

Nine-Dragon 741

Chapter 741: Pretending to Be a Divine Master

Yuan Yingying was the Yuan Family's Master's commoner daughter, who had been left behind outside. Two years ago, her mother died from an illness. At that time, Yuan Yingying became homeless. It was only then that the Yuan Family's Master brought her into the family and announced her status.

At that time, the matter of recognizing her was met with great opposition, as everyone believed that her bloodline wasn't pure and her status wasn't legitimate. They determined that she mustn't be allowed into the Yuan Family. However, the Yuan Family's Master stood firm and opposed the opinion of the masses, which ultimately resulted in Yuan Yingying's becoming the Yuan Family's second miss.

"Family Master, let's talk about business now. I heard that the eldest miss led the guards and killed the Demonic Ape, which was posing a great threat to our Blue Mountain Range. Is this true?" A sixty-year-old man interpreted seamlessly as Yuan Yingying shared some affectionate time with her father and looked with a smile at Yuan Wanbi.

The Yuan Family's Master let go of his daughter's hands, then went back to his seat. His face was filled with gratification and delight as he said, "Wanbi, you did well this time, and you have brought honor to our Yuan Family! Someone, raise the Demonic Ape..."

At that moment, four men brought a three-meter-long Demonic Ape onto a platform. As all of the family members present looked at the Demonic Ape, who still had a ferocious air about it, they were both astonished and delighted.

One onlooker exclaimed, "This is the evil beast, which has brought such calamity upon our Blue Mountain Range. We have paid quite a price due to its attacks these past years. Who would have ever expected that it would be killed by the eldest miss?"

"The eldest miss has indeed made a great contribution, which mustn't go unnoticed!" another onlooker exclaimed.

Many praises echoed through the air after that, and the flattering comments were all directed toward Yuan Wanbi. Meanwhile, they all ignored Yuan Yingying on purpose, leaving her standing alone beside Su Yu.

Yuan Yingying bit her lips as she looked at her big sister, who was now the center of attention. She admired her, envied her, and also felt slightly bitter towards her.

Yuan Wanbi then said modestly, "Uncles, you are just cracking jokes now. With my meager cultivation, how could I have managed to kill the Demonic Ape? In fact, it was a powerful senior, who had just happened to pass by, who killed it. He even gave me directions to lead our people and chase it into its cave! It was only then that I managed to bring back its corpse. As you see, I didn't really do anything."

Although her words seemed truly modest, she did still mention the fact that the powerful expert gave her directions, which served to boost her image in front of her people. The reality of the

situation, however, was that Su Yu didn't just give those directions to her, but to the whole team. Yet, Yuan Wanbi had presented it in such a way to make people assume that she had some sort of relationship with this powerful expert!

After hearing her words, everyone became completely silent. They had already expected that the Demonic Ape hadn't really been killed by Yuan Wanbi, and even if it actually had been, they simply assumed that it was killed by a random stroke of luck. However, when they heard that it was a powerful expert, who had helped them in defeating the Demonic Ape, they understood everything.

The Yuan Family's Master's gaze flickered. "Wanbi, why did that powerful expert save all of you, without any apparent reason? Do you know who he is? Does he have any history with our family?"

As the power of someone who could kill the Demonic Ape was surely extraordinary, at the very least, the Yuan Family's Master wanted to know this expert's identity. After all, even he himself didn't have the ability to kill such a cunning Demonic Ape!

Yuan Wanbi furrowed her brows, then shook her head and said, "The senior didn't show himself to me. We only heard his voice, but didn't get to see him."

The Yuan Family's Master's eyes flickered upon hearing this. "He heavily injured the Demonic Ape, then left him half alive in front of all of you, without even showing himself?"

The pupils of many people in the room contracted when they heard this, and they had to wonder... What kind of divine ability is this?

The Yuan Family's Master muttered irresolutely, "There are only two ways to achieve such a feat. The first explanation is that his cultivation was so high that he could cross space and kill the Demonic Ape from far away. As for the other explanation, he may have been just a Soul Body, which means that he was a Divine Master senior."

His words fell heavy upon the onlookers, and the room's ambiance suddenly became grave, as regardless of which possibility it was, such a powerful expert wasn't someone they could afford to provoke. This was especially the case if it was the second possibility, meaning that he was an Almighty Divine Master! After all, all people, whose souls could leave their bodies, were surely Almighty Divine Masters... Or even more powerful experts!

"It's a pity that we didn't get to invite such a powerful senior to be a guest in our Yuan Family." The Yuan Family's Master felt quite regretful about this, while his gaze was still fixed on Yuan Wanbi. He was hoping that she knew something else.

Yuan Wanbi's eyes flickered slightly, and she wore a look of enlightenment as she said, "Oh right, father, it seemed like that senior was always in the Demonic Ape Mountain Range's vicinity, yet he still didn't kill the ape. It was only when I ran into danger and was captured by the ape that he finally attacked it."

Her unspoken implication was that the senior had intervened on her behalf. She purposefully omitted the fact that Yuan Yingying had also been captured along with her.

"Moreover, I also found his voice slightly familiar-sounding, as if I had once heard it elsewhere, or had perhaps seen him before," Yuan Wanbi said. This matter wasn't really a lie, as she really had found it to be slightly familiar-sounding.

Su Yu, who was standing to the side, couldn't help mutter in a low voice, "Of course it sounded familiar... After all, didn't that sound belong to an old lecher like me?"

Even though Su Yu had lowered his voice's pitch on purpose, his words did not escape the ears of many people present. Upon hearing his telltale words, the eyes of the Yuan Family members lit up slightly as they all wondered...

Did that senior intervene on her behalf and kill the Demonic Ape for her?

They exchanged several glances amongst themselves, while trying to hide the faint delight that instantly appeared on their faces. Yuan Wanbi had indeed brought with her many nice surprises today. If the Yuan Family could befriend a Divine Master because of her, then besides the Shangguan Family, no one else in the entire nine mountain ranges' territory would dare to offend the Yuan Family!

"Wanbi, regardless of everything, you still did well this time. You brought honor to us by bringing back the Demonic Ape's corpse, and it may still be possible to befriend a powerful expert because of you." The Yuan Family's Master's face was filled with a big smile.

He then added, "The Yuan Family always properly rewards and punishes people for all matters related to both domestic and foreign affairs. As such, we must surely reward you generously!"

Yuan Wanbi rejoiced secretly when she heard him. She couldn't get a reward arbitrarily from the family, even if her father was the Family Master, and even though she was the Family Master's daughter, she must still follow all of the rules and make a contribution in order to get such benefits.

"As Yuan Wanbi made a third-grade contribution, she will be allowed a single entry into the Elixir Pond. She will also be awarded two Seven Stars Precious Crystals and twenty regular crystals," the Yuan Family's Master announced.

The Elixir Pond? Yuan Wanbi was overwhelmed with delighted, as the Elixir Pond was the Yuan Family's secret grounds, where many precious elixirs were placed throughout the year. This meant that it was brimming with the Elixirs' power, meaning that it would be extremely likely for one's cultivation to raise by at least one level if they cultivated within it just once!

There was also a slight possibility that Yuan Wanbi, who was at the Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm, could advance into the Fairy Realm while she was within it! As for the Seven Stars Precious Crystals, they were an extremely precious elixir, which was made by refining a Demon Core. This was also helpful in achieving a breakthrough.

As for the last reward, the twenty crystals, such an amount was considered to be a vast windfall of wealth. Such rewards satisfied her greatly.

"Ah Qing, since you are the chief of the team, you will be rewarded with two Green Jade Shell Elixirs, as well as ten crystals. As for the other guards, they will all be rewarded with a single Green Jade Shell Elixir, as well as one crystal," the Yuan Family's Master announced.

After he finished explaining the rewards, the Yuan Family's Master looked at his youngest daughter, Yuan Yingying, affection immediately appearing in his eyes. But, he still maintained a stern look as he said, "As for Yuan Yingying, she also led the team, along with Yuan Wanbi, Hence, she also must be rewarded in the same way, thus being allowed to enter the Elixir Pond..."

Someone immediately spoke up in opposition to this decision before the Yuan Family's Master had even managed to finish his words. A white-haired old man stroked his beard and said, "Family Master, there are less than two months left until the Yuan Family Competition. At that time, the people ranked among the top ten will be allowed to enter the Elixir Pond, and if the pond's medicinal power is too greatly exhausted before that time, rendering it insufficient for those ten people's use, many of our branches' people will become dissatisfied and resentful."

The white-haired man sighed, then added, "As Yuan Wanbi has adequate prestige in the family and is undoubtedly our family's pride and joy, if she gets to enter the Elixir Pond, the branches' people will unlikely have any objections to it. But, Yingying is..."

The white-haired old man paused for a moment, then shook his head and said with great hesitation, "Forgive me for speaking honestly, but it will be difficult to justify her entry into the Elixir Pond to the masses. Moreover, any contributions have mainly been made by young miss Wanbi, with Yingying just following behind her. As such, her contributions can't be counted along with her elder sister's."

When the white-haired old man witnessed the Yuan Family's Master's expression becoming gloomy, he spoke again, "Family Master, if you really want to reward her, then why don't you wait until the Family Competition the following month. At that time, if Yingying manages to seize a quota, she will leave the branches' people at a loss for words."

After he expressed his opinion, everyone nodded, signaling their agreement with what he had just said. They then spoke, one after another, all of them treating Yuan Yingying like a complete stranger. At this moment, the Yuan Family's Master's expression was gloomy, as he faced a great amount of pressure now.

"Father, grandpa Pojun isn't mistaken. In fact, my big sister deserves all of the credit, as I really didn't do anything. As such, I mustn't accept any rewards," Yuan Yingying stood out, opened her bright eyes widely, and said.

After she spoke, the white-haired old man praised her, "Yingying can really see the bigger picture. Not bad! I think quite highly of you now."

Since even Yuan Yingying had agreed to what the white-haired old man had said, the Yuan Family's Master could really say no more. "Fine. Yingying, you can leave for now. Go and cultivate."

The Yuan Family's Master's heart throbbed in pain as he looked at his youngest daughter, who had just been pushed out. He had done his best to take care of her, but the family still didn't recognize her, which left Yuan Yingying in a difficult situation.

As Yuan Yingying returned to Su Yu's side, her body was shuddering, and her small hands, which were hidden in her sleeves, were trembling violently. She wasn't trembling because of anger or rage, but because of grief, the grief of being crowded out by everyone.

“Fine! Let’s finish the meeting,” the Yuan Family’s Master announced, though his interest in it had waned.

However, at this moment, a faintly discernible voice echoed from the sky, “So, it was actually here...”

The voice startled everyone, and the Yuan Manor’s guards immediately charged in.

“Who’s here?” The Yuan Family’s Master stood up abruptly, while he swept the surroundings with his sharp gaze.

As the faintly discernible voice echoed out again, it seemed both near and far away from them, “I came here just to check whether that evil beast was really eradicated. I had been occupied the past few days, as I went over to take care of a matter, but am now back to verify it. Since I see that it’s already dead, I won’t stay here any longer.”

What? Is this the powerful expert? The Yuan Family’s Master looked at Yuan Wanbi quickly, and the latter nodded at him, excitement apparent on her face.

The Yuan Family’s Master was delighted, “Senior, wait for a minute...”

He could faintly feel a soul power, which shocked him greatly. It was obvious that it belonged to an Almighty Divine Master’s Soul Body, which was in the vicinity.

“What’s the matter?” the faintly discernible voice asked.

The Yuan Family’s Master replied, “Senior, I’m expressing my gratitude to you for saving my two daughters on behalf of the whole Yuan Family. I hope that you can show yourself to us, as only then can I repay you properly for your kindness.”

The Yuan Family’s Master was quite excited, and this was also the case for the other members of the family. They couldn’t believe that they just might get the chance to befriend such an Almighty Divine Master!

“There is no need for that.” The refusal disappointed all of the family members. However, they had to admit that they found it reasonable. After all, an Almighty Divine Master was a great existence, who couldn’t be expected to take their trifling Yuan Family seriously.

“However, your precious daughter is quite to my liking, as we hit it off after we met. I will still come here often in the future, and If I am in a good mood, I may even take her as my disciple and give her some directions in her cultivation,” the faintly discernible voice promised.

His promise delighted the whole family. After all, after a relationship was announced, no one would dare to harm the Yuan Family in the future!

“Wanbi, why don’t you thank this senior?” Pojun’s face was rosy and filled with delight, while the other elders were also gratified. They all envied her, as Yuan Wanbi had really brought great benefits to the Yuan Family.

At the moment, Yuan Wanbi's face was flushed, and she was clearly quite excited. She wore a smile as she paid her respects sincerely, "Many thanks, senior. I will surely live up to your hopes and expectations for me..."

The faintly discernible voice interrupted her, asking, "Who are you?"

His sudden question caused all of the people present to stiffen, including Yuan Wanbi, whose smile froze on her face like a piece of solid ice!

After the Yuan Family's Master returned to his senses, he said carefully, "She's my precious daughter, Yuan Wanbi."

"Ah? So, she's also your daughter? Let me be frank... The precious daughter I was talking about is that small lassie of yours. What's her name again?" the faintly discernible voice asked.

Yuan Yingying, whose face was filled with bewilderment, stood in her place blankly, and it was only when she was suddenly pushed by someone from behind that she stumbled to the center of the hall.

It was her? The crowd wondered in awe, while the whole place descended into silence. It turned out that the person the Divine Master senior was talking about was unexpectedly the illegitimate child that had been brought from outside!

Only the Yuan Family's Master was overjoyed at this moment as he exclaimed, "Senior, she's also my precious daughter! Her name is Yuan Yingying!"

"Yingying, why don't you quickly come over here and thank the senior?" The Yuan Family's Master was delighted.

Even though he couldn't give any benefits to his youngest daughter himself, if they were given to her by the Divine Master senior, the family could certainly not object then! Moreover, a Divine Master's personal teaching was considered a good fortune, which none in the Yuan Family had yet enjoyed.

Such good luck would probably make the Yuan Family members go crazy from jealousy. In fact, many of them might even change their whole attitudes because of it, causing them to immediately start fawning over Yuan Yingying. This was indeed a turning of the tide of Yuan Yingying!

"Well, okay..." Yuan Yingying was at a loss for what to do, so she kowtowed clumsily and thanked him, "Many thanks, senior. Also... Senior, what's your name? Why don't you come out and let us see you?"

Upon hearing his youngest daughter's bold request, the Yuan Family's Master almost jumped out of his skin from fright. After all, such a senior's name was something that should not be asked this bluntly, much less requesting him to show himself!

However, it was fortunate that the Divine Master doted on Yuan Yingying, so he just laughed it off and replied, "My name consists of just a single, long word, so you can just call me 'Old Long.'"

"Okay, Grandpa Long!" Yuan Yingying giggled.

Grandpa Long? The corners of the mouths of all of the Yuan Family's people couldn't help but twitch, as only this silly girl would dare to call a Divine Master by such an intimate term!

Even the corners of Su Yu's mouth couldn't help but twitch when he heard her new nickname for him. After all, he had managed to make a fake identity for himself with great difficulty, yet he was still being called grandpa by this young girl! He really did let her get away with too much!

"Hehe, I've just been cultivating with ease recently. So, if I have some free time, I will surely come over to teach you," Su Yu said.

With that, the faintly discernible voice disappeared far away. The Yuan Family's people were still shocked, even after the voice had been gone for a long while.

When everyone finally returned to their senses, many sharp gazes looked at the silly Yuan Yingying, who was still in the room. Their gazes were scorching, and it seemed like they wanted to burn her with them!

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Yuan Yingying lowered her head. She was frightened because she was being stared at by such a large number of people. She was so nervous, she almost started to cry.

"Uncle Su Yu." Yuan Yingying looked around before glancing at Su Yu with an entreating gaze.

Su Yu opened his eyes and walked towards her as he said, "Congratulations, Second Miss, for getting such a great expert teaching! It's really worthy of a celebration."

Their words broke the hall's silence and brought all of the people back to their senses. The Yuan Family's Master couldn't help but rub his hands together as he laughed heartily and said, "Today is a day of exultation for our family. Yingying, come over and tell us in detail how you got to meet such a senior."

Yuan Yingying was baffled and confused, and she could only tell them once again what had happened. It was exactly the same as what Yuan Wanbi had said. But, she recounted it in a more detailed way, and the elders listened earnestly to her words. After they heard all of her account, they couldn't help but look at Yuan Yingying with complex gazes.

Although they all disliked her, they couldn't help but reconsider her worth, as well as the benefits that she could bring them. Although they still didn't accept her, they at least stopped looking at her coldly and bullying her.

They Yuan Family's Master then said, "Since matters have already reached this juncture, all of you should already understand what happened. Yingying got a Divine Master's favor and made a great contribution for our Yuan family."

He then added, "As it's a second-rate contribution, she should be awarded four Seven Stars Precious Crystals and forty ordinary crystals. She should also be allowed to enter the Elixir Pond one time."

He had doubled her rewards, meaning that she was awarded double what Yuan Wanbi had received. It was clear that the Yuan Family's Master was really happy for his daughter.

The white-haired elder named Pojun opened his mouth, yet he could only swallow back his words in the end.

“Many thanks, dad.” Delight appeared in Yuan Yingying’s eyes, and with a flushed face, she returned to Su Yu’s side.

This Second Miss, who had always been deliberately disregarded by them in the past, had finally caught their attention. Only now did they notice that there was a strange old man among the guards. He wore a guard suit and had an outstanding bearing, as well as an air of otherworldliness.

“May I ask who you are?” Since the Yuan Family’s Master noticed that he had outstanding bearings as well, he didn’t dare disrespect the strange old man.

Yuan Yingying hugged Su Yu’s arm as she replied, “Dad, Uncle Su Yu is an old vagrant. We met him on the road. He was alone and seemed pitiful, so I brought him back with us.”

A vagrant? As the Yuan Family’s Master had discerning eyes, he couldn’t help but shake his head when he heard her description of Su Yu. This was because he seemed more like a martial artist in dire straits than a vagrant!

Although this old man seemed like he didn’t possess any cultivation base, one could tell a lot about him just from his posture and gaze. Just by looking at him, the Yuan Family’s Master sensed that he was confident and calm.

These qualities did not coincide with his being a vagrant! However, the Yuan Family’s Master didn’t expose him, as there were many people like him who had suffered hard fates in the Blue Mountain Range.

“Well, Yingying’s disposition is still the same as it was in the past.” The Yuan Family’s Master sighed out of affection for her. “Just let him stay with the Yuan family, as the northern palace needs a sweeper. So, you can set your mind at rest and stay.”

Su Yu cupped his fists at him. “Many thanks, Yuan Family’s Master.”

“It’s fine. Now, all of you leave, but as for you, Wanbi, please stay behind.” The Yuan Family’s Master waved his hand at them in dismissal.

Yuan Yingying looked at Yuan Wanbi, who was still kneeling on the ground, and came over to her and pulled her up. She then said, “Sister, the senior already left, so stand up...”

Thump!

Her hand was immediately slapped away by Yuan Wanbi before she stood up by herself. She then looked at her coldly and said, “Congratulations to you, my good sister, you really hid it finely! I can’t help but admire you for that.”

Yuan Yingying was startled by her words. “Sister, what are you saying?”

“Don’t act dumb.” Yuan Wanbi wore a cold smile. “How could such a coincidence occur? When you were just being pushed aside by them, that senior suddenly appeared! It’s obvious that he did it deliberately.”

It couldn't be denied that this woman had sharp senses.

She then added, "Moreover, that senior just happened to target me on purpose, letting you step on me and take the limelight!" Yuan Wanbi felt greatly humiliated by this.

When all of the people believed that the Divine Master senior had saved them because of her, that senior had appeared and pointed out the truth to them. This had shamed her and left her in an awkward position.

A Divine Master senior would disdain to bully a woman, especially one who was just a total stranger to him. So, the only explication for this was that it had been requested by her younger sister, who clearly wanted to be in the limelight herself!

"Sister, I didn't do it!" Yuan Yingying's eyes were brimming with tears as she tried to explain, "I..."

"You don't need to say anything. I was too stupid and believed that you were really as pure as you seemed. So, I can't blame anyone but myself." Yuan Wanbi snorted coldly.

Yuan Yingying still wanted to explain things to her, yet she was pulled by Su Yu, who spoke to her calmly, "Let's leave. You and the Eldest Miss belong to two different worlds, and it would be better for you to rarely interact with her from now on."

Su Yu loathed women who were like Yuan Wanbi, and it was only because she was scheming and devious herself that she assumed that all people were like her! Su Yu didn't target her deliberately. Instead, he had just wanted to help Yuan Yingying!

"You are not mistaken. We really do belong to two different worlds. One is flying in the sky, while the other is crawling on the ground." Yuan Wanbi looked at Su Yu coldly.

Su Yu replied calmly, "That's actually right. She's flying in the sky, while you are crawling on the ground."

"You!" Yuan Wanbi's expression became gloomy and she clenched her teeth.

Yuan Yingying was in a daze, as she was being pulled away by Su Yu. She was quite downcast at such a moment.

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"Wanbi, how did your secret trip to the Shangguan Family end?" When all of them had left the room, the Yuan Family's Master's eyes lit up with expectation.

Yuan Wanbi's expression changed, and delight appeared on her face. "Do you still need to even ask?"

"Then... This means that the Shangguan Family is willing to abide by their past promise and connect our families by marriage?" The Yuan Family's Master was overjoyed.

While the Yuan Family's Master was traveling in his early years, he had ended up saving the injured Shangguan Family's Master by chance. To repay him, he had promised him to connect their families by marriage if their descendants turned out to be of the opposite sex.

The Yuan Family's Master didn't care about it at the moment, as he felt like he couldn't claim a connection with the great Shangguan Family then. But, in recent years, the Yuan Family's situation in the Blue Mountain Range was getting worse, and they were being suppressed by the Elixir Production Alliance.

He had even been forced to betroth his daughter, Yuan Yingying, to Zhao Yin in order to appease their relationship with the alliance. As all of this was happening, the anxious Yuan Family's Master had remembered the promise and decided to just see if the offer was still on the table at such a time. So, he sent his two daughters there, along with the keepsake that had been given to him by the Shangguan Family's Master.

He didn't really hold any hopes or expectations about their journey's success, yet Yuan Wanbi had brought a nice surprise to him after returning!

"The Shangguan Family's young master, Shangguan Yunque, had a good impression of me, so he didn't oppose an engagement." Yuan Wanbi's face became flushed as she thought of Shangguan Yunque's handsome face and great status, her heart skipping a beat as she smiled.

The Yuan Family's Master wore a smile as he said with admiration, "The Shangguan Family's Master's promise is really worth a thousand pieces of gold! Just as I expected of a great family, even though twenty years had already passed, they still cared about keeping this promise."

As he had just gotten rid of a huge burden that had been weighing on him, he couldn't help but think of his daughter, Yuan Yingying, and a sad expression appeared on his face.

He then sighed and said, "We really let Yingying suffer, as Zhao Yin first fancined you, yet Yuan Yingying agreed to take your place and made an engagement with him. So, you shouldn't let her down in the future, as she has always respected and loved you."

Any person with a discerning eye could realize that a woman who was married off wouldn't get to hold a high position, and she would surely suffer many hardships in life. So, the Yuan family opposed it greatly. But, as the Elixir Production Alliance had a great influence, in the end, Yuan Yingying had agreed on her own accord, which left the Elixir Production Alliance at a loss for words.

"I know," Yuan Wanbi replied calmly.

The Yuan Family's Master nodded. "Okay, did the Shangguan Family say anything else?"

"No, so we should just patiently wait for them to come here to propose the marriage." Yuan Wanbi was full of expectations about this.

As Su Yu came to the servants quarters, he wore a servant's uniform. He then started sweeping the floor patiently.

When it was nighttime, Yuan Wanbi came over, followed by two servants. "How's it going? It can't be easy for you to do such hard work at such an old age..."

Su Yu shook his head. "Thanks for your concern, but I'm still capable of lifting a broom. What did you come here for? It's certainly not to just chat with an old man like me!"

Clap!

Yuan Wanbi wore a faint smile as she clapped her hands softly. Immediately, a servant carried a plate over to Su Yu.

"A hundred thousand pieces of silver... That should be enough for you to live the rest of your life at ease," Yuan Wanbi said.

Su Yu continued sweeping, without even raising his head. "If you have something to say, then just say it."

"Leave the Yuan Family! Also, let's agree to never see each other again." Yuan Wanbi's expression became cold.

It was only by driving Su Yu away that she could create an opportunity for Zhao Yin to get rid of him!

"Even if I stay in the Yuan family's manor, we won't have to see each other." Su Yu spoke calmly, as he looked at her, "Eldest Miss, if you don't have anything else to say, then I will take my leave now."

Yuan Wanbi's gaze became ice-cold as she looked at Su Yu. "Don't be too proud of yourself, as I will surely make you regret it."

Su Yu just turned a deaf ear to her words, and after he rested for a moment, he returned to a wooden house and laid on a wooden bed calmly. But, in actual fact, his soul left his body and wandered around in the Yuan family's manor.

It would be better for me to find a way of healing my injuries by myself, rather than having to ask someone, as it would allow me to avoid unnecessary trouble. Su Yu felt like he could find information about how to heal himself in the Yuan family's elixir production room.

After a short while, he found the place where the Yuan Family stored many pill recipes, as well as their pill-refining techniques. The room was strictly guarded, and there were no less than 10 Fairy Realm experts protecting it. There had even been some alarm formations set.

However, it was a pity for them that Su Yu was now just a soul body, as he could disregard all walls and defensive measures. So, Su Yu started searching through their great treasure-trove patiently.

He directly disregarded the pill-refining techniques, as he already had Tian Jizi's Mysterious Heavenly Elixir Manufacturing Secret Technique and he didn't care about the Yuan family's secret techniques. He only cared about their pill and elixir recipes.

"Raging Flames Powder?" Su Yu murmured as he found a recipe, which he took just a single look at before shaking his head...

Its medicinal energy is too intense, and it's only suitable for youths and those with a strong body. As such, it isn't suitable for my current body.

After a short while, he found another pill recipe. Spring Sun Pill? It can nurse internal organs to health, but my highest priority now is letting my internal blood energy channel recover, so I don't need it now.

He continued searching like this for two hours, finding that the Yuan family had indeed stored many elixir pills, many of which were suitable for healing bodies' injuries. But, he still didn't find any that were suitable for him. Likewise, he passed through all of the recipes on the shelves, yet he still didn't find a recipe to his liking.

"It shouldn't be like this," Su Yu muttered. "The Yuan family is an old and respected alchemist family, so it shouldn't have such low-grade elixir recipes."

It would have been fine if this was the case for only those elixirs related to the healing of the body, but it was even the case for cultivation elixirs! They had, at most, pills that were suitable for the early stages of the Fairy Realm, but this shouldn't be all that they had!

Su Yu squinted his eyes and started inspecting his surroundings more carefully. At that moment, he suddenly felt a faint soul fluctuation.

It was coming from a fire pit that was used for refining elixirs, and its flames hadn't been put out for more than a hundred years. Su Yu's soul went to the bottom of the fire pit, only to discover that there was a room there!

Inside the room, there was a metal book that had been laid on a giant boulder. The book had innumerable words written on it, and as he looked closer, he saw that they were all high-grade elixir recipes!

Pure Yang Vital Return Pill? Su Yu quickly found a high-grade healing pill recipe, which was for a pill that was effective for all people who hadn't yet reached the Divine Master Realm. But, it was most effective for people at the early stage of the Fairy Realm.

It could also nourish the internal blood energy channel and heal crippled energy channels. Its medicinal power was mild and gentle, and it could be repeatedly consumed. The healing pill recipe in front of him was just the one that he had been looking for!

He quickly memorized all of the ingredients that were needed to make it, as well as its refining methods. When he found that he had ample time on his hands, he then continued to read the other recipes aloud...

"Fairy Expansion Pill... A pill that can increase someone's chances of reaching the Fairy Realm by thirty percent." Su Yu's eyes lit up when he read this. If he could get such a pill, then he would have a greater chance of succeeding!

He continued to read aloud, "There is a high chance of failure during the refining process of this pill, as it has complex and precious ingredients. Hence, you should be careful while refining it."

After he finished reading the recipe, he found some more notes beneath it, which appeared to have been added by the Yuan family members as a warning for their descendants.

A high chance of failure? Su Yu chuckled confidently as he also memorized this pill recipe. He then continued flipping through the book before he came to the last page, which caused his facial expression to turn grave.

“Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid,” Su Yu murmured as he furrowed his brows.

An ancient elixir recipe? Su Yu’s heart shuddered when his eyes fell on an eye-catching red note.

Chapter 743: Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing

The word ‘ancient’ held great significance, as the ancient era was an almost riddle-like and extremely mysterious period, in which many almighty existences were born and numerous emperors fought over supremacy. It was a splendid, dazzling, and extremely prosperous time.

In fact, one could say that it was a legendary era. As such, all of the objects that remained from this era each possessed an unfathomable power. Although their mystical powers varied, every object still had its own special and peculiar charm.

Su Yu looked very carefully at the elixir recipe that was in front of him. He then read murmured, “The Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid can increase cultivation, and it possesses even Dantian nourishing and Vital Energy Condensation effects for middle-stage Fairies! Moreover, if it’s consumed for a long period of time, it can even temper one’s soul and increase one’s soul power. After using such an elixir, one could possess a soul that is more powerful than ordinary people’s by three-tenths!”

Su Yu glanced at the bottom of the recipe and saw that there was a line of small characters, which read: Note: people with innate soul talent will experience double the effects after consuming this elixir for a long period of time.

Upon reading this, Su Yu’s pupils contracted slightly as he thought... If it is able to increase the cultivation of middle-stage Fairies, it could be considered a relatively high-grade elixir, but it still couldn’t be classified as ancient. However, it must be noted that its strengthening effects on the soul were extremely rare results.

After all, a person’s soul power determined his level of perception ability. Specifically, the stronger one’s soul, the quicker he could comprehend cultivation techniques, and he could then walk further on the martial path. Such awarenesses were common knowledge for those traversing the martial path.

In most cases, one’s soul power would increase after each cultivation breakthrough, thus reaching a degree that matched the current level of cultivation. This was because it was extremely difficult to raise the soul power even more than its base level. For example, it was extremely difficult for someone at the early stage of the Fairy Realm to increase his soul power to the Fairy Realm middle-stage level.

Even Su Yu had possessed a soul power that was only equivalent to the early stage of the Fairy Realm when he was at the peak of the Half Fairy Realm. Moreover, he had only been able to reach this level due to the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron’s tempering, as well as the Heaven’s Son Gazing At Air technique power accumulation.

Even then, it was only through tireless cultivation for countless years that he was finally able to reach such a step. If it had been any ordinary person, it would be impossible for him to have reached the same state as Su Yu was at currently. After all, such a person could be considered extremely brilliant, even in Jiuzhou.

After he read the small note, Su Yu's heart throbbed even faster. He could barely believe that people with innate soul talent could receive double effects from the elixir!

In other words, if Su Yu consumed it for a long time when his soul was in the early stage of the Fairy Realm, this meant that he could probably get a soul at the late stage of Fairy Realm! In such a condition, Su Yu would be able to comprehend every technique more easily. Also, if he added his time acceleration ability to that, he would become a person with truly matchless talent!

Su Yu became extremely excited as he thought about it. At the moment, he could only try to repress his excitement as he tried to memorize the elixir recipe, as well as its method of production way. After a short while, he was able to do so completely, without omitting even a single word.

"I really never knew that the Yuan family had hidden such a heaven-defying elixir recipe!" Su Yu couldn't help but exclaim in admiration, as this night's gains had far surpassed his expectations.

In the depths of the night, Su Yu's soul swiftly left and returned to his body. He had obtained three elixir recipes throughout his travels. These recipes were for the Pure Yang Vital Return Pill, the Fairy Expansion Pill, and an ancient elixir called the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid.

When Su Yu observed the three recipes carefully, he discovered that he didn't recognize any of their ingredients, as they were all spirit herbs, which had yet to appear in his continent. Moreover, even if he was familiar with them, as they were very rare, it would still be difficult for him to get his hands on them.

After all, he had already spent all of the crystals that he had obtained from the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. So, since he was incapable of purchasing the rare ingredients, he knew that he must look for another solution.

As he had been constantly on the move for the whole day, Su Yu was slightly exhausted at the moment. So, he closed his eyes and rested until dawn.

"Grandpa Su." When he woke up and had just finished washing his face, Su Yu heard a sweet-sounding call from outside.

When he opened the door and looked over, he found that Yuan Yingying was standing before the door, wearing a big smile. Her eyes were bloodshot, and it seemed like she hadn't slept at all last night. Even though she was delighted by her change of fate, she was also deeply hurt by the fact that her elder sister had misunderstood her.

"Lassie, come here. Why are you looking for an old man like me?" Su Yu was quite fond of her, so he spoke to her kindly.

Yuan Yingying opened her clenched fist stealthily, revealed a round, white pill within it. The pill had a single pattern on it, which seemed like it was moving. This made it appear to be quite magical.

The pill also had a mesmerizing fragrance. Su Yu instantly discerned that it was an expensive spirit pill.

“Yesterday, father ordered some people to send my reward to me. The rewards was a set of four Seven Stars Precious Crystals. One is for me, one is for you, one is for my big sister, and the remaining one is for my father,” Yuan Yingying said.

She wore a simple and honest smile on her face. Even though Yuan Wanbi had hurt her the day before, she still cared about her elder sister. Either that, or she was using her own methods to gain her elder sister’s approval and recognition. It was just a pity that her methods had produced the opposite result of what she had desired.

“You should use them for your cultivation, as if you consumed all four pieces, you would probably be able to advance to the Two Crystals Half Fairy Realm,” Su Yu said.

Yuan Yingying was slightly baffled by the fact that Su Yu knew her cultivation level, and she shook her head as she replied, “No. Won’t it better for all of us to cultivate together? Take it. It’s for you, Grandpa Su.”

Su Yu chuckled involuntarily, then said, “I’m just a mortal, so such a spirit pill would be useless to me.”

Su Yu stopped for a moment before he added, “Second miss, if you really want to help me, can you fetch me two batches of medicinal ingredients?”

Yuan Yingying’s eyes lit up as she looked at the ingredients from the elixir recipes that Su Yu handed her. She then said in surprise, “Hey, these are our family’s secret elixir recipes for the Pure Yang Vital Return Pill and Fairy Expansion Pill! Grandpa Su, why do you have them?”

Surprise appeared on Su Yu’s face, as he was amazed by her astute perception. Su Yu had assumed that Yuan Yingying was slightly silly before now, but it seemed like that wasn’t really the case after all.

Su Yu had been careful to completely mix up the order of the ingredients in the elixir recipes that he had offered to her. Moreover, he had even added several false ingredients that were completely unrelated to them as a decoy.

By doing so, he believed that it would be difficult for even ordinary alchemists to notice the comparisons between the recipes and the Yuan family’s. Yet, in such a short while, this silly and adorable girl had seen through his ploy with a single glance!

“Is that the case? These recipes were left to me by a powerful senior, who I met while traveling. Does your family really possess them too?” Su Yu blinked his eyes, feigning surprise.

Yuan Yingying scratched her head in confusion, then muttered in a low voice, “That is strange, but fine. I do have all of those ingredients. Grandpa Su, come with me to my room.”

Her room has the elixir production’s ingredients in it? The curious Su Yu followed her into her room, somewhat baffled that she would keep them there.

Even though she had been shunned by the family, she still had a place that was adequate for her status. Her dwelling had an immense courtyard, a martial training room, an elixir production room,

a lounge, a living room, a bedroom and a pavilion with a small lake that was filled with fresh mountain spring water. She had everything that she would ever need.

Yuan Yingying brought Su Yu into her elixir production room, which was filled with a dazzling lineup of ingredients, as well as numerous alchemy tools. The enticing fragrances of different elixirs filled the entire room.

It could be clearly be seen that the room was constantly in use. At the moment, the alchemy fire even wasn't even completely extinguished, which made it appear as if it had been used the day before. This made Su Yu wonder... Is this lassie practicing alchemy daily?

"Our family's elixir production technique is taught only to our direct descendants. As such, my father and my elder sister are both practicing it. As I want to be of help to them, I started practicing in secret. However, it's a pity that I'm too stupid and have wasted so many ingredients these past few years, without managing to make anything successfully." Yuan Yingying shook her head in disappointment as she pointed to a pile of bottles, which were filled with shattered pills, deformed pills, and pills with disordered patterns.

Only she, the Yuan family's youngest miss, could afford to practice her elixir production technique, without needing to worry about the expense of such repetitive failed attempts. After all, such a great amount of wasted ingredients was enough to deter normal factions or people to try numerous attempts at successfully creating the pills.

Su Yu was greatly shocked upon seeing this, as he had Tianji's elixir production technique, which he had read. So, he knew clearly that the elixir production technique was critical for a successful result.

This was the very reason why alchemist's inheritances were precious. In fact, they were even more precious than elixir recipes, which explained why they wouldn't divulge them to outsiders easily.

It could be said that, without an elixir production technique, regardless of how great one's talent and aptitude were, he would still be incapable of achieving anything, as he wouldn't be able to complete even the basic condensation of a pill.

But, more than nine-tenths of the elixirs that Yuan Yingying had tried to make had at least reached the stage of pill condensation. This meant that, even though she had ultimately failed in her attempts, she had indeed only fallen slightly short of completing the tricky task!

What was the most impressive about all of this was that she had managed to get to such a point by only depending on herself. She had no formal training, yet had almost entered the alchemists' rank!

When Su Yu looked at Yuan Yingying, he suddenly felt like the Yuan family had misjudged her. They had clearly overlooked an alchemy genius!

"Why don't you inform your father of your progress? I'm sure that he would teach you in secret," Su Yu suggested.

Yuan Yingying bit her rosy lips as she shook her head firmly and said, "I don't want to cause any trouble for father, as if the other uncles were to learn of it, they would surely make matters difficult for him. I only want to be an obedient daughter, who won't make any trouble for her father. So, I

was intending to wait until I succeeded before informing father of my progress, as only then would the family's uncles not object."

Su Yu looked at Yuan Yingying, then stroked her head as he sighed. Even if she truly managed to become an alchemist, her uncles would most likely still mock her and continue to crowd her out.

She had assumed all this time that people disliked her because she didn't work hard enough. She was clearly unaware that all of her troubles stemmed from their prejudices against her. Hence, even if she worked harder, it would be useless to change their minds.

"You are really a good child. Why don't I make some elixirs with you?" Su Yu smiled at her amicably.

Yuan Yingying's eyes lit up as she asked excitedly, "Are you serious? That would be great! I can't believe that I am finally spared the loneliness and toil of making elixirs all by myself!"

Pity welled up in Su Yu's heart at that moment. He felt regret, as she had been bullied many times within the family for his sake. He was a stranger, which she had known for less than five days, yet he had somehow managed to win her heart. From this, it might be assumed that usually, no one in the entire Yuan family, from her elder sister to even the servants, were willing to pay her any attention.

"Let's make the Fairy Expansion Pill first. But, as I have only three batches of its ingredients, you must be careful," Yuan Yingying said as she took the three batches of ingredients from the shelf, then handed one batch to Su Yu.

She then added, "As this place has earth fire, it's quite suitable for people like us, who don't have enough Vital Energy."

Su Yu nodded. As he held the ingredients, he thought back on the Heavenly Mystery Elixir Production technique that he had memorized earlier.

Many types of elixir production techniques were recorded in the technique's scroll. They were recorded there by Tian Jizi, who had tirelessly recorded them there throughout his whole life. He had made some of the elixirs himself, while others were those that he had collected from other people. As such, the scroll contained numerous, diverse techniques.

One of them was an elixir production technique that Tian Jizi had created at the very end of his life. It was his greatest achievement and the technique that he was the most proud of. Upon seeing it, Su Yu cried out, "The Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique!"

The Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique was known to be the best technique for elixir production, and it had been created in a forbidden-grade elixir production environment. As such, the materials' purity's extreme limit, flames' temperature's extreme limit, and the number of fusions' limit had created an almost taboo elixir production process.

The most critical matters in such a process were the extreme limit states, and even if there was just a slight error, the elixir would be a complete failure. As such, even a great alchemist wouldn't dare to attempt it. Moreover, the only ones who dared to try such a feat, besides mad men and ordinary people, wouldn't use such a taboo-like elixir production technique to do so.

But, even though the Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique had a high chance of failure, if the production was a success, the elixir's grade would be quite shocking. The elixirs were divided into nine grades, according to the Heaven Mysteries Elixir Production Technique.

An elixir with a single pattern was a first-grade spirit elixir, while an elixir with two patterns was a second-grade spirit elixir, and so on. Hence, one with nine patterns was a ninth-grade spirit elixir, which could also be called classless spirit elixir.

Chapter 744: Third-Grade Spirit Elixir

Once an elixir was refined to the Classless level, then the elixir would usually possess an extraordinarily powerful effect. However, even in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' long history, such elixirs had appeared only a few times, and even then, they were mostly just low-grade spirit pills.

But, Tian Jizi, who possessed the Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique, had once refined a high-grade Classless elixir, which caused a great sensation. Spirit elixirs were divided into the three grades of low-grade, middle-grade, and high-grade.

The elixirs that were most effective for early stage Fairies were called low-grade spirit elixirs. These elixirs included the Fairy Expansion Pill and the Pure Yang Vital Return Pill.

The elixirs that were most effective for middle-stage Fairies were called middle-grade spirit elixirs, which included elixirs like the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid. The elixirs that were most effective for late-stage Fairies were called high-grade spirit elixirs, and the recipes of such elixirs were extremely rare.

They were so rare, even the Blue Mountain Range didn't have a single one of them! As for the Zhenlong World's elixirs, they were just ordinary elixirs.

"The Fairy Expansion Pill is a low-grade spirit elixir, but it's a pity that I can't refine even one at the first-grade, while my big sister can already refine one at the third-grade! As she's our family's great genius, how great would it be if I could reach such a level one day?" Yuan Yingying was clearly quite envious of her.

Su Yu thought inwardly... If you had an elixir manufacturing technique, then you wouldn't be inferior to her any longer!

After all, she had almost managed to refine a first-grade elixir all by herself, and her talent was greater than her big sister's.

"Yingying, yesterday your teacher appeared in my dream and taught me a pill manufacturing technique. Do you want to learn it?" Su Yu suddenly asked her.

Yuan Yingying was startled for a moment, but when she came back to her senses, she quickly nodded. "Yes! I want to learn it! I always want to learn more!"

Su Yu smiled faintly as he passed the Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique to her. As Tian Jizi had already died and his legacy had come to an end, by passing his technique to such a good-hearted girl, Su Yu could ensure that his legacy would continue on. Otherwise, if Su Yu died someday without sharing it with anyone, then such a legacy would die right along with him!

“It’s your teacher who passed it to me, so you must swear that you won’t pass it on to anyone else,” Su Yu said.

Yuan Yingying tilted her head sideways. “Not even to my father and sister?”

“You mustn’t pass it even to them.” Su Yu shook his head.

Yuan Yingying bit her lips. “Okay. I won’t divulge it to anyone.” She had no idea yet what kind of great legacy she had just received.

After this, Su Yu and Yuan Yingying started refining elixirs, and each took a batch of materials and started refining the Fairy Expansion Pill. The Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique was hovering around three limits, which were the materials’ purity extreme limit, the flames’ temperature extreme limit, and the number of fusion extreme limit. The first two limits weren’t things that ordinary people could try reaching, as they could only try reaching the extreme limit of fusion.

Su Yu followed his elixir production technique’s instructions strictly, which had him cut off the materials’ veins, pull out their fur, wipe the dust off of them, wash them with water and crush them into powder.

Su Yu had never once refined elixirs before this, but the Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique was the fruit of Tian Jizi’s whole life efforts, so even though Su Yu was just a novice, he still managed to quickly comprehend it and use it skillfully.

After he finished preparing the eight materials, he threw them into the furnace in the order that was instructed in the pill recipe. He then covered the furnace with its lid and ignited the flames.

There was a device for controlling the flames’ intensity, but it couldn’t control it precisely. So, even though Su Yu was extremely careful and prudent, he still didn’t have enough experience, and the smell of something burning fluttered out from the furnace! His refining process had failed because he didn’t have any experience in controlling the flames!

Su Yu couldn’t help but sigh. Outsiders assumed that making elixirs was extremely easy, yet they didn’t know how many failures had to occur before elixirs reached an acceptable degree of quality.

As he was a bit discouraged by his failure just now, Su Yu happened to look over at Yuan Yingying, who was engrossed in controlling the flames’ intensity. In contrast to him, she seemed to be quite skilled at it!

A faint fragrance started permeating out of her furnace, and after two hours passed, that fragrance filled the whole room.

“I will now fuse it into a pill. This is the step where I always fail!” Yuan Yingying was somewhat full of expectation, as she was now aware of the insights from the Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique.

It was recorded in this technique that a thousand wisps of Vital Energy must be imbued into the pill while forming it. So, she knew that she must pay great attention to the intensity of each wisp of Vital Energy, as just a single mistake would cause the pill to explode.

As Yuan Yingying took a deep breath, her hands flickered like lighting and she imbued ten wisps of Vital Energy into it in just ten breaths' time. While she was engrossed in refining the pill, she had an extremely different air than her usual clumsy one.

By the time she had finished this step, Yuan Yingying's forehead was already filled with beads of sweat. Her face also looked a bit pale, as she had exhausted most of her physical and mental power.

"I finished the fusion process, but I just finished it according to the low tier of the Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique. Although there are still the middle and high tiers after this, as well as the top tier, I can't do any one of them right now." Yuan Yingying wiped the sweat off of her forehead, while her eyes flickered with confidence. Her instincts were informing her that this time refining was a success.

Full of expectation, she opened the furnace, and an intense pressure, as well as a purple pill, came out of it. Yuan Yingying swiftly took a jade bottle and imbued the pill with her Vital Energy, then placed it in the bottle.

"After the elixirs just come out of the furnace, they are in an unstable state, so they mustn't be touched by one's hands. Instead, they should be quickly stored in a jade vessel, which will prevent their medicinal energy from leaking out," Yuan Yingying explained.

Her two big eyes were looking at the pill that was rolling around in the jade bottle, and only when it stopped moving and stabilized did two green stripes appear on it.

"Two stripes! That means that it's a second-grade pill." Yuan Yingying's eyes were filled with disbelief. "Uncle Su, what kind of elixir manufacturing technique did my teacher give you? It's amazing!"

Before waiting for him to answer, she kept chattering excitedly, "My sister started learning elixir production from the time she was just nine years old, yet she only managed to successfully refine a second-grade elixir when she was fifteen years old. She spent six years working on it!"

She shook her head. "Even my father took five years to reach such a level! So, how come I reached such a level in just one night?" Yuan Yingying couldn't believe it, and she felt she was maybe just dreaming!

But, Su Yu wasn't baffled by it. After all, if she had only refined a first-grade elixir, then he would start suspecting whether Tian Jizi's Elixir Manufacturing Technique was really authentic!

However, all of this had happened because Yuan Yingying had finished just the low tier in the fusion process, and if she could instantly imbue it with a 1,000 or 10,000 wisps of Vital Energy and let it fuse countless times, then she would be able to refine a higher grade pill.

When Su Yu opened his own furnace, he found that it was only filled with some charred black substance. "We still had another batch of materials. Yingying, refine it once again." As Su Yu took out the materials, a wisp of Milky Way's radiance flickered in his palm for a moment.

Yuan Yingying was extremely eager to continue refining elixirs. "Okay, I will try... But, why are those materials somewhat different than usual?"

Yuan Yingying looked at them carefully, astonishment soon appearing on her face. “Those eight spirit herbs seem purer than usual spirit herbs, and they have just a slight amount of impurities in them. Why is that?”

Su Yu wore a smile as he urged her, “Quickly, start making it!”

“Oh! Okay.” Yuan Yingying started making an elixir excitedly.

After two hours.

Yuan Yingying’s small face became pale, while her body was shuddering, as she was extremely tired. But, she was still concentrating carefully, while looking at the furnace.

Swoosh!

As the furnace was opened, a current of air surged out of it, while a deep purple pill shot out of it.

Thump!

An aged hand, which was already holding a jade bottle in preparation of it early on, swiftly moved to take it into the bottle, then covered the bottle with a lid. The pill emitted a crisp sound as it flew around in the bottle and collided against it unceasingly.

It was only after three breaths’ time had passed that it finally calmed down. At that moment, three vein-like stripes appear on it!

“A third-grade elixir!” The dumbfounded Yuan Yingying exclaimed as she covered her small mouth with her hands. She couldn’t believe that she had made a third-grade elixir!

“It’s impossible, as all those who can refine third-grade elixirs are considered to be primary alchemists, and in our Yuan family, even if we counted my sister in, there wouldn’t be more than 10 such alchemists of this caliber!” She was greatly astounded by this.

Without practicing for dozens of years, it was impossible for someone to manage to refine a third-grade elixir, so her achieving it after practicing for just one night was like a fantasy story!

Su Yu nodded, as he had deliberately increased the materials’ purity by fifty percent. One of the three extreme limits was the material’s purity, and Su Yu, who possessed the Milky Way Star Sand, could increase all materials’ purity to a hundred percent. This caused them to become completely pure. Once such an extreme limit was achieved, then the elixir made from it would surely be a fourth-grade elixir!

It was only because he needed to take Yuan Yingying’s current situation into consideration that he did he not purify it completely. As the Yuan family wasn’t really treating Yuan Yingying kindly even before this, many jealousies and bad blood might arise if she had gone any further in her progress this day.

Once an intermediate alchemist, who could refine fourth-grade pills like the Family’s Master appeared, then those obstinate elders might really be displeased about it. Moreover, there was still the Elixir Production Alliance to consider, which might set its eyes on her.

The appearance of an intermediate alchemist might make them harden their hearts towards Yuan Yingying. They may even try to harm or kill her!

“Now, let’s try refining the Pure Yang Vital Return Pill.” Su Yu’s eyes were filled with expectation, as this was the pill that he needed the most.

Yuan Yingying nodded readily. “Okay, but we only have enough materials to make two of them, so let’s split them evenly.”

Su Yu nodded at her.

After an hour passed, the smell of something burning fluttered out of Su Yu’s furnace once again. Although he had progressed further when compared to his previous try, he still had a long way to go before mastering it.

As for the excited Yuan Yingying, she managed to successfully refine a third-grade Vital Return Pill! It was blue and was filled with veins that were similar to a human’s meridian. It also contained an extremely mild energy.

“Can you gift this pill to me?” Su Yu asked.

Yuan Yingying wiped the black ashes from her face and revealed a bright smile. “Uncle Su, as you passed me such a precious pill manufacturing technique, I will gladly gift you this pill!”

Su Yu replied solemnly, “Yingying, you have misunderstood, as it was your teacher who appeared in my dream who entrusted it to me...”

Yuan Yingying shook her head firmly as a serious expression appeared on her innocent face. “Uncle Su, you don’t need to deceive me! I know that it’s you who has been helping me all along.”

She shook her head, then added, “I’m not pretty, and only my father cares about me, so why would a Divine Master senior suddenly appear to help me?”

As she spoke, Yuan Yingying’s small face was filled with an intense loneliness, “My big sister is better than me at everything. She’s smarter, prettier, and more sensible than me, and everyone is more fond of her, so why would that Divine Master senior show an interest in me without reason? Out of all of the people that I know, apart from my father, it’s only you, Uncle Su, who doesn’t despise me.”

Chapter 745: Noble as Before

Yuan Yingying knew everything, in fact, which startled Su Yu. He couldn’t believe that the seemingly silly Yuan Yingying had actually proven herself to be quite clever and smart. As he looked upon her now, he saw that she wasn’t necessarily any less intelligent or capable than her elder sister.

Su Yu gradually understood everything as he observed the elixir production room. If she was really stupid, she could have never have reached her current level in elixir production.

“Grandpa Su, thank you for helping me. I am quite delighted and glad, as no one besides father cares much about me. Thank you again, Grandpa Su.” Yuan Yingying’s eyes filled with tears, and it was unknown to Su Yu whether this was due to grief or gratitude.

As she shed silent tears, she pounced into Su Yu's embrace. She then started wailing quite loudly. After all, it was extremely difficult for a young girl like her to bear everything on her own for so long.

Su Yu was taken aback by her emotional outburst, and he sighed softly as he stroked her head. He then said, "I told you that I would repay you for the meal. As this was my commitment, you are simply getting what you deserve now."

He then looked at her and added softly, "I just hope that you can stay as noble as you are now and keep such a kind heart as you walk down the road of alchemy."

Yuan Yingying tilted her head as she rested in Su Yu's embrace and cuddled him. Her heart was filled with gratitude and peace.

"However, I also want you to realize that trying to get people's recognition will be futile." Su Yu sounded like a grandpa, who was trying to guide the younger generation, as he uttered these sincere and meaningful words, "People only respect dignified people, so if you only show them your soft side and are too friendly to them, you won't get their recognition, but only their disdain. Then, it will be more difficult for you to be accepted into the family."

After he finished speaking, it seemed like Yuan Yingying had realized something upon hearing his wise words. She finally saw clearly that she really hadn't managed to change her situation at all these past two years, regardless of how hard she worked.

"What should I do then?" Yuan Yingying raised her head and asked. Her bright and sparkling eyes were filled with longing.

"Become stronger," Su Yu said. "Regardless if it's on the martial path or the alchemy path, you must strive hard upon them, so that you can become stronger. When you are so strong that you can subdue them, causing them only be able to look up to you, then you won't need try to get their recognition any longer, as it will be them who must try to get your recognition! I hope that you will bear these words in mind."

It seemed like Yuan Yingying only understood his words slightly, as she replied with some confusion, "But, my talent in the martial path is still quite mediocre, while my alchemy skills can't yet subdue people. So, what should I do now?"

Su Yu said calmly, "I must first verify a matter before instructing you further."

After Su Yu mulled it over for a moment, he consumed the Pure Yang Vital Return Pill. Instantly, its warm energy wandered through his internal blood energy channel, while his withered right channel started to become more flexible, and even though it was just by a faint degree, he could tell that it had improved from its previous clogged state.

Thereafter, Su Yu's coagulated Vital Energy finally started moving slightly, and even though its movement was slow, he could finally use his Spiritual Energy! When he tried to move his Vital Energy in his previous clogged channel, he found it extremely difficult. He also felt an intense pain, as if his body had just been stabbed by countless needles.

However, Su Yu bore the pain, while he revolved his Vital Energy until it reached his eyes. At that moment, his eyes took on a white color.

Meanwhile, a mysterious energy penetrated through Yuan Yingying's entire being, peeking into her soul, which was hidden within her body. Su Yu's pupils couldn't help but contract slightly when he had taken just a single look at it.

He then said, "Sure enough, your soul is totally different than ordinary people's."

He saw that she had practiced to only One Crystal Half Fairy Realm cultivation, yet her soul was so powerful that it had already reached Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm Level!

If it wasn't limited by her low cultivation, then she would probably have already managed to have obtained a Fairy Realm soul, just like Su Yu! Upon realizing this, Su Yu couldn't help but exclaim in admiration of such a great innate soul talent!

Even though he also had such an impressive innate talent, it was only via the aid of the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron and Heaven's Son Gazing At Air technique that he had been able to attain such an achievement. On the other hand, Yuan Yingying had depended solely on her innate talent to reach such a stage!

She had depended upon her soul power, while fumbling along on her own down the alchemy path. As such, she had managed to display a pretty good talent in alchemy!

As Su Yu looked at her in surprise, he felt like the young girl in front of him was indeed a peerless genius, who was definitely in the wrong place! If she was at a more famous sect and her soul potential was unearthed, then she would be of working toward extremely high achievements in the future.

"Grandpa Su, what just happened?" Yuan Yingying blinked her innocent and naive eyes, clearly unaware of the terrifying potential that was hidden in her body.

Su Yu shook his head and said, "It's nothing, but I still want to teach you a soul secret technique, which will enable you to injure or kill those with a cultivation that is higher than yours. It won't be of great help to your cultivation for the moment, but it will allow your strength experience to rise exponentially. At the very least, you will become stronger than your elder sister."

Yuan Yingying was overjoyed to hear this, and she asked, "Are you serious? I want to learn it right now!"

Su Yu nodded, then started patiently teaching her how to sense souls and use the technique. He even gifted her half of the White-Eyed Fire Glass Frog's soul flame. Now, it would be impossible for Three Crystals Half Fairies to withstand her eyes power, and it would also be the case for even early stage Fairies!

This teaching session lasted for three days and nights. He taught her everything during this time, and after she had completed it, Yuan Yingying's gaze became more reserved, and her simple and honest now bearing hid a sharp nature behind it.

"Many thanks, Grandpa Su. I will never forget your kindness." Yuan Yingying kowtowed to Su Yu as she paid her respects solemnly and respectfully.

Su Yu smiled. “You deserve it. You should continue making elixirs. I need a large number of Pure Yang Vital Return Pills to heal my internal blood energy channel, while you need an elixir for increasing your cultivation. After all, there is only half a month left until your family’s test, and you need to amaze the crowd at that time!”

Yuan Yingying nodded resolutely and replied, “Okay!”

However, she furrowed her brows just after that and said, “But, I don’t have any medicinal ingredients left, as I usually buy them with my allowance, but I don’t any money now. So, I will need to wait for half a month to get my forty crystals reward.”

The corners of Su Yu’s mouth twitched upon hearing this. Alchemy was really a profession that burned through money, and it would be impossible for the Yuan family to provide them with assistance so that they could continue making elixirs. Hence, the fact remained that they could only depend on themselves at the moment.

As Su Yu looked at the two pills in his palm, he asked, “What’s the current market price of the Fairy Expansion Pill in the Blue Mountain Range?”

Yuan Yingying’s eyes lit up as she asked, “Are you planning to sell the pills that we have made to get money?” In the past, Yuan Yingying wouldn’t even dare to dream of doing such a thing, but now, her heart thumped wildly as she considered it.

“The Fairy Expansion Pill is a fairly common, low-grade spirit pill. The market isn’t short of it now. What it is short of are the high-grade ones. As such, a first-grade Fairy Expansion Pill can be sold for just two crystals, while a second-grade Fairy Expansion Pills can be sold for nine crystals. As for a third-grade Fairy Expansion Pill, its price isn’t any lower than forty crystals!” she explained.

She then added, “Its price becomes higher by several folds with each increase of its grade. Hence, if it’s a fourth-grade, its price won’t be any lower than a hundred and fifty crystals! However, the only people who can make such a pill, besides my father, are the Elixir Production Alliance’s two alliance masters. As such, it isn’t available for sale on the market!”

Su Yu remembered that these crystals possessed great power. Hence, they were in high demand within the Nine Prefectures. In the past, he had managed to sell a high-grade divine artifact for just four crystals, but now, a hundred and fifty crystals could buy even a semi-manufactured spiritual artifact!

“Fine. I will go out for a while, but I will come back shortly. In the meantime, you should rest for a while,” Su Yu said.

He then changed his clothes, left the courtyard, and went to the Blue Mountain Range’s main shopping street. It was filled with a sea of people and was extremely bustling. Scenes of prosperity and flourishing wealth could be seen everywhere he looked.

Martial path’s experts were also everywhere, and Su Yu also saw numerous Half Fairies. He even noticed many complete Fairies.

Since there was such a large number of martial artists gathered here, it made sense that there was also a multitude of various elixir stores. Su Yu avoided the larger elixir stores, while he looked for a place with fewer people in it.

After all, the larger stores always took advantages of their customers. Hence, he figured that he might not manage to sell a third-grade Fairy Expansion Pill for a good price there.

As for the smaller stores, which lacked excellent alchemists, they usually only made second-grade spirit elixirs. Hence, they had a greater need to purchase third-grade spirit elixirs from outside parties.

As Su Yu arrived at a store, he met a slightly plump shopkeeper, who had a pair of shrewd eyes.

“Well? Old mister, what do you need to order?” The shopkeeper examined Su Yu carefully, clearly not taking him lightly.

As Su Yu observed the surroundings, he noticed that the store was quite unfrequented. At the moment, it only had a few customers, as even the elixirs it sold were quite average. The store didn’t have even a single high-grade third-grade elixir!

“I’m not here to buy, but to sell,” Su Yu informed the man bluntly.

The plump shopkeeper was slightly disappointed when he heard this. After all, there were many martial artists who came to sell elixirs, and the elixir stores would only accept some of them.

“Old mister, I’m afraid that you have come too late.” The plump shopkeeper chuckled bitterly, “Does it seems to you like this store can still continue being in business much longer? To be honest with you, it’s almost the end of the month, which means that it’s time for me to pay the rent. After making this final payment, I am leaving the store for someone else to rent. At the moment, I’m selling all of my elixirs at a discount. So, you should take advantage of this and buy some elixirs.”

Su Yu revealed a faint smile as he asked, “Ah, but you haven’t seen my product, so how can you know that you don’t want to buy it?”

As Su Yu spoke, he took a jade bottle. When the plump shopkeeper saw it, his eyes lit up.

“A second-grade Fairy Expansion Pill? Sir, I didn’t know that you were an alchemist!” The plump shopkeeper was slightly surprised, as all alchemists who could make second-grade spirit elixirs had adequate status in the Blue Mountain Range, which meant that they could, at the very least, get part-time work in the Yuan family’s enterprises, or work for the Elixir Production Alliance. Regardless, it was rare for such talented alchemists to be forced to sell their elixirs for money.

“You have misunderstood, as I’m merely selling such items on behalf of someone else. Shopkeeper, what do you think?” Su Yu asked.

The plump shopkeeper considered it earnestly before he shook his head and said, “It’s really a pity, as a second-grade Fairy Expansion Pill could be sold for quite a good price in ordinary times. But, as I told you, I will be forced to close the store shortly, and if I couldn’t sell it in a short time, it

would be left with it in my hands, which would mean that I would suffer a loss. Old mister, it would better for you to look for another store...”

Su Yu could see that he really did find it a pity. After all, the Fairy Expansion Pill could help one advance into the Fairy Realm, and the higher its grade, the better. As such, second-grade ones were quite rare on the market, which meant that he could get a good profit from selling it. But, it was indeed a pity that business wasn’t too good for shopkeepers these days, and this shopkeeper was clearly incapable of making such a purchase at this time.

“Then, what about this one?” Su Yu asked, while he took out another jade bottle.

The plump shopkeeper didn’t know whether he should laugh or cry when he saw it. “Old mister, it isn’t a question of the elixir’s quality, it’s just that I’m truly...”

His pupils contracted suddenly, while his speech came to an abrupt end. In that moment, his small eyes shone with a shrewd glint, and he looked fixedly at the jade bottle and exclaimed, “A third-grade spirit pill!”

When he finished his words, his plump body became as lively as a monkey’s, and he jumped over the counter vigorously, strode quickly toward the gate, and closed it. It was only then that he turned around, cupped his hands in amazement, and exclaimed, “I was really blind, as I didn’t manage to discern your noble status before! Please forgive me. Old mister, please come with me to the rear hall to discuss this further!”

Su Yu chuckled as he followed him calmly. He wasn’t really worried about whether the shopkeeper would dare to murder him for his wealth. After all, he seemed smart to understand that this was a golden opportunity for him.

In the rear hall, the plump shopkeeper offered him a cup of his best tea, then started exchanging conventional greetings with him, “Old mister, I wonder... Where you are working now?”

The shopkeeper was actually brooding inwardly over such a matter. There were no more than thirty primary alchemists in the whole Blue Mountain Range, ten of whom belonged to the Yuan family, while the other twenty belonged to the Elixir Production Alliance.

Both parties would always try to win over the new primary alchemists. Many times, they would even fight over them fiercely. Hence, all of the alchemists would usually look for a job in one of those two factions. Hence, someone like the old man in front of him, who adopted such an arduous and strenuous task of selling his elixirs by himself, was an extremely rare sight.

Chapter 746: Buying the Whole Supply

Su Yu revealed a faint smile. “Shopkeeper, didn’t I just say that I’m not an alchemist? I’m just responsible for selling the pills for him! So, do you want to buy any?”

“How many do you have?” The shopkeeper’s gaze was filled with expectation.

Su Yu pointed at the pill on the table and said, “Just this one.”

Disappointment appeared on the shopkeeper’s face when he saw this, as he was clearly hoping for more.

Seeing his grimace, Su Yu quickly added, “However, if we work together, then I can start selling them to you regularly!”

After hearing Su Yu's offer, the plump shopkeeper's eyes lit up and were filled with delight.,
"Good! I will accept this deal!"

"The price of this pill on the market is forty crystals, and the big elixir stores would offer you no more than thirty-five crystals. If you are willing to swear that you will continuously provide these pills to me from now on, then not only will I buy them from you for forty crystals each, but I will even give you a twenty percent discount on all of the materials that you buy from me," Su Yu offered.

"Then, I will buy the third-grade Fairy Expansion Pills, which you have promised to provide me later on, for sixty crystals. This is a price that you certainly couldn't get from any big elixir store!" the shopkeeper said.

Su Yu approved of this shopkeeper's procedure. It was clear that he had a good business sense.

Although Su Yu wouldn't gain even a single crystal while selling those third-grade elixirs, his reputation would soar, which meant that he would attract more customers. This was because Third-grade Fairy Expansion Pills were quite rare in the market, and even when they did appear, they were pills which only large scale business industries, like the Yuan family and the Elixir Production Alliance, could sell.

If Su Yu's small store started selling them, then it would make great waves in the industry, resulting in him being able to quickly sell all of his pills! Then, he might even be able to raise the price, thus making a profit!

The benefits that he would get out of such a deal would far outweigh what the costs! By just sacrificing four or five crystals and a twenty percent profit via a discount, Su Yu could really change his situation for the better! In any case, his elixir store would shortly go bankrupt unless he tried something, so there was no harm in giving it a shot!

"Fine, then I will sell this third-grade Fairy Expansion Pill to you. But, I don't want forty crystals today... I want materials instead!" Su Yu then threw a list of items at him, which included the ingredients for the Fairy Expansion Pill and the ingredients for the Pure Yang Vital Return Pill.

The plump shopkeeper took the list, then said, "Fine, I will go and fetch them for you."

After a short while, the shopkeeper came back with a bag that was filled with twenty batches of both of the pills' ingredients. As just the equivalent of forty crystals was capable of enabling him to buy enough ingredients to make forty pills, it could be seen just how great crystals' purchasing power was!

"I will take my leave now, shopkeeper. I will come back within the next three days," Su Yu said, then turned around and left.

"Old mister, you forgot this second-grade Fairy Expansion Pill!" The plump shopkeeper suddenly noticed that Su Yu had forgotten a pill.

Su Yu waved his hand at him without turning back and said, "I will gift it to you, as it's just a second-grade spirit pill."

Just a second-grade spirit pill? The shopkeeper couldn't help but shake his head, as second-grade spirit pills were extremely precious treasures to most martial artists. As was to be expected of an alchemist, the plump shopkeeper believed that this old man, who possessed a mysterious air of otherworldliness, was surely a primary alchemist.

After Su Yu returned to the Yuan family, he went into seclusion with Yuan Yingying, where they both passed the whole day making pills. Su Yu's forty batches of ingredients were enough to keep them busy during that entire time!

While they were making pills, Yuan Wanbi was diligently cultivating...

"Eldest Miss, the competition at the end of the month has a generous reward. It's a fourth-grade elixir that was personally refined by the Family's Master. It is said that it can even early stage fairies to advance! You will surely win this elixir!" Xiao Tao said.

Yuan Wanbi, who was engrossed in cultivating, spoke calmly, "The family's competition doesn't matter, as my stage is the whole Blue Mountain Range. Regardless, I must get the number one position, as it will allow me to meet the quota for becoming a Soul Seizing Palace's outer sanctum disciple. Moreover, it will also raise my status, and my engagement with the Shangguan Family will become more stable."

She then paused for a moment before continuing, "But, if I don't get first place, then it will be difficult to appease the Shangguan family's opposition of such a marriage."

The Shangguan family's members would surely oppose such a marriage that joined them to a small and insignificant family like the Yuan family. So, she knew that they would put many obstacles before her, and she didn't want to suffer the same fate as Yuan Yingying after marrying into the Zhao family!

As she thought of her sister, she asked, "What's Yuan Yingying doing now? And... How's that old man?"

"Eldest Miss, it seems like she holed up in her room, as she hasn't been seen for a long time. She's most likely trying to make elixirs or something," Xiao Tao said.

Yuan Wanbi sneered when she heard this. "Making elixirs? She's really not willing to give up, is she? She doesn't even have an elixir manufacturing technique, so how can she succeed? It's really extremely foolish of her."

She shook her head, then added, "Continue observing her! You must notify me of all of her movements until the day I marry into the Shangguan family!"

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Three days passed, and in those three days, two people were crazily making elixirs. Yuan Yingying was drenched in sweat, and she seemed both drunk and stupefied as she gazed with delight at the third-grade pills that were before her, which were being made by her own hands!

Su Yu had done well in those three days, as he went from being a mere rookie, who couldn't even get over the flames control step, to reaching the pill fusion step! However, after he reached this step, he started failing once again, as he didn't have enough experience in how to fuse the ingredients into a pill.

At the moment, Su Yu had already ruined ten batches of Fairy Expansion Pill's ingredients due to his failed attempts! However, since he was already quite interested and invested in elixir making, he didn't really care about this, but continued trying determinedly!

On the other hand, within those same three days, Yuan Yingying had managed to successfully make ten third-grade Fairy Expansion Pills, as well as twenty Pure Yang Vital Return Pills! The Pure Yang Vital Return Pills would be used to heal Su Yu's internal blood energy channel, while the Fairy Expansion Pills would be sold in exchange for ingredients to make more pills!

As Yuan Yingying leaned against the wall weakly, she was quite delighted and cheerful. Even though she was quite tired, she still wanted to continue the work.

After Su Yu swallowed a Pure Yang Vital Return Pill, he found that his internal channels started to recover instantly. Soon, a third of them had already recovered! Seeing this, he figured that, if he consumed two pills each day, then he would be able to completely heal all of them in just ten days!

"Let's take a trip outside to fetch some ingredients! You don't need to continue refining the Pure Yang Vital Return Pills. You could just continue refining the Fairy Expansion Pills. Moreover, I must also look for some elixirs that will be useful for your own cultivation," Su Yu said.

After several hours, Su Yu, who had draped a straw raincoat over himself, traveled slowly among a sea of people as he made his way to the store. He detected that there was something different about the store before he even reached it.

The last time he had come here, the store deserted and empty, but now, it was filled with many martial artists, all of whom were strolling around and browsing the merchandise. However, he noticed that none of them were buying anything. It almost seemed like they were waiting for something.

He even saw several martial artists. All of them were pacing back and forth. They seemed quite anxious.

The shopkeeper was standing calmly in the front of the store, and although he seemed quite composed, Su Yu could tell that he was extremely anxious, as three days had already passed, yet that old man still hadn't returned! He then turned towards the door...

All of a sudden, his pupils contracted as an old man in a raincoat appeared. The shopkeeper became more spirited when he saw Su Yu, as even though he was covering himself up with his raincoat, the shopkeeper easily recognized that Su Yu was that same old mister from before!

However, just to be safe, the shopkeeper didn't expose Su Yu's status, but returned to the counter leisurely. At that moment, Su Yu spoke calmly, "Shopkeeper, do you have any third-grade Fairy Expansion Pills for sale? I want to place an order for some of them. Why don't we discuss this in detail in private?"

Placing an order for the pills? After hearing Su Yu's words, all of the martial artists in the store became wary, and they turned to look at the old man with narrowed eyes.

"Haha, old mister, you really came just in time, as the third-grade Fairy Expansion Pills will come in tonight! So, if you want to place an order for them, then please do!" the plump shopkeeper said.

At a room at the back of the store.

The plum shopkeeper was quite delighted. "Old mister, you really have kept your promise! As you really have come back within our three-day window! You ended up saving me!"

After he had sold the first third-grade Fairy Expansion Pill, many ruthless and strong people came to him, demanding to place orders for these pills. The worst part was they didn't even leave him with an initial deposit!

As of earlier this morning, he knew that, if he didn't get the spirit pills in time, then he would be forced to pack up everything and flee! However, now that Su Yu was here, he could finally relax.

"Here are ten... Take them." Su Yu placed ten jade bottles on a table in front of the shopkeeper.

As the white jade bottles rolled around on the table, their radiance almost blinded the shopkeeper.

"Ten? Good!" The plump shopkeeper was overjoyed, and he couldn't help but laugh heartily. "I'm saved!"

Su Yu looked at him in amusement. If he hadn't wasted ten batches of ingredients, then he would have been able to bring twenty bottles of Fairy Expansion Pills, not just ten.

"Old mister, do you want crystals or ingredients in exchange for these?" the plump asked Su Yu.

Su Yu replied, "The same as last time, please, but I will give you a different list of items today."

This time, Su Yu's list didn't have just the Fairy Expansion Pill's ingredients on it, but it also had the ingredients of some spirit elixirs that could help Half Fairy Realm's experts increase their cultivations.

The plump shopkeeper nodded. "I will immediately go and fetch these items for you."

The plump shopkeeper didn't come back for a long time, and when he finally did return, with his face was filled with sweat. He then threw a space ring to Su Yu and said, "Old mister, they are all within it! If you have some elixirs available next time, then don't forget about me!"

As his store didn't have enough of the ingredients that Su Yu had requested, it was only by sweeping through the surrounding stores that the shopkeeper had managed to get enough ingredients for Su Yu. However, in the process, he had been severely swindled by those greedy shopkeepers!

But, since the ingredients were for Su Yu, the shopkeeper just clenched his teeth and endured it. Although, he was pretty frustrated about their taking advantage of the situation!

Upon seeing his disheveled appearance and harried manner, Su Yu could guess that it wasn't easy for him to gather everything, so he smiled at him and said, "Be at ease, for as long as you can afford them, then I will continue to sell all of my elixirs to you. Now, I will take my leave."

After Su Yu checked the materials, then waved his sleeves and left. Once Su Yu had left his sight, the shopkeeper revealed a crafty smile...

Haha, it's time to butcher those sheep that have come here to buy from me. It's time for me to go make some deals!

On this day, a great sensation was caused within the Blue Mountain Range, as ten third-grade Fairy Expansion Pills appeared in a small store in a secluded area. Each of those pills was sold at a viciously high price of forty-five crystals, and even though all of the customers cursed at the shopkeeper angrily, they still fought over the pills and were eager to buy them. In fact, all of those pills sold in just two hours!

Such news infuriated many Three Crystals Fairy Realm experts, who hadn't heard about this until it was too late to get in on the action!

Chapter 747: Soul Seizing Elder

Third-grade Fairy Expansion Pills were already out of stock in the Yuan family's and the Elixir Production Alliance's stores. In fact, not a single pill had been available for over half a month!

According to some well-informed people, this was a direct result of the difficulty and high cost related to the pills' production. As the pills' production wasn't as profitable as other pills', the quantity produced was quite low. Hence, the scarcity at present.

After all, the minute that some pills were produced and made available, the most influential people would have already placed an order for them in advance. These privileged people would then give the precious pills to their relatives or their subordinates to help them reach the Fairy Realm. This made it nearly impossible for regular people to obtain them.

Such news of this pill shortage caused a great sensation among all of the Three Crystals Half Fairies. In fact, they were so upset, that a large group of Three Crystals Half Fairies rushed to the small elixir store, surrounded it, and prevented anyone from entering it.

"Shopkeeper, take out the Third-grade Fairy Expansion Pill! I know you have it, and I want it!" An energetic youngster barged into the store, then slapped his fist down on the counter in complete disregard for the consequences of his actions.

He wore a sharp look and had the strong aura of a Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm's cultivation. However, the plump shopkeeper, who was sitting behind the counter, just crossed his arms in front of his chest and stared at the youngster. He didn't seem to fear this ferocious Three Crystals Half Fairy in front of him at all, even though the shopkeeper himself was only a mere One Crystal Half Fairy.

As he cast a sideways glance at the youngster, the shopkeeper asked, "Are you talking to me?"

The Three Crystals Half Fairy youngster had a fiery temper, so he was infuriated by the shopkeeper's cool demeanor. "You insolent fool! How dare you talk to me like this? Don't you know that I can slap you to death?"

The plump shopkeeper remained calm and unruffled as he chuckled, then said, “Kiddo, if you don’t want to die shortly, then go and get in line outside, wait patiently and obediently, then I will notify you when it’s your turn.”

The Three Crystals Half Fairy youngster was so infuriated that he laughed before he said, “A trifling small shopkeeper like you dares to order me around? Ha. I don’t believe that you can harm me.”

However, before he finished his words, the youngster felt several waves of killing intent surge toward him from behind.

“Youngster, just wait outside! But, if you refuse, which can only mean that you really want to die, then I will help you now,” the shopkeeper said.

Upon hearing these words, the youngster turned his around and looked at the man and woman, who were sitting calmly in the room, their eyes closed. They were obviously resting. The pair’s cultivation was not weak, and he could clearly tell that they were both Three Crystals Half Fairies.

“Who are you? I’m from the Three Flames Gang.” The youngster didn’t fear them, so he raised his head up high as he spoke to them.

The woman opened her eyes and replied calmly, “Well? The Three Flames Gang? Isn’t that amazing? Our West City’s seven Poisonous Widow sisters will be happy to pay a visit to it.”

The youngster’s body stiffened, his pupils contracted, and horror appeared on his face upon hearing this. With trembling lips, he repeated, “Poison... Poisonous Widow sisters...”

His whole body shivered, and fright was apparent in his voice. After all, the Poisonous Widows’ fame was notorious. They were comprised of only seven sisters, but each of them was cruel and sinister.

Moreover, besides the youngest seventh sister, the other sisters were all Fairies. They occupied a region of the West City, and no one dared to offend them.

As the youngster wondered if this woman was unexpectedly a Poisonous Widow, his heart thumped intensely. At that moment, he really wished to anoint the soles of his feet and slip away quickly.

“Then, what about you?” The youngster turned to address the man in front of the woman. The man seemed quite cultured and scholarly, not like someone who was related to the underworld.

The scholarly man looked at him calmly and replied, “Me? I’m no one important. I’m just the Axe Gang’s boss.”

Hiss!

The Axe Gang’s boss? The youngster almost fainted from fear when he heard this. After all, the Axe Gang had a large number of members, all of whom were vicious and ruthless people. They had fled here and were known for killing people mercilessly.

As it was such a powerful force to be reckoned with, even the Poisonous Widows were obliged to yield to them. When faced with such terror, the youngster wished that he had never set foot here, and he hated himself for being so blind and causing trouble here.

“Kid, why don’t you just get lost?” the scholarly man asked calmly.

Hearing this, the youngster was scared witless, and his face became pale as he quickly slipped away. There wasn’t even an ounce of his previous arrogance left in his current demeanor.

The scholarly man observed the Half Fairies in the surroundings, none of whom dared to take even a step forward. He then said calmly, “I won’t prevent you from buying elixirs, but if you dare to cause trouble before I get my hand on the elixirs, don’t blame my Axe Gang for dealing with you harshly!”

His unspoken implication was that anyone who affected his purchase of his desired elixirs would die! After hearing such a terrifying threat, the group of Three Crystals Half Fairies, which was moving back and forth before the door, didn’t dare to defy him.

In fact, the Three Crystals Half Fairies even rejoiced over his presence, as with him here, the shopkeeper’s life would be protected, which meant that they would get the chance to buy elixirs. Otherwise, if someone who harbored evil designs captured the shopkeeper and fled, they might never get the chance to get the elixirs!

“The Three Flames Gang is just a group of fools,” an onlooker yelled.

The rest of the crowd also jeered while they waited outside. The commotion that had been caused by the news of the pills only grew more and more chaotic, and in the end, it reached the ears of even the Yuan family and the Elixir Production Alliance.

The Yuan family called all of its members to a meeting that was specifically planned to discuss this matter. It was of such vital importance, all of the family’s primary alchemists were also ordered to attend this meeting.

“I believe that everyone has already heard of what is going on. A batch of Third-grade Fairy Expansion Pills appeared on the market, and I wanted to know whether someone from our Yuan family is engaging in some private business on the outside.” The Yuan Family’s Master sharp gaze swept over the ten primary alchemists in attendance.

His tone was warm and mild, as he didn’t dare to offend them. After hearing his words, the ten primary alchemists shook their heads, each of them denying any involvement in such a scheme.

“Yuan Family’s Master, you can set your mind at ease, as we really don’t care about doing something so underhanded simply to obtain such insignificant profits,” an alchemist declared. The other alchemists also nodding, wordlessly declaring their own innocences.

The Yuan Family’s Master then said, “Okay. I trust all of you. So, it seems like the only explanation is that this slip-up occurred within the Elixir Production Alliance. After all, it’s only our two factions that have access to Fairy Expansion Pills.”

However, after hearing this, a primary alchemist shook his head. He then said, “Family Master, something is strange about this matter, as the Elixir Production Alliance’s exercise of control and

restraint over its alchemists is far greater than our Yuan family's. Thus, the possibility of some of their alchemists making the pills in secret and selling them is quite slim."

The primary alchemist then added, "Moreover, from the news that is currently spreading out, the other party made eleven Third-grade Fairy Expansion Pills in just six days. As such, he would have probably spent all of his time in making those pills, so how would it be possible for him to hide it from the Elixir Production Alliance?"

His logical words caused the people here to become lost in their thoughts as they mulled everything over. They all were wondering... Since he isn't from the Yuan family or the Elixir Production Alliance... Who is he... And... Where did he come from?

"Could it be that he's a new primary alchemist?" Yuan Wanbi was quite bright and witty, so when she guessed this possibility, all of the people naturally considered it.

She then added, "After all, the Fairy Expansion Pill's secret recipe is only known by our two factions. However, everything in the universe has an exception to it, and as we first obtained the Fairy Expansion Pill's recipe from the outside, it isn't that unlikely for someone else to have also been able to obtain it."

A new primary alchemist? Everyone was shocked as they considered the possibility.

After all, the training of an alchemist was a long and arduous process. In fact, it wasn't uncommon for it to take ten years for one to appear! Then, once one appeared, the Yuan family and the Elixir Production Alliance would start fighting over him!

"Regardless of whether Wanbi's guess is correct or not, we must still take adequate measures." After mulling this over for a while, the Yuan Family's Master issued an order, "You should immediately send the family's fairies to hide in the store's vicinity! You must find that alchemist for me!"

The Yuan family's people became quite spirited when they heard his command, as this signaled that another fight with the Elixir Production Alliance would soon commence. Upon hearing the command, Yuan Yingying, who stood by Su Yu's side, trembled from excitement, while her face became rosy and was filled with delight.

This was because she was the very alchemist they were just speaking of! At that moment, she wanted to stand up and admit this fact. However, Su Yu reached out to stop her just in time.

"Now is not the time," Su Yu said. "You must look for a more suitable opportunity to reveal yourself in the future."

Knowing that he was right, Yuan Yingying bore her excitement, while she nodded calmly and returned to Su Yu's side. But, her eyes were still filled with a delighted glint.

After all, no one would ever paid any attention to Yuan Yingying usually, but since the Almighty Divine Master had descended this last time, she had become the center of attention!

At that moment, the Yuan Family's Master also noticed Yuan Yingying's strange expression, so he asked, "Yingying, what has happened to you?"

The other people were also baffled by her behavior, as she was currently weeping and seemed to be getting excited for no reason. They all had to wonder.... What on earth is going on with her?

Yuan Yingying was startled by all of the attention, so she started talking incoherently and stammering, without managing to explain anything clearly. Upon seeing this, Yuan Wanbi asked her calmly, “Sister, could it be that you assumed that the primary alchemist they were speaking of was you?”

Although her words had nothing obvious in them, it was still easy for Yuan Yingying to detect the mockery that was cleverly hidden within them. After all, how could a young twit, who had only managed to break into the Yuan family two years ago, become an excellent primary alchemist in such a short time? Such a idea was a joke, which wasn’t even funny!

Many of the family’s elders looked at Yuan Yingying calmly and shook their heads. It was obvious that they didn’t find her pleasing to the eye.

The Yuan Family’s Master felt helpless at the moment. He really pitied his daughter, who was clearly being crowded out yet again.

He then purposefully asked in a very loud voice, “Yingying, did that senior come looking for you again?”

Yuan Yingying replied to this question just as Su Yu had instructed her, as she shook her head and said, “No. He still has not come to look for me.”

The crowd heaved a collective sigh of relief when they heard her answer. Yuan Wanbi, who had started to suspect what was really going on, then asked, “Sister, that Divine Master senior shouldn’t have been just talking nonsense. But, why has he still not shown himself, even though the month’s test is quickly approaching?”

Yuan Yingying only remained quieted, choosing not reply to the question at all. This interchange caused many people to become worried, as it was beginning to seem that the Yuan family had gotten excited over nothing.

“Fine, we will bring this meeting to an end here. You should all look for any news regarding the primary alchemist after leaving here.” The Yuan Family’s Master then waved his hand in dismissal, clearly feeling quite helpless.

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A similar situation occurred within the Elixir Production Alliance, as all of their twenty primary alchemists were called and inspected, one after the other.

“Brother Zhao, it seems like it isn’t an alchemist from our Elixir Production Alliance. Is he perhaps from the Yuan family?” A red-nosed and rosy-faced middle-aged man questioned the blue-robed, who was scholar sitting opposite him.

The blue-robed scholar was Zhao Yin’s father, who also happened to be one of the Elixir Production Alliance’s two big shots. At the moment, the pair had both joined hands to keep the Yuan family in check.

“It’s unlikely.” The blue-robed scholar shook his head firmly, then added, “The Yuan family always keeps its elixir recipes under strict guard, and even the covert investigator that I placed in the Yuan family couldn’t manage to succeed in obtaining even one recipe, even after he tried for ten years! Thus, this leads me to believe that it would be impossible for an existing primary alchemist to get the Fairy Expansion Pill’s recipe.”

A covert investigator? Who is this guy? The red-nosed middle-aged man became instantly curious as to the man’s identity. After all, who wouldn’t want to know more about a covert investigator, who hid among the Yuan family!

“So... This means that it must be a new primary alchemist?” The red-nosed middle-aged man’s eyes lit up as he asked for confirmation.

The blue-robed scholar nodded, and just when he was about to say something else, they heard a wild sound coming from outside the palace.

“It’s really a new primary alchemist, not an ordinary primary alchemist!” A voice suddenly drifted towards them as a black-robed old man stepped into the palace. He had an aged face, gray hair, yellow eyeballs and a scary gaze.

Shock appeared on the blue-robed scholar’s and the red-nosed middle-aged man’s faces. They stood up hurriedly and said in unison as they smiled, “Welcome, Elder Liao!”

Although these two men were the Elixir Production Alliance’s two big shots, they were still very respectful to this person. This was because he was the Soul Seizing Palace’s outer sanctum’s elder.

The Blue Mountain Range wasn’t far from the Soul Seizing Palace, and each year, they would choose an outer sanctum’s disciples from the Blue Mountain Range via the yearly Blue Mountain Meet. Getting to join one of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands’ eighteen great factions was like a dream come true for the Blue Mountain Range’s cultivators, and ordinary people would find even considering the chance at obtaining such an honor laughable.

After all, only the most talented youths, who were trained meticulously by their factions, would could get the miraculous chance to join the Soul Seizing Palace via such a fierce competition. And... It just so happened that this competition’s judge was none other than Elder Liao, the man standing right in front of them!

He also had a notable relationship with the Elixir Production Alliance, which further explained why the blue-robed scholar and the red-nosed middle-aged man were obliged to be respectful to him.

After Elder Liao entered the palace, he naturally sat in the main seat of honor, while the blue-robed scholar and the red-nosed middle-aged man sat beside him, one on each side.

“I saw the elixir that was made by that person,” Elder Liao said, while he took a jade bottle that was stained with blood from his sleeve.

It was obvious that he hadn’t obtained it through ordinary measures, and the pair assumed that he had most likely killed someone for it. He then handed it to the pair and said, “Here, take a look at it.”

Chapter 748: A Great Favor

After he spoke, Elder Liao threw the pill at the red-nosed middle-aged man and the blue-robed scholar.

As they were both intermediate alchemists, they could refine fourth-grade elixirs. Also, they had both enjoyed great success in the world of alchemy.

As the two of them started examining the pill, they began by scratching some of the powder of it. They then sniffed it.

After they had finished examining it, the red-nose middle-aged man couldn't help but exclaim, "What a pure pill! It's purer than any other Fairy Expansion Pill I've ever seen... By fifty percent!"

Elder Liao asked calmly, "Did you detect it? The reason why it's this pure is due to its ingredients, which means that the person who made it could purify ingredients to a high degree. Can any of you achieve such a thing?"

The blue-robed scholar replied, "I can, but it's impossible for me to purify eleven of them in just six days, as purification is a tedious process that takes a great amount of time and effort. Thus, it's impossible for someone to achieve it in such a short period of time. That is, apart from an alchemist who could make fifth-grade spirit elixirs."

The red-nosed middle-aged man nodded gravely, confirming this assertion.

"You aren't mistaken, as this person is probably an intermediate alchemist. It seems like a great person has come to the Blue Mountain Range." Elder Liao smiled faintly.

The blue-robed scholar's eyes flickered as he asked, "Elder Liao, what should we do now?"

Elder Liao chuckled as he said, "Since he has appeared in our Soul Seizing Palace's territory, then he's obliged to work for our palace, and if he wasn't willing to do so, then his fate is obvious. After all, my Soul Seizing Palace has never once left talented people alive for our enemies to steal away from us!"

What he meant was that, if they couldn't rope him in to working for them, they would just kill him!

"You don't need to worry about what will happen next, as I will personally search for him," Elder Liao added before he strode forward and left.

During the next five days, Su Yu holed himself up in a secret room and refined elixirs madly. After myriad tries, he finally learned how to fuse the ingredients into a pill, and although he was still inferior to Yuan Yingying, who could easily achieve it, he was still quite pleased that he had managed to successfully refine a pill! The pill that he had refined was the first-grade Fairy Expansion Pill.

Now, Su Yu could finally be considered an alchemist. This excited him, even though he was just one of the lowest grade, which was known as an entry-level alchemist. Now, if he could successfully refine a third-grade Fairy Expansion Pill, then he could become a primary alchemist!

What he needed to do now was to constantly practice and refine his alchemy techniques, as only after doing that could he start using the Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique's fusion extreme limit to try to reach higher heights!

During these past few days, Su Yu had kept consuming the Pure Yang Vital Return Pills, so two-thirds of his internal blood energy channels had already recovered. He could now freely revolve half of his Vital Energy within them, and it was no longer impossible for him to cultivate! However, he knew that he should still wait until they completely recovered before he tried to break through his bottleneck and advance to the Fairy Realm.

Just as Su Yu had achieved great progress in the past few days, such was also the case for Yuan Yingying. After consuming a great amount of third-grade spirit elixirs that specialized in increasing one's cultivation base, her cultivation had already reached the Two Crystals Half Fairy Realm!

However, she didn't care at all about cultivating, as she was totally engrossed in alchemy alone. As such, her alchemy skills had also improved.

Su Yu felt that even if he didn't provide her with purified materials, she could still refine third-grade spirit elixirs all on her own. After all, she was already a primary alchemist. As such, Su Yu couldn't help but admire her talent.

"Yingying, continue cultivating while I go to the market. I will return shortly." As they had already used all of their materials Su Yu had to go and fetch more.

Soon, Su Yu would be leaving the Yuan family to go and look for the Zhenlong World's people. Although they had a Divine Master like the King of Darkness protecting them, Jiuzhou was filled with many powerful experts, so it was clearly a dangerous place, where many people would benefit from his pills.

He had determined that he would go there to sell the pills that they had made, then exchange them for a large number of crystals before buying a batch of Fairy Expansion Pill ingredients to prepare for refining a fourth-grade pill, which he would use to advance to the next Great Realm! There were so many things to do!

As Su Yu was planning of all this in his head, he once again came to the plump shopkeeper's store. He was astounded at the scene.

There were countless Three Crystals Half Fairies within the store, as well as spilling out of it in a line that reached out the door! There were even some Fairy Realm experts among the crowd, as well as some Two Crystals Half Fairies and One Crystal Half Fairies.

Su Yu was still wearing a raincoat, and he put on an act as he entered the store...

"Shopkeeper, can I place an order for some elixirs?" Su Yu came to the front of the store directly. Unlike his past distressed state, the current shopkeeper seemed in high spirits today.

He was no longer the insignificant small shopkeeper who could be disregarded by anyone, but was now a great person, who was protected by the four great underground organizations of the Blue Mountain Range. As such, he was beaming with confidence and feeling great!

However, his expression quickly changed when he noticed Su Yu's arrival. After all, it was only because of Su Yu's pills that he had manage to rise up and achieve such profit and notoriety. Without him, the shopkeeper was nothing, so his daring to slight him was like a slap in the face.

“Customer, you have come to place an order for some elixirs? Come with me.” The shopkeeper tried to maintain the same expression and look as he brought Su Yu to the back of the store.

The Poisonous Widow and the Axe Gang’s Master took a single look at Su Yu calmly, then lost interest, not caring about him whatsoever. After all, every customer who came to place an order in advance was taken to the back of the store, so this wasn’t a special event to them.

Thump!

A crisp sound echoed from a room in the back of the store as Su Yu threw a spatial ring at the shopkeeper and said, “They are all within it.”

The plump shopkeeper’s palm shivered as he asked, “Old mister, may I know how much you brought this time?”

Su Yu replied, “I didn’t count them, but you can count them if you want.” He had been preoccupied with refining elixirs, so he hadn’t counted them yet.

The plump shopkeeper’s heart became filled with expectation. Then, when his soul observed the ring’s contents, the plump shopkeeper’s whole body stiffened, while many expressions appeared on his face, one after another.

He was first startled, then overjoyed, pained, and agonized. At last, he wore a bitter look as he said, “Old mister, are you trying to make me laugh or weep? There are more than two hundred here, and even if you sold them all to me, you wouldn’t get enough money for what they are truly worth.”

Su Yu chuckled as he looked at the shopkeeper’s strange expression. “I could wait for you to sell them, then you’d just have to pass the crystals to me after selling them.”

Hearing this logical deal, the plump shopkeeper felt like he had been relieved of a great burden. He was overjoyed and repeatedly bowed to Su Yu. “I’m really grateful to you for your great kindness.”

With these pills’ reputation, the shopkeeper knew that Su Yu could sell them to anyone, so the fact that he was selling him to a penniless person like him made the shopkeeper all the more grateful.

As Su Yu looked at the plump shopkeeper, he spoke gravely, “However, you should also know that, after selling them, you must leave this place, and there will no longer be any place for you in the entire Blue Mountain Range.”

Su Yu told him this because he knew that, with the sudden fame and wealth that the selling of the pills would surely bring to the shopkeeper, he would be just like a fat sheep, waiting to be butchered by the greedy masses! Moreover, his past actions and shameless seeking of publicity had unintentionally offended many Half Fairies, so a disaster would shortly befall him if he stayed.

“Hehe, thank you for caring about me. I have already prepared an escape route, and after I finish selling them, I will immediately escape to the White Cloud Lake, where I will hide and cultivate quietly.” The plump shopkeeper revealed a meaningful smile.

Su Yu nodded, “Okay, that’s fine. I just don’t want to see that my past partner has been turned into just a corpse lying in the street after tonight!”

He then instructed, “Prepare three batches of Fairy Expansion Pill’s ingredients for me!”

The plump shopkeeper suddenly felt lonesome for some unknown reason, and as all kinds of other emotions welled up in his heart, he took out the ingredients and handed them over to Su Yu. “Old mister, it was only because of your help that I managed to change my whole life. So, as long as it’s within my abilities, I will surely pay you back in the future.”

Su Yu chuckled. “Fine, but quickly take care of those pills, then, as you promised, leave immediately.”

The plump shopkeeper nodded and immediately took the pills. After being gone for only four hours, he came right back.

Seeing him, Su Yu raised his brows and asked, “Why were you so quick?” After all, two hundred pills wasn’t a small amount to sell in such a short period of time.

The plump shopkeeper chuckled. “How could I tarry, while holding such troublesome treasures? I sold all of the pills for forty-three crystals a piece to the Poisonous Widow and the Axe Gang’s Master. Although my profits will be decreased by three or four hundred crystals, it is still worth it, as it will give me an opportunity to get away from here!”

He then added, “But, let’s not talk about this now. You should leave with me, as the Poisonous Widow and the Axe Gang’s Master will have already prepared some assassins to target us!”

As the plump shopkeeper spoke, he lifted up the carpet to reveal an underground tunnel beneath the flooring! It was obvious that it was made only recently.

“Three days ago, I made this tunnel, which leads to just outside of the city. Once we leave the city, it will be extremely difficult for them to find us!” As the shopkeeper had already anticipated the arrival of such a day, he had prepared an escape route in advance!

After he spoke, he took the lead and entered the tunnel. Su Yu suddenly furrowed his brows, as he felt several Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm experts rushing to the back of the store. Although he didn’t fear them, he certainly didn’t want to trouble himself with them, so he also jumped into the tunnel before immediately blocking its entrance.

After half a day, they managed to successfully reach the outside of the city. Upon exiting the tunnel, they found themselves in a spacious and empty place.

“Old mister, here are your share of the crystals that I managed to get from the sales of the pills.” The grateful plump shopkeeper passed Su Yu the crystals, which he had stored in a spatial ring.

He then added, “Old mister, it’s only because of you that I managed to start my life anew, and I will surely never forget this, even after all of my teeth fall out from old age.”

The plump shopkeeper was extremely grateful, as he was just an ordinary shopkeeper, and when he was about to go bankrupt, Su Yu had helped him. He had given him an opportunity to rise up and become a wealthy man!

His share of the crystals would be enough to last his entire life, and if he wanted to start a business once again, then he could open a big store with them. The sky was really the limit!

Su Yu looked at the crystals, but didn't take all of his share. Instead, he left another thousand crystals for the shopkeeper and said, "I have never once taken advantage of someone, so take these. Consider it as compensation for being forced to leave your home because of me, as well as financial aid for your future business endeavors!"

"This..." The plump shopkeeper was stunned at Su Yu's generosity.

Without waiting for him to finish his sentence, Su Yu took the spatial ring and placed it in his pocket. "Take care of yourself."

As Su Yu turned and left, the plump shopkeeper looked blankly at Su Yu's back. His heart filled with warmth, as he was accustomed to being treated by people coldly, and there was never once someone who treated him in such a kind way throughout his whole life.

The plump shopkeeper bowed towards Su Yu's retreating back as warm tears streaked down his face. "I, Hu Xiaodie, swear that I will surely repay you one day!" he murmured.

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What happened here was just a small interlude within Su Yu's vast lifetime. In Su Yu's mind, he had simply helped a shopkeeper who was struggling. He had never once expected that his actions would result in the rise of a great and influential person!

Chapter 749: Heaven Son's Soul Control

After Su Yu returned to the city, he started walking toward the Yuan family's residence. However, he stopped after he had only taken a few steps. He then turned around and went back to the outskirts of the city before wandering into the wilderness.

"There isn't anyone here, so you can show yourself," Su Yu said calmly, while his gaze looked at a place that was about three thousand meters away. The entire place descended into silence for a while, as if there wasn't anyone around to reply, but Su Yu was still remained looking at that same exact spot.

"Hehe, what a strong and astonishing perception you have!" A black demonic fog suddenly surged out of the ground from that very spot before it formed a human-like shadow.

After the black demonic fog scattered, a black-clothed old man was revealed. He had yellow eyes, which flickered with a cold glint.

"Are you from the demonic path?" Su Yu asked, while he furrowed his brows slightly.

"I'm an outer sanctum's elder from the Soul Seizing Palace. My surname is Liao. What is your name?" Elder Liao asked.

Su Yu replied calmly, "You don't need to know my name, and I also don't need to know how you managed to track me down. I just want to know why you are trailing me?"

Elder Liao wasn't infuriated by his question, which was clear as he chuckled and said, "You really are a straightforward man! Since that is the case, I won't hide anything from you."

He took a breath, then said, “Sir, you are an intermediate alchemist, and by living in the Blue Mountain Region, you will end up wasting your skills and talent. So, why don’t you join the Soul Seizing Palace? Then, you could display your talent and ability there, and you will also get many benefits!”

Su Yu knew that he could choose to join some faction and continue his cultivation and training. After all, Jiuzhou was filled with countless experts, and with Su Yu’s current cultivation, even if he went back to Zhenlong’s living beings’ domain, he would still be incapable of protecting them.

Thus, if a faction was willing to take him in and help him cultivate and grow stronger, Su Yu would obviously not reject its offer. Moreover, the Soul Seizing Palace was one of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands’ greatest factions, and it was still a powerful demonic faction, which was ranked among the most elite ones. Hence, Su Yu really ought to join it.

But, it was a pity that he held many grudges against the Soul Seizing Palace, as he had killed many of their talented disciples in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. He had even killed Qiu Zeming, who was thought of quite highly by them. Thus, if he really went to the Soul Seizing Palace, Su Yu figured that it would be tantamount to his going into a tiger’s den!

“What if I refuse your offer?” Su Yu asked.

Elder Liao still wore a smile at the corners of his mouth, but his expression gradually became colder as he replied, “I can then only apologize to you, as I will have to put an end to your life. After all, it would be better for me to just bury you here than let another faction get you!”

Su Yu chuckled when he heard his words. ” I see that your Soul Seizing Palace is still as overbearing as ever.”

Elder Liao furrowed his brows. “What? It seems from your tone like the Soul Seizing Palace has offended you in the past.”

Su Yu shrugged his shoulders. “It didn’t really offend me, as I have already killed all of the people who dared to offend me!”

“Can you please tell me who you are?” Elder Liao asked again, while he squinted his eyes slightly.

A playful smile appeared at the corners of Su Yu’s mouth. “Why don’t you ask the Soul Seizing Palace’s talented youths who died in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion, such as Qiu Zeming?”

Su Yu’s words left no doubt in Elder Liao’s mind, as even though more than thirty Soul Seizing Palace’s disciples had died in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion, Qiu Zeming was killed by a specific person, who had even auctioned off the former’s high-grade divine artifact dagger in front of a large crowd!

It was rumored that this person had also almost killed Gu Taixu’s clone, who was at the Level Nine Fairy Realm. Moreover, this same man had also killed the clone of one of the Red Blood Palace’s two great Palace Masters, elder Zi Qianchou, who had a Level Six Fairy Realm cultivation! This person, who was quite famous in the Soul Seizing Palace, was none other than Su Yu!

“You are Su Yu!” Elder Liao’s pupils contracted, while fright welled up in his heart. If he was really Su Yu, then someone like him, who had only the fighting prowess of the Level Seven Fairy Realm, would surely not be his match!

A playful smile appeared on Su Yu’s face, which was hidden beneath the hood of his raincoat, as he said, “Congratulations, you have answered the question correctly.”

I must run away! Elder Liao thought in a panic. He was shocked, and he turned around and fled.

His heart almost exploded from fright, and his face almost turned green with regret. He had come here to recruit an alchemist, yet had ended up running into a young monster!

“Hehe, you really came here just in time, as there are some matters that I can’t take care of by myself. So, you can take care of them for me.” Su Yu said as he revealed a smile.

He then raised his hand and waved it at the fleeing Elder Liao. Immediately, black clouds surged in the sky, while an extremely giant eye hung within the dome of heaven.

A boundless Heavenly Wrath surged out of it, which contained a power that was great enough to destroy an entire world. It greatly resembled the Heaven Eye.

Elder Liao’s body shivered as the eye stared at him. He stopped in his tracks instinctively, not daring to budge even an inch. He then raised his head and looked at the sky, while horror and shock welled up in his heart.

“Heaven... Heaven’s eye?” he stammered. His instinct was informing him that just a thought from such an eye was enough to erase him from the world!

“Become my slave or die!” Su Yu walked over and said calmly, “You have just three breaths time to consider this.”

“I will become your slave!” Elder Liao shouted, not even considering it for even a moment.

As a demonic path’s cultivator, he was open to everything, as long as it didn’t threaten his life. After all, the demonic path’s cruel and severe environment showed them clearly how precious one’s life was.

“Not bad! Don’t let your mind resist it!” Su Yu said, clearly satisfied with his answer.

Bitter emotions welled up in Elder Liao’s heart, but he still didn’t dare to defy Su Yu. In that moment, he gave up resisting him completely.

Su Yu took in a breath of air, then used Heaven’s Son Gazing At Air technique’s Soul Control Level. The Soul Control Level would allow Su Yu to control the soul of an expert, whose cultivation was higher than his by a whole realm.

It could also enable him to kill such an expert with just a thought, as well as control his mind. In fact, it was so powerful and seamless, the other party might not even realize that he was being controlled by someone!

In the battle against the Saint Masters in the bottom of Dragon Abyss of the Nine Underworlds in Zhenlong Continent, Su Yu had once ordered the Sixth Saint Master, who was under his control via this method, to revolt. This had resulted in the Fifth Saint Master to be injured heavily.

At that time, even the Sixth Saint Master himself didn't know that he was being controlled by someone. As such, it would be impossible for Elder Liao to break free from Su Yu's control unless the former managed to advance into the Divine Master Realm.

"If you are obedient, I will allow to keep your own consciousness. I may even give you back your freedom in the end. But, if you don't know what's good for you and obey me, then I will just erase your consciousness, thus turning you into my puppet! So, if you think that you want to defy me, you should consider it carefully," Su Yu warned him.

Elder Liao smiled bitterly as he wondered... What sin did I commit to cause me to end up running into this young monster?

"I... Well, master, I will surely obey your instructions," Elder Liao stammered.

Su Yu nodded. He didn't fear that he would find a way to break free from his control, as if it was really easy to do, Su Yu would be obliged to reassess Heaven's Son Gazing At Air technique.

"You can just call me young master. Moreover, how many of those materials can you get for me?" Su Yu asked, while he gave him the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid's recipe.

As Elder Liao looked it over, his eyelids shook slightly. "A middle-grade elixir recipe?, Hmm... From its tempering conditions, it doesn't seem like it is from this era. Is it an ancient elixir recipe?"

He had recognized the elixir recipe's origin with just a single look! Su Yu was slightly astonished, and he had to wonder... Is Elder Liao an alchemist?

After Elder Liao recovered from his initial shock, he furrowed his brows and said, "Young master, I can get the other ingredients, as they are quite mainstream, even nowadays in the alchemy world. But, there is one ingredient that is already extinct, the Heartbroken Zither Grass."

He shook his head, then added, "This grass contains a deadly poison, which is quite harmful to people's souls. It's rumored that ancient times' alchemists used it to make poison pills, but in the current era, it is never used. In fact, since Jiuzhou's current environment is so different from the ancient times', this ingredient is actually extinct, so it's impossible to find!"

Upon hearing this, Su Yu furrowed his brows. He could not let this go, as this was an exceptionally good elixir for tempering one's soul power!

"Isn't there even a single blade of such an ingredient left?" Su Yu asked.

Elder Liao shook his head. "It simply doesn't exist. At least, I have never heard of it appearing within the last ten thousand years. Besides, even if one found it, he still wouldn't be able to use it, as only experts could manage to do so successfully. Moreover, looking for it is extremely difficult, and the only things that can be found related to it are some remaining seeds."

Seeds? Su Yu was shocked to hear this. He then asked, "Do you know where to find these seeds?"

Elder Liao was startled by his question, and he wondered... What can he possibly do with just seeds?

As this thought filled his mind, he replied quickly, "My Soul Seizing Palace collected some of them in the past. However, the current primordial energy of the world is different than it was in the past, which means that it's almost impossible for the seeds to germinate. Young master, why don't you reconsider your course of action carefully?"

Su Yu's eyes lit up, while delight flickered in them. "There is no need to do so, as I want am determined to have those seeds! Moreover, you should also look for the seeds of the other ingredients."

Elder Liao opened his mouth widely to protest, but instantly thought better of it. After all, he knew that finding these other seeds would not be a difficult task for him. After all, even though many medicinal ingredients had short periods of maturity, which meant that if one didn't pluck them in time, they would wither, that wasn't the case for most seeds.

"Understood! Young master, should I go to look for them right now?" Elder Liao asked for further instructions.

Su Yu shook his head. "No, you should just stay in the city until I depart the Blue Mountain Range. Also, you should be available to me at any time."

Su Yu knew that he wasn't capable of fighting for long durations of time before his internal blood energy channel had fully recovered. Hence, he knew that he must arrange for some assistance. As Elder Liao was a Level Seven Fairy and his power could be considered as top-notch in the Blue Mountain Range, Su Yu felt that he could be more at ease with him nearby.

"Understood!" Elder Liao nodded once more.

The pair then left. They walked some distance apart, pretending not to know each other.

After a short while, a handsome young master, who was wearing gorgeous white clothes, landed nearby. His face was as fair as white jade and was extremely handsome.

He had clear eyes, which had the power to mesmerize countless young girls. His tall body gave him an outstanding bearing and made him let him appear even more heroic and noble.

"Heavenly Wrath?" The youthful young master looked at the Heavenly Wrath that was left in the air, surprise appearing on his face. "Does this small Blue Mountain Range still hide some great and evil existence?"

He asked this because the Heavenly Wrath would only usually appear in places where evil entities roamed. As such, it was extremely strange and unusual for Heavenly Wrath to appear here.

"Young master, should we go directly to the Yuan family and deliver them the engagement gifts?" a man, who had just landed, asked the young master. A short while after the young master had landed, more than a hundred robust men, each of whom carried scarlet-colored gifts, had since arrived.

The youthful young master shook his head. "No, I complied with my father's wishes and accepted the arranged engagement, but that doesn't mean that I will accept her without further investigation!

Look for a place to settle in, while I go to make inquiries in the city about my fiancée's morality and character."

After he spoke, the youthful young master left for the city at lightning speed, leaving just an afterimage behind. At that very moment, Su Yu turned his head back subconsciously, as his intuition felt that a powerful aura had just passed beside him.

His heart shuddered slightly. It seemed like the Blue Mountain Range hid many powerful experts within it. As such, he decided that he must keep an even lower profile from now on. After Su Yu returned to the Yuan family's residence, he immediately entered the second miss' room.

"Grandpa Su, why were you gone for such a long time? I was worried about you!" Yuan Yingying hugged Su Yu's arm affectionately.

Su Yu smiled, and after he pondered for a moment, he took out a spatial ring and put three thousand crystals in it. He then presented it to her and said, "This is your share. If you want to practice alchemy in the future and are in need of ingredients, you won't find yourself short of money for them!"

Su Yu smiled as he gave the spatial ring to her casually. Yuan Yingying was taken aback, and when her soul scouted the ring's contents, her eyes widened as she exclaimed, "Wow! So many? I'm even richer than my elder sister now!"

Hearing this, Su Yu felt obliged to warn her, "You shouldn't expose your wealth in front of others, and you mustn't let anyone know that you have such a large sum of money!"

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"Understood, Uncle Su." Yuan Yingying smiled happily before she kissed Su Yu's cheek and said, "Uncle Su, you are really too nice to me. I want to stay with you forever!"

Su Yu reached up to touch his cheek and felt quite embarrassed. After all, he was the same age as Yuan Yingying, yet she saw him as some amiable old man.

"Well, grandpa, are you embarrassed?" Yuan Yingying widened her eyes, as she said earnestly, "If you were younger by eighty years, then I'd really be willing to marry you! I wouldn't even mind fleeing with you to avoid my arranged marriage. Then, I could live with you forever!"

Su Yu didn't know whether to laugh or cry when he heard her, as he was just twenty years old!

"Fine, let's not talk about this right now. We need to start refining pills, and remember, you only have three tries this time." Su Yu took out three batches of Fairy Expansion Pill ingredients.

He then added, "However, don't refine a third-grade Fairy Expansion Pill, but a fourth-grade one. Let's leave one batch as a reserve, which each of us can try to refine!"

"A fourth-grade spirit pill?" Yuan Yingying shook her head. "With my current mastery of the Extreme Limit Elixir Manufacturing Technique, that's still impossible for me."

Su Yu revealed a faint smile. "If I helped you, then it wouldn't be impossible! So, just take a batch of materials and try it."

As Su Yu urged her, Yuan Yingying received the ingredients from him, while still being skeptical. But when she had just taken them, she was greatly startled. "Ah! What pure ingredients! I can't feel even a slight trace of impurities within them!"

At this moment, she finally understood that it was because of Su Yu that these ingredients were so pure.

"Uncle Su, how did you achieve it? You are too amazing! How did you manage to purify them? I have never seen ingredients this pure! Even my father couldn't purify ingredients to such a degree." Yuan Yingying eyes were wide, revealing her astonishment.

Su Yu said with a smile, "Quickly start refining the pills, if you leave them exposed to the air for a long time, they will absorb its impurities, which will taint their purity!"

Yuan Yingying quickly obeyed and started refining the pills. As Su Yu was already proficient in refining the Fairy Expansion Pill, he quickly became engrossed in this task as well.

After two hours, Yuan Yingying's face was filled with beads of sweat, but she clenched her teeth and continued. She knew that the purer the ingredients were, the more difficult the last fusion process would be. She could easily complete the fusion process while refining third-grade pills, but now, she couldn't finish it, even after numerous attempts.

Time slowly passed, and even after another hour had passed, she was still slowly attempting to complete the fusion process. It was only after two more hours had passed that the pill fusion was completed, causing a buzzing sound to echo from the furnace.

Yuan Yingying laid down on the ground, her whole body drenched in sweat. "Sure enough, it's still extremely difficult for me to refine fourth-grade spirit pills. I only finished refining it just now! How's it look?"

When Su Yu opened the furnace, an explosive power surged out of it. Su Yu immediately detected that the situation wasn't reassuring, so he quickly hid Yuan Yingying behind him.

As a medicinal fragrance surged out of the furnace, a purple pill that had four green stripes on it penetrated the room's roof and flew out of it. After Su Yu confirmed that Yuan Yingying was okay, he rushed to the roof and tidied up the mess that had just been left on it. He then returned to the alchemy room, where the pair hoped that no one would discover what had just happened...

"Uncle Su, will we be discovered by my father?" Yuan Yingying stuck her tongue out, as she was somewhat alarmed. "I really didn't expect that a fourth-grade spirit pill would put such a strain on the furnace. My furnace isn't of high grade, so it clearly couldn't bear it and ended up exploding!"

Su Yu was also dumbfounded. "Regardless, I saw the pill clearly, and it was successfully refined! So, we must go and get a high-grade furnace now, so we can start refining Fairy Expansion Pills that we can consume ourselves!"

Excitement flickered in Yuan Yingying's eyes, as she nodded repeatedly.

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As the Yuan Family's Master was reading an alchemy book in his study, his expression changed slightly and he looked in surprise in the direction of Yuan Yingying's room. From there, he saw a bead flying toward him! He was quite baffled by it, so he instinctively extended his hand and caught it in his palm.

A pill? When he opened his palm, an intense medicinal fragrance assaulted his nostrils, and he was quite startled when he finally got a clear look at it. "A fourth-grade spirit pill!" he murmured.

It was a deep purple color, and it had four stripes on it. He was quite shocked by it, as there were no more than three people in the whole Blue Mountain Range who were capable of refining fourth-grade spirit pills.

As he was obviously not the one who refined this pill, he began to wonder...

Was it made by the two guys in the Elixir Production Alliance?

No, that shouldn't be the case...

At that moment, he suddenly noticed something amiss, and as he looked closer, he gasped. It's another Fairy Expansion Pill!

The great amount of Fairy Expansion Pills that had recently appeared in the Blue Mountain Range had caused a great uproar, so he had heard many rumors that the Poisonous Widow and the Axe Gang had started fighting and killing each other over them. Moreover, just after they had suffered the assaults of many other factions, three of the Poisonous Widow's six Fairies had died and serious damages had been inflicted upon the Axe Gang.

As for the producer of such pills, they still didn't any have clues about him, and the only person who knew him was the elixir store's shopkeeper, Hu Xiaodie, who had already slipped away! No one even knew where he was now either!

Knowing all of these things, the last thing that the Yuan Family's Master would ever expect was that a fourth-grade spirit pill would one day fly right at him by mistake, much less that this mistake would activate his instinct, informing him that the person who refined it was within the Yuan family's manor!

His expression became quite gloomy as he muttered, "So, someone unexpectedly used our family's wealth to secretly practice his alchemy techniques, finally succeeding in becoming an intermediate alchemist capable of refining fourth-grade spirit pills..."

The people who the Yuan Family's Master was suspecting at the moment were the ten primary alchemists in the manor. Three of them were from the Yuan family, while the other seven had been hired by them at a very high price.

If the person was from the Yuan family, then he would surely be overjoyed. But, if he was really from the family, he shouldn't have needed to practice in secret. After reasoning it out, he decided that it must be one of the seven alchemists that they hired, who must have used his family's wealth to practice and become an intermediate alchemist!

Although he was angered by this, he still didn't dare to go and make inquiries about this person's identity. Since the person had already become an intermediate alchemist, then he was equal to him, and if disrespected this person, he might leave and join the Elixir Production Alliance, which would place their Yuan family in a dire situation!

As such, he determined that he must somehow try to keep this intermediate alchemist here...

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Su Yu, and Yuan Yingying had no idea about what had just happened in the Yuan Family's Master's study, so they continued refining the fourth-grade spirit pills.

After spending the whole day on it, while working their ways through many daunting difficulties, they finally managed to make two-fourth-grade spirit pills. Now, Su Yu could immediately start advancing to the Fairy Realm after his internal blood energy channels recovered!

"Yingying, there are still four days before your family's great competition. You should reveal your talent then! So, don't refine any more elixirs til that day, as you must properly cultivate now." As Su Yu spoke, he took a Cloud Galloping Horse out of the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl.

He then gave it to her and said, "You should consume this object within the next four days. It will help you."

As she was a member of an alchemy family, Yuan Yingying recognized it with just a glance. "Ah! A Cloud Galloping Horse! It's rumored that it only grows in places that possess intense Spiritual Energy, and finding it is extremely difficult! It's supposed to be highly beneficial to Fairies in advancing further on!"

She was so surprised that she couldn't close her mouth! "It's my first time seeing a Cloud Galloping Horse in person!"

"Consume it," Su Yu said, while he took a Pure Yang Vital Return Pill to heal the last of his internal blood energy channels.

Time passed in a flash, and after four days, Yuan Yingying had managed to reach the Three Crystal Half Fairy Realm as she had expected. Moreover, she had even reached the peak of that realm!

It was on this day that the Yuan Family's competition would start. Such a competition was held four times each year.

In this competition, the core elders would assess and observe their descendants and judge them based on their strengths. This particularly competition was extremely important, as not only did the core elders come to it, but even primary alchemists and the people in charge of the Yuan family's branches had been invited to it.

The number of people present was larger than any past competition by three times at least. As such, it was quite bustling with noise!

"Why are there so many people here?" A person in charge of one of the Yuan family's branches wondered aloud.

“It’s really strange. Look over there! Even Elder Pojun is here. I remember that he was sent to supervise that store, so why was he called back?” another onlooker asked.

All of the people present were startled and bewildered, and even the smart and conceited Yuan Wanbi couldn’t understand what her father was planning. After a short while, the Family’s Master arrived.

“Everyone, keep calm and don’t get too excited. The competition will start soon, but first, let me announce something...” The Yuan Family’s Master was beaming. “I’m really gratified that there are many geniuses among my family’s descendants, so I’ve prepared a nice surprise just for them as a prize for this competition. Whoever wins first place will receive it.”

All of the people were astonished. A nice surprise? In the past competitions, the winner had always received twenty crystals and a third-grade spirit elixir. So, people had to wonder... What is the prize this time?

“The prize is a fourth-grade Fairy Expansion Pill!” the Yuan Family’s Master shouted in a loud voice, while he took out a jade bottle, which had a purple medicinal pill within it.

Everyone was startled upon seeing this, as they knew that the Family’s Master was always busy with the family’s matters, so it would have been too difficult for him to find enough time to refine even several of these pills each year.

He could, at most, refine maybe three or four each year, and even then, those pills would all be used in important matters, not for some random competition! Thus, it was hard for them to believe that the Family’s Master had somehow found the time to refine an extra fourth-grade spirit elixir!

“A fourth-grade one! No way! This pill would surely increase one’s chances of advancing to the Fairy Realm by ten percent!”

Amazement appeared in the people’s eyes, as they started to all talk at once...

“No, it isn’t just ten percent! It will increase their chances by fifteen percent!”

“No! This fourth-grade spirit pill could increase one’s chances of advancing to the Fairy Realm by sixty percent easily!”

The appearance of this pill made many youngsters’ hearts skip several beats, while delight appeared in Yuan Wanbi’s pretty eyes as well. Fourth-grade spirit elixirs were still distant dreams to even someone like her, and she looked in gratitude at her father, as this pill should have been prepared just for her, as she always won first place in each season’s competition.

While she was feeling thankful to him, she also couldn’t help but admire and respect him, as he was the only person in the family who could refine fourth-grade spirit elixirs. This was because he was the only intermediate alchemist. She really hoped that she could reach such an impressive rank one day!

Su Yu and Yuan Yingying, who were also among the crowd, both had guilty conscience as they looked at each other in dismay and wondered...

Why does this fourth-grade spirit pill seem just like the one that escaped from us earlier?