palace Master Nan Guang to the small hill. After inspecting the jade gourd, he saw that the gourd was filled with a golden substance that was almost like flowing water. It shone very brightly.

“Full moon’s light!” Su Yu exclaimed as he retrieved the cover for the jade gourd and sealed it up. He then tucked the jade gourd in his bosom.

“It is time to leave,” Su Yu said.

As he was about to leave with Palace Master Nan Guang in his arms, a jade box suddenly slipped out from Palace Master Nan Guang’s sleeve. Su Yu did not think much of it as he sucked it towards his palm and started moving away.

However, he did notice the object that had been placed in the jade box. As he jerked his head to get a closer look at the object, a look of surprise appeared on his face.

“Cloud Galloping Horse’s hair!” he exclaimed in surprise.

The jade box contained a single strand of white hair. Su Yu also possessed a hair like that! In fact, he had managed to acquire three hundred of these hairs from a single Cloud Galloping Horse!

“Why would she possess a Cloud Galloping Horse’s hair?” he wondered aloud, feeling shocked in his heart.

The hair contained a deadly poison that could kill anyone below the Grade Four Fairy level upon contact. Su Yu had previously breathed in just a little bit of the poison and had nearly died from it! This was why he was still wary of the poison to this day.

In fact, Su Yu was also aware of the great power of the Cloud Galloping Horse. It had instantly helped him reach the peak of a Three Crystals Half Fairy from his initial Two Crystals Half Fairy level.

Su Yu’s mind raced from one thought to another. He thought about the secret mission that Palace Master Nan Guan was responsible for, as well as the words that Bai Chong had spoken earlier.

His gaze then turned towards the deeper region in the space as he wondered...

Could the Cloud Galloping Horse be grown here?

It seemed rather impossible to him. According to Yun Yazi, even the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion was not a suitable place to grow the Cloud Galloping Horse. As such, it seemed that it definitely couldn’t grow in the eighth layer of space in the Empire of Darkness, where there is so little Spiritual Energy. However, Su Yu still gave it the benefit of doubt.

He pointed his toes and leapt towards the transportation portal. He then placed Palace Master Nan Guang on the transportation portal and transported her to the external world.

Su Yu, on the other hand, leapt into the air towards the deeper end of the space. Very soon, he had arrived at somewhere beyond the safe area.

As soon as he stepped out of the safe area, the remnant miasma in the air thickened. Here, a single breath left Su Yu feeling slightly dizzy. He felt very uncomfortable, so he swiftly retrieved Palace Master Nan Guang’s pendant.

As he held it in his hands, he instantly felt better. With the pendant in his hands, Su Yu quickly moved on.

The space was not very large, and within minutes, Su Yu was able to travel a thousand kilometers! The deeper he went, the more abandoned the surroundings appeared.

Of course, he did come across a few corpses along the way. He was unsure how long these people had been dead.

As he reached the end of the space, dangerous-looking fissures could be seen everywhere.

Splat.

All of a sudden, Su Yu heard a mild exploding sound next to his ear. His heart thumped as he flit away.

As soon as he moved away, a black fissure that was the size of a strand of hair appeared next to where his right leg was previously positioned. Su Yu was very alert now, as he knew that if the fissure had passed through his leg, it would have cut his leg off! This was indeed a dangerous place!

However, even though he had arrived at the end of the space, the area was still very wide. As such, he could not figure out where Palace Master Nan Guang had obtained the Cloud Galloping Horse's hair.

Right then, a wave of Vital Energy could be felt, coming from ten kilometers away. Su Yu jerked his head towards the direction where the Vital Energy had come from. He vaguely saw a slanted stone tablet that seemed to be covered by the remnant miasma.

That's strange! Is there someone else here?

As Su Yu's curiosity took over, he flew in that direction. He surprisingly discovered that there was a corpse lying beneath the stone tablet. It was none other than Inspector Bai Yun!

However, Inspector Bai Yun's body had already been corroded. He was clearly killed by the deadly poison!

There was a fissure on the stone tablet, which allowed one person to pass through it. Compared to other fissures, the fissure on the stone tablet seemed much more stable. As such, it did not disappear from time to time like the others did.

Remnant Vital Energy could be felt surrounding the fissure.

Could the Cloud Galloping Horse have come from within the fissure?

Su Yu was deep in thought as he looked around and decided to enter the fissure. However, as soon as he entered, a black shadow started attacking him.

In fact, it carried a deadly poison that caused one to shiver in fear! This was the Cloud Galloping Horse's deadly poison!

Su Yu was frightened, as he knew how deadly the poison was. Since he had experienced it before, he wouldn't dare touch it!

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While Su Yu's left hand still tightly held onto the Palace Master Nan Guan's pendant, his right hand started weaving signs. As a black air surged out, the Eternal Stone King Armor appeared on his body.

Sizzle!

The poisonous fog instantly reached him, and the Eternal Stone King Armor's light membrane started flickering. Then, black smoke rose out of it, and it seemed like it was being corroded by it.

After the cloud of poisonous fog that was about the size of a palm seeped through it, it went towards Su Yu's body. At that time, just the smell of the poisonous fog almost took Su Yu's life, let alone the big mass of it that was actually in front of him!

At such a precarious moment, Su Yu poured his Vital Energy into the pendant in his left hand. It immediately emitted a gentle light, which absorbed all of the poisonous fog in an instant.

He had just barely solved this crisis, when after just a short while, a giant white cloud engulfed him! The glowing pendant in his hand was slightly shaking, and since it had protected the Palace Master Nan Guan for such a long time till now, it had already reached its limit and was incapable of absorbing any more of the Cloud Galloping Horse's poison.

At such a precarious moment, Su Yu made a quick decision. As he sucked in a breath of fresh and clean air, he started using the Buddhist Saint's Eight Characters' power. After he sucked in all of the air in the surroundings, he compressed it in his mouth into an extremely powerful sound wave. He then expelled the sound wave out of his mouth.

A powerful shock wave occurred as the sound wave spread out. Then, all of the poisonous fog in it was swept away by the strong wind that had been caused by it.

Only now, after Su Yu truly had averted such a crisis, did he finally get a clear look at his surroundings. His heart intensely thumped when he swept over the scene with his gaze, and he was shocked by what was before him.

He was now within a verdant mountain's summit, and the sky was azure and clear, with many clouds drifting in it. A bright sun was emitting a resplendent radiance, and its rays shone upon a boundless and verdant prairie.

The prairie was filled with many unusual beasts and spiritual treasures, which were all scattered around in every corner of the prairie, just like magnificent beads. The land also had an intense Spiritual Energy, which almost took a solid state, and it was drifting along like a faint fog. It was almost like a veil that was draped over the beautiful prairie.

Su Yu couldn't help but suck in a breath of the Spiritual Energy. After that, he immediately felt his exhaustion disappearing and his mind becoming clear and bright. At the same time, the Vital Energy that his body had lost quickly recovered.

After just a short moment, he became even more light and spirited, as he exclaimed, "What an intense Spiritual Energy!"

Su Yu's eyes were filled with disbelief, as this land's Spiritual Energy was denser than the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion's by three folds. He even started wondering whether he was still in the Zhenlong Continent or not!

This was because he could tell that many of the precious herbs in the prairie were all treasures that were rarely seen in the Zhenlong Continent. This land had an astronomical amount of resources. Even if all of the continent's resources were accumulated for hundreds of years, they would still not rival this land's abundance.

Su Yu suddenly thought of something...

The Empire of Darkness has a tremendous amount of people, yet they are still able to easily supply everyone with enough resources. Chief Inspector Bai said that they are supplying them from the resources, which the empire had accumulated for ten thousand years...

So... Was the place where they stored them, which he wasn't willing to reveal to me, the land that is now right in front of me?

After pondering it for a while, Su Yu did indeed believe that this land was the Empire of Darkness' treasure-trove, in which they had stored resources for ten thousand years! There had been a steady flow of resources into this place for ten thousand years, and since the Spiritual Energy that was emitted by the empire was constrained in this space, its density would reach a much more intense degree than the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion's.

Su Yu was shocked by the sight in front of him, as a ten thousand years' accumulation was a truly terrifying amount! This meant that the resources contained in this small prairie should be greater than the ones present in the whole continent!

After a long while, Su Yu returned to his senses and took a deep breath, while his gaze started flickering with excitement. He wasn't some upright gentleman, and since he had entered this place by mistake, he was surely not going to leave it empty-handed!

If he had such resources at his disposal, then he might be able to strengthen the Heavenly Law Alliance's members with them. He might even be able to increase their overall power in the short-term, and although it might still be insufficient for confronting the Fifth Saint Master's army, at the very least, it would still provide them with some hope while facing it!

"Small kylin, I will let you take care of it." Su Yu let out the small kylin, as with its absorption ability, it could absorb and store an astronomical amount of resources in a short time.

When the small kylin fell on Su Yu's arm, it had just woken up from a deep sleep, but when it sensed such a gaseous Spiritual Energy, its whole body quivered and its purple eyes widened till they became as big as bells.

Its eyes became filled with excitement, as the small kylin was quite fond of all spiritual objects and matters. Even if it didn't need them, it was still fond of collecting them. Moreover, back in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion, Su Yu had already witnessed its amazing capability for collecting treasures.

"Squeak!" The small kylin excitedly squeaked, and without even waiting for Su Yu to order it to go, it had already disappeared! When it appeared again, it was on the foot of the mountain. It then continued to gallop in a straight line and swallowed all of the spiritual materials it passed along the way.

It didn't just swallow spiritual materials as it went, but also consumed grassroots, damaged materials, and more. In fact, after it passed through, only bare lands remained.

As Su Yu watched it, he smacked his lips and became somewhat embarrassed.

Isn't its not leaving even a bit behind somewhat too cruel?

However, he didn't have the leisure of caring about the small kylin at the moment. Instead, he lowered his head and looked with a grave gaze at the mountain around him.

This was the only mountain in the vast and boundless prairie. The mountain was bare and empty. It didn't even have worms or vegetation, or even soil, and it surely didn't have any life force. It was as if it was a completely dead mountain.

The possible reasons for such an occurrence were either the existence of a terrifying creature being in the mountain, or because the mountain was special in itself, rendering it unsuitable for the survival of living beings. Since Su Yu didn't detect any powerful living beings with his senses, the only explication was that it wasn't suitable for ordinary living beings' survival.

As he looked at it, his gaze penetrated it so that he could see inside the mountain. His pupils suddenly contracted, while delight appeared in his eyes. This was because he had unexpectedly noticed a white pony, which was drilling towards the deepest part of the earth.

"A Cloud Galloping Horse!" Excitement appeared in Su Yu's eyes, as he recognized that it was a precious spiritual object that could increase the cultivation of all people below the Level Three Fairy Realm!

Even the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion was incapable of nurturing a Cloud Galloping Horse, yet the Empire of Darkness' ten thousand year treasure-trove land had accomplished it! The Cloud Galloping Horse in Bai Chong's hands must have come from this place, and the black shadow that had just attacked him a moment ago, must have been this very same Cloud Galloping Horse!

As his eyes lit up, Su Yu covered his whole body with Spiritual Energy. He then drilled into the ground and chased after it. Although the Cloud Galloping Horse was a plant, it possessed a high intelligence and it was capable of moving by itself. So, when it detected Su Yu pursuing it, it went towards the center of the mountain at an even faster speed.

"Trying to escape?" Su Yu revealed a faint smile as he continued chasing it. Su Yu chased it all the way to the mountain's center. At that moment, the Cloud Galloping Horse's aura suddenly disappeared.

After he continued drilling for a while, Su Yu discovered that the mountain's center was hollow, and that it had tunnels of various sizes, all of which led to the outside world. These tunnels were actually guiding the outside world's Spiritual Energy here!

The mountain's center wasn't big. In fact, it was just several hundreds meters-wide. A dark purple glow was flickering on its walls. This was a deadly and terrifying poison, had been nurtured here for an extremely long time.

"What a powerful poison." Su Yu murmured, not daring to take it lightly. Hence, he continued using the Eternal Stone King Armor.

After all, if someone who hadn't yet reached the Fairy Realm even just lightly touched the poison on the walls, then his whole body would immediately rot and die! This showed how powerful it really was!

Su Yu floated in the air to avoid coming into contact with the poison, while his gaze fixedly stared at the center of this place. He saw a pond there, which had a dark color, and a dense purple fog was

rising out of it. This fog was completely the same as the one drifting in the Giant Summit's eighth layer!

Is the miasma that surges out every hour coming from here? As he wondered about this, Su Yu revealed a pensive look.

As he stared at the pond, he squinted his eyes. He then looked at the bottom of the pond with his Soul Eyes.

"It's really in the pond!" He murmured. When he examined it, he found that a white pony was motionlessly laying in the bottom of the pond!

Just after that, he saw that there were still three hundred small white spheres in the pond, each of which emitted the same aura as the Cloud Galloping Horse! They also possessed an extremely powerful poison.

Wait, are those Cloud Galloping Horse's seeds? Su Yu suddenly thought of something, and he was quite startled by it...

If all of them are really Cloud Galloping Horse's seeds, then...

As he thought of such a fact, Su Yu's heart started thumping. It would be difficult for other people to nurture the seeds, as they needed a great amount of Spiritual Energy, as well as a special environment that was suitable for their growth. But, all of this was extremely easy for Su Yu, who possessed the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl!

If I could let all of them grow up and mature, then...

Just thinking about such a fact got Su Yu extremely excited!

I would be capable of quickly training a batch of powerful experts with them!

If he added them to the spiritual treasures collected by the small kylin, he might be able to increase the Heavenly Law Alliance's overall power by a whole grade!

"In the end, I still need to depend on myself alone." Su Yu murmured as his eyes lit up and he became extremely happy and delighted.

Su Yu revealed a playful smile as he looked at the pond. After a few moments, Su Yu now held a jade bottle, which was filled with Cloud Galloping Horse's seeds! Meanwhile, the pond's water had already evaporated!

As the Cloud Galloping Horse at the bottom of the pond was looking at Su Yu, its whole body was shuddering, and it was emitting cries that were filled with grief.

"It's obviously just a plant, yet it appears to be so much like an animal. It's even emitting sad cries so that I will take pity on it! As is expected of a rare spiritual object, I really have gained new knowledge from it!" Su Yu faintly smiled and collected the jade bottle.

He didn't capture the horse. Instead, he waved his sleeves and turned around, then said, "You are still a rare precious object, so I will bless you with the opportunity to continue living."

After all, this land had just two Cloud Galloping Horses, and one of them had already been eaten by him. As the remaining one wouldn't be of any help to him in increasing his cultivation, he figured that he should just spare it.

After making this decision, he jumped out of the pond and returned to the mountain's surface. Then, when he swept the prairie with his eyes, they almost came out of their sockets. The boundless and vast prairie had turned into an impoverished land!

There wasn't even a single weed left in it, let alone spiritual objects. Absolutely nothing was left for the Empire of Darkness. At its edge, a pink small kylin was happily devouring everything in its sight, and it seemed like it wouldn't stop till it had left this place completely empty!

"Enough! Come back." When Su Yu yelled at it, the excited small kylin dropped its head down and unwillingly came back to him.

Su Yu didn't know whether to laugh or cry as he looked at its gaze, which was filled with such sadness. He then gently scolded the kylin. "You already took half of the resources that the Empire of Darkness had accumulated for ten thousand years, yet you are still not satisfied!"