

Nine-Dragon 751

Chapter 751: Extreme Evaluation

After the Yuan Family's Master brightened the mood, he announced the official start of the competition. Knowing that there would be a Fourth Grade Spirit Pill rewarded to the winner excited and stimulated all of the contenders to fight even harder.

Su Yu stood quietly outside of the stage, nodding occasionally. The contenders' fighting prowesses were indeed worthy of praise, and their cultivations were surprising as well.

A tenth of the thousand total Yuan family participants were at the Half Fairy Realm. This was quite a rare occurrence in the Zhenlong World!

The fights continued from early the morning until well into the evening. In the end, just ten people were left in the competition.

Yuan Wanbi was matchless when it came to sword skills, which made it difficult for someone who was even at the same realm as her to face her. There were just two other Three Crystals Half Fairies besides her. The others were all just Two Crystals Half Fairies.

Just as the competition had been narrowed down to the ten strongest people, a commotion suddenly erupted on the stage. Immediately, the gazes of all the people present fell on a single person. It was the second miss, Yuan Yingying!

As she was a One Crystal Half Fairy, her cultivation wasn't to be underestimated. In fact, it was higher than many of the clansmen, who were the same age as her. But, despite all of this, she had never even managed to get into the top hundred in the past. Hence, the fact that she was suddenly standing among the top ten astounded the crowd.

Even the Yuan Family's Master was taken aback. He had focused all of his attention on the seven primary alchemists, not even noticing that his youngest daughter had overcome all obstacles in order to reach the top ten. He was both shocked and delighted by this surprise.

The family's older generation was also shocked, but they still didn't question the matter even though they were greatly surprised. This was because they all knew about her teacher, the Almighty Divine Master expert.

It was obvious to them that her success was only due to his teachings. Only because of his tutelage did Yuan Yingying manage to advance by leaps and bounds to reach her current level.

Yuan Wanbi, who was also on the stage, was equally shocked. Currently, she was looking in disbelief at her younger sister.

Just half a month ago, Yuan Yingying was a weak and useless girl, who always followed her around. In fact, Yuan Wanbi had abhorred her because of this.

But, here Yuan Yingying stood, right along with her, ranked among the top ten! Jealousy, resentment, anger, and worry welled up in her heart at this moment.

"Good! Now, we're down to the last fight." The Yuan Family's Master's gaze was filled with expectation. He was paying extra close attention to Yuan Yingying's match.

What he witnessed then shocked him greatly. Yuan Yingying took the victory effortlessly. In fact, she almost crushed her opponent entirely. This showed that she could easily defeat all of the Two Crystals Half Fairies who ran into her.

He was quite familiar with Yuan Yingying's cultivation technique, so he knew that it didn't have any outstanding qualities. What really shocked people was Yuan Yingying's current cultivation.

"The peak of the Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm?" The Yuan Family's Master exclaimed. He found this to be absolutely unbelievable.

Many of the family's older generation widened their eyes. They all looked as if they had just seen a ghost.

After all, just half a month ago, she was still at the One Crystal Half Fairy Realm, and now, she had managed to reach the peak of the Half Fairy Realm in such a short time! Moreover, she was just half a step from reaching the Fairy Realm!

Apart from being shocked, the crowd also envied her. After all, having a Divine Master teach you was a great honor, and it could even lead one toward a future of great prominence.

As Yuan Wanbi was incredibly powerful, she defeated all of her opponents in just a few moves. They fighting continued, and in the end, just the two sisters were left.

"Not bad, sister. It's difficult for me not to envy you, no matters how hard I try, as my ten years of arduous cultivation doesn't rival your single stroke of good luck." Yuan Wanbi never expected that her useless younger sister could one day hold her own in a fight against her.

Yuan Yingying sighed as she wondered... I wish people could know how hard I have strived and worked to achieve this!

The way that saw it, she had only achieved success through a stroke of good luck. In reality, the advancement in her cultivation within the last half a month was mainly due to how hard she had strived in making elixirs, not because of some Divine Master teacher!

The only person who really understood her was Su Yu, the grandpa she held so dear to her heart. In fact, Su Yu was the closest person to her besides her own father.

As she looked at her elder sister, who hated and resented her in secret, Yuan Yingying's desire and need to earn her sister's recognition and approval lessened. She decided that even if she didn't manage to get her sister's recognition, it didn't matter, as she had her father, Grandpa Su, and her beloved alchemy techniques! These things were enough for her.

"Attack! Show me how powerful you have become this past half a month." As Yuan Wanbi looked at the prize, which was a Fourth Grade Spirit Pill, a strong desire for victory shone in her eyes.

If she could get that pill, she would have the chance to advance to the Fairy Realm! For this reason, she was determined to get it.

However, she was startled when she heard Yuan Yingying chuckling calmly. Yuan Yingying then said, "I admit defeat. You can just take that pill and consume it yourself."

As she spoke, she descended from the stage before the crowd's shocked gazes. It wasn't just the family's older generation who were taken aback, as even Yuan Wanbi was perplexed by her actions. She had assumed that her younger sister would also do her utmost to obtain such a precious pill.

As he gazed upon the scene, the Yuan Family's Master sighed, while deep affection and guilt welled up in his heart. He knew that his youngest daughter had done this because she didn't want to damage the relationship between her and her sister. Thus, she had willingly given up on in the same way that she had sacrificed in accepting the engagement for her sister's sake in the past.

However, even such a sacrificial action this still didn't win her elder sister's gratitude.

When Yuan Wanbi returned to her senses and fully understood Yuan Yingying's intentions, she smiled and said, "I see that you are still as cowardly as you were in the past. Seeing this characteristic in you is as loathsome to me as it was before."

At that moment, as Yuan Yingying descended from the stage, her body shook. She clenched her fists tightly for a moment, then gave up, making her way silently to Su Yu's side.

"Why didn't you fight? She couldn't withstand even a single strike of your soul technique!" Su Yu said.

Yuan Yingying lowered her head, looked at her feet, then forced herself to reveal a faint smile as she replied, "It's because we are sisters, and if my elder sister wants that pill, I must let her have it. In any case, now that you are here, I won't be short of elixirs."

Su Yu smiled kindly at her, then said, "I knew that you would make this exact decision when I taught you the soul attack technique. Although I am sad that you had to sacrifice so much, I'm grateful to see that you can persevere and keep your kind and innocent heart, not being blinded by hatred."

After hearing his kind words, Yuan Yingying's mood instantly improved. She playfully stuck out her tongue at Su Yu and asked, "Are you praising me or criticizing me?"

However, Su Yu didn't reply, as he was too busy observing the last section of the competition, which was the award ceremony.

The Yuan Family's Master stood up and smiled at the crowd before announcing, "Everyone had a brilliant performance! Let's hope our Yuan family's talented children always perform like this! Our highest honor and award this time is granted to Yuan Wanbi! Congratulations!"

The Yuan Family's Master held a jade bottle, but he didn't hand it to Yuan Wanbi immediately. Instead, he continued speaking, "There is one more piece of good news to share... A second intermediate alchemist has appeared in our family!"

After hearing this, everyone present flew into an uproar, clapping their hands wildly and cheering.

"What? An intermediate alchemist? Another intermediate alchemist?" someone in the crowd cried out in shock. The crowd was even more shocked by this than they had been at Yuan Yingying's placing in the top ten!

"Who is it?" Who is the family's new intermediate alchemist?" another person shouted.

Soon, everyone in the crowd was crying out all at once. It could be said that this was the Yuan family's happiest occasion in the past decade!

One of the reasons why the Elixir Production Alliance could keep the Yuan family in check was due to their superior number of primary alchemists. However, the main reason was that they had two intermediate alchemists. But, now that a new intermediate alchemist had appeared in the Yuan family, it meant that the Yuan family could finally make a comeback!

The Yuan Family's Master wore a big smile as he looked at the crowd and said, "Everyone, please calm down. This is indeed a happy occasion, and a banquet will be held for the whole family after the end of tomorrow's Blue Mountain Meet."

He didn't inform them of the identity of this new intermediate alchemist, as even he didn't know it yet. Even so, he wanted to take this opportunity to show the intermediate alchemist the Yuan family's sincerity, as well as provide him with a warm welcome.

The faces of the seven primary alchemists were all filled with envy as they applauded. Su Yu and Yuan Yingying also wore odd looks as they conversed about this new piece of news.

"Grandpa Su, what should we do? Should I stand up and identify myself now?" Yuan Yingying didn't know what should she do.

Su Yu shook his head after pondering her question for a moment. He then said, "No. Wait until the banquet. You have already gotten enough attention today, and you should let your family members get over this initial shock regarding your prowess in the competition today first."

Yuan Yingying nodded obediently, sensing the wisdom in Su Yu's words. "Yes Grandpa Su. I will obey your instructions."

So, as it turned out, Yuan Wanbi got the pill in the end. After she got ahold of it, she walked calmly toward Su Yu and Yuan Yingying, while wearing a faint smile. Then, as she looked at Yuan Yingying, she said, "Sister, thank you for leaving the pill for me. I will use it freely, and then the gap between us will only grow larger and larger!"

Yuan Yingying just smiled after hearing her sister's prideful remark, but didn't reply.

"Regardless of how your teacher attempts to help you, you were always inferior to me in the past, and now that I have the pill, you will be even more inferior to me in the future!" Yuan Wanbi chuckled as she held up the pill in delight.

She then turned around, planning to swagger off. However, a guard's urgent report suddenly was heard from just outside the stage area, "It is awful! Family Master, Young Master Zhao has led a group of people here! They just arrived!"

Everyone present knew that the only person called Young Master Zhao was the Elixir Production Alliance's Zhao Yin. His cultivation was at the Level Two Fairy Realm, and he was even more powerful than many people from the older generation. Everyone knew that was an astonishing talent.

As the group of guards were unable to obstruct them, he effortlessly brought two servants with him as he barged into the martial plaza.

“Zhao Yin, what do you took my Yuan family’s residence for? Even your father isn’t qualified to barge in here, yet you dare to show your face? You seem to be even more prideful and overbearing than him!” The Yuan Family’s Master’s facial expression became gloomy as he shouted at the new arrivals angrily.

The Yuan family was really kept in check by the Elixir Production Alliance, and they were even obliged to be linked to them via an arranged marriage, thus sacrificing the second miss. This was all done in order to ease the tension between them.

However, Zhao Yin’s barging into their Yuan family’s territory was a great humiliation, and even though the family was weaker than his own family, they would still not bear such a matter without pushing back!

“Zhao Yin, since you dared to barge in here today, you better be prepared to never leave again! After all, every family has to protect its own honor and prestige, and you have done something that you shouldn’t have... Provoking and humiliating us!” Pojun spoke in a sharp tone and glared at Zhao Yin.

The Yuan family’s people also glared at him angrily. They all felt that this was an intolerable humiliation.

However, Zhao Yin was calm. In fact, he was grinning! He obviously didn’t care about the Yuan family’s people at all.

Still smiling, he took a small badge out of his pocket, then casually threw it toward the Yuan Family’s Master, who took it, then immediately lowered his head to have a closer look at it.

The Yuan Family’s Master’s pupils contracted, and after a long while passed, he threw it back to him and said in a deep voice, “Fine. I will give you an opportunity to explain this, but if you can’t give me a valid reason for your barging into our residence, then regardless of this badge, you should not dream about leaving alive. Rest assured, I always keep my word!”

Zhao Yin, whose expression was still perfectly calm, chuckled after he caught the badge. He then replied, “You are being too dramatic! I just came here to deliver a challenge letter to you, but some of your servants stopped me. Besides, I’m your future son-in-law, so won’t I join the Yuan family sooner or later? Why are you taking this so seriously?”

As he spoke, he wore a smile. He then turned to look at Yuan Yingying, but she quickly hid behind Su Yu, while hugging his arm nervously. She seemed to depend on him quite a lot.

Zhao Yin’s gaze became ice-cold as it turned to focus on Su Yu. He thought to himself, while anger welled up in his heart... Yuan Wanbi was already violated by this old b*stard, and now, he had even charmed my own fiancée!

Zhao Yin sneered coldly and quickly averted his gaze. He then turned to look at the Yuan Family’s Master and said, “As I told you before, I was ordered to come here and deliver you the challenge letter.”

A challenge letter? The Yuan Family’s Master was perplexed, so he asked, “Why don’t you explain to me exactly what you are up to? The Blue Mountain Meet is tomorrow, and if you want to fight, you can challenge anyone there. So, why would you still need to drop in today?”

Chapter 752: Jingyu's Warning

Zhao Yin laughed. "This challenge letter is somewhat unusual, and it mentions a bet."

"A bet? Please go back home, as there is no need for my family to gamble with you." The Yuan Family's Master rejected this firmly.

The Yuan family was now in a vulnerable position, and it had less gambling chips than the Elixir Production Alliance, so a seemingly fair gamble would still place it at a disadvantage. If the Yuan family lost the bet, then its situation would become even worse, and they might even lose any opportunity of making a comeback.

As for the Elixir Production Alliance, even if it lost the bet, it still wouldn't damage its foundation, and it would still be capable of suppressing the Yuan family. As such, he could definitely not agree to such a gamble, as it would do more harm than good to the Yuan family.

"Hehe, why don't you first listen to the bet's parameters first?" Zhao Yin asked. "If your Yuan family wins, then our Elixir Production Alliance will give you a market of your choice out of the nine markets that we own. You should be aware of the yearly earnings of each of those markets, right?"

When they heard the terms of the bet, the angered members of the Yuan family calmed down a bit. After all, the money earned from the rent alone for such a market was more than thirty thousand crystals, so it was a great source of wealth! Moreover, the Yuan family could still sell its elixirs in this market, which bring them great profits in the long-term.

Even the Yuan Family's Master was tempted by this offer. If they could obtain such a market, then it would greatly improve the Yuan family's current situation.

"And if we lose? Would we have to give you one of our markets?" the Yuan Family's Master asked.

Zhao Yin shook his head. "No, if you lose, then we want just one person."

A person? Everyone looked at each other in dismay. Apart from the Yuan Family's Master and several core elders, which person is worth a whole market?

"Who?" the Yuan Family's Master asked.

Zhao Yin sneered coldly and pointed his finger at Su Yu. "I want him."

The crowd went into an uproar when they heard his words. The Yuan Family's Master was also bewildered.

He then asked, "Young Master Zhao, did you come here to make fun of us? What do you really want?" He found it hard to believe that Zhao Yin had come here with such a great number of people just to ask for an old man.

Zhao Yin's expression became ice-cold as he walked towards Su Yu, while speaking slowly, "I... Want... Him! Did you hear me clearly this time?"

The crowd was bewildered and stunned speechless. Su Yu, on the other hand, instantly retreated several steps as he said, “Young Master Zhao, I’m a stickler for clean-living and always being honest, and I don’t have such an inclination, so even if you want me, I don’t want you.”

Hearing his cheeky reply, Yuan Yingying couldn’t help but chuckle. But, she quickly recovered her composure and looked in displeasure at Zhao Yin. “Have you gone crazy? What do you want to do to Uncle Su?”

When Zhao Yin noticed that everyone was now laughing at him, he was quite infuriated. “I just want him to work as a slave for our Elixir Production Alliance.”

Yuan Wanbi blinked her eyes and wore a cold expression as she stood in between Zhao Yin and Su Yu. She then asked, “Zhao Yin, why are you causing trouble for no good reason?”

Seeing that Yuan Wanbi was helping Su Yu by obstructing him, Zhao Yin only became more infuriated. This only affirmed to Zhao Yin that Su Yu must be holding something against Yuan Wanbi. In fact, he even thought that it was possible that Su Yu had already slept with her and forced her to obey all of his orders!

As Zhao Yin thought of such a fact, he hated Su Yu even more. “I already said that I have just one request. So, Yuan Family’s Master, will you accept it or not?”

The Yuan Family’s Master’s heart throbbed, as exchanging a person who was unrelated to him for a chance to get a prime market was a choice that any sane person would readily agree to. However, before he could answer, Yuan Yingying spoke up.

“It’s out of the question, father. Don’t comply with him. Otherwise, I will kill myself.” Yuan Yingying spoke quite firmly and put up a strong front.

The Yuan Family’s Master looked at his daughter before looking at Su Yu, and after pondering for a moment, he sighed. “Young Master Zhao, please leave. We will not accept this bet.”

He knew that his daughter had grown fond of this old man and had a close relationship with him. So, if they lost the bet, then his daughter would have lost her companion and may even end up hating him.

Despite being flatly denied, Zhao Yin was still determined to get what he wanted. “Is that right? Yuan Family’s Master, I advise you to reconsider. Otherwise, there won’t be any need for the Yuan Family to participate in tomorrow’s Blue Mountain Range’s competition, as you should already be clear about that great person’s relationship with my Elixir Production Alliance.”

After Zhao Yin threatened him brazenly, the Yuan Family’s Master squinted his eyes and killing intent welled up in his heart. The reason why the Yuan family was forced to lower its head to the Elixir Production Alliance and betroth one of their daughters to them, was all because of the intervention of that great person. If it wasn’t because of him, then the Yuan Family’s Master would never be forced to compromise with the Elixir Production Alliance.

The family’s core elders gave meaningful eye signals to him, as they were all frightened of that great person. Seeing that the whole family wanted him to agree, the Yuan Family’s Master started hesitating.

At this moment, Su Yu suddenly spoke, “Hehe, Yuan Family’s Master, what are you considering? Since the Elixir Production Alliance wants to gift you one of their markets, then why don’t you take it? Why are you hesitating?”

Hm? The Yuan Family’s Master looked at Su Yu. This old man, who had outstanding bearings and an air of otherworldliness, always gave him a peculiar feeling. Since he spoke in such a confident tone, the Yuan Family’s Master had to wonder if Su Yu had some secret means of dealing with them.

After he pondered this for a moment, the Yuan Family’s Master nodded and said, “Okay, Zhao Yin, if you can represent the Elixir Production Alliance, then I will agree to this bet, but if you can’t represent it, then just go home.”

Zhao Yin sneered coldly. “Be at ease. I already got the Elixir Production Alliance’s consent.”

As he spoke, he took out an Oath Ancient Scroll. Su Yu recognized it immediately. This was an object that possessed great restrictive power, and it would be extremely difficult for Fairies to get rid of its power.

Their bet’s criteria was already written on the scroll, and it also already had a drop of blood of each of the Elixir Production Alliance’s two great heads upon it. All that was left now was for the Yuan Family’s Master to leave a drop of his blood on it.

The Yuan Family’s Master bit his finger, then left a drop of his blood on it. Just after that, the Oath Ancient Scroll turned into two phantom images, which flew to each person’s hand.

“Hahaha, fine. Yuan Family’s Master, we will compete tomorrow. The one who can persist longer will be the victor.” Zhao Yin held the Oath Ancient Scroll as he laughed heartily. Before leaving, he looked coldly at Su Yu.

As Su Yu met his chilling gaze, he had to wonder... What is the Elixir Production Alliance planning? Su Yu felt that something was quite fishy about all of this.

It made sense if it was just Zhao Yin alone who was behaving in such a muddle-headed manner, but it seemed impossible that the two intermediate alchemists of the alliance were also muddle-headed enough to allow Zhao Yin to come and make such trouble! The Yuan Family’s Master also had similar doubts, as he also felt that something was fishy about this situation.

After Zhao Yin left the Yuan family’s manor, the lackey behind him couldn’t help but sneer. “The Yuan family’s people are really idiots, as they assumed that they had really gotten some great advantage. Little did they know that they actually missed a great opportunity. After all, this old man is probably the central prefecture’s most wanted criminal, meaning that his head is worth ten million crystals! Ah! Just thinking about it...”

“Shut up, do you want to expose this matter? If it was known by Elder Liao, then your whole family would be exterminated,” Zhao Yin interrupted him and silenced him coldly.

After Su Yu and Yuan Yingying returned to a room, she wore an apologetic look and said, “Uncle Su, I won’t let them take you tomorrow.”

Su Yu consoled her as he smiled faintly, “I will be fine, as I have my Yingying.”

Yuan Yingying clenched her fists and her eyes were filled with determination. After she left, Su Yu got lost in his thoughts. He felt a heavy sensation in his chest for some unknown reason.

After cultivating for such a long time till today, he was capable of faintly foreseeing the future, and this heavy feeling was an ominous sign, which foreshadowed the immense danger he would soon face.

But, what in the Blue Mountain Range could threaten me?

The arrival of Zhao Yin today had left him with a restless feeling, and he felt like something ominous was on the near horizon. While still pondering this, Su Yu fell asleep.

“Brother Su Yu, it’s me, Jingyu! You must escape... Now!” While he was dreaming, Su Yu found himself in a boundless wasteland, while a voice resounded from the sky. It was Xia Jingyu’s voice.

“Jingyu, am I dreaming?” he asked.

“Brother Su Yu, I used our Divine Decrees to link our minds together, but this can last for only a few moments, so bear my words in mind and don’t forget them,” Xia Jingyu urged him.

Su Yu was startled by her words, as this was really not a dream! Moreover, their Divine Decrees could allow them to communicate, even though they were separated by billions of miles! It was really marvelous!

“Brother Su Yu, you are in great danger now. I suddenly foresaw that your path comes to end, which means that you will die.” Xia Jingyu’s tone became extremely grave. “Although I don’t know the reason why this will happen to you, my foreseeing ability never makes a mistake, so you should take it seriously.”

Su Yu replied, “Since you have seen my path come to an end, does it really mean that I will surely die?”

Xia Jingyu quickly replied, “No, as a purple radiance appeared in your path and covered it. It was extremely powerful, so I couldn’t see through it, but I know that it will give you an opportunity of changing your fate. So, brother Su Yu, if you run into any purple object, then you must get ahold of it! And... You must remember that...”

Her words suddenly halted, as if she was interrupted by something, and she left the confused Su Yu standing all alone in the silent and boundless wasteland. All of a sudden, the sky became extremely dazzling as five golden suns appeared beside the sole sun that was already in the sky.

Those five suns emitted a blazing temperature, and they turned the boundless wasteland into a sea of flames, which engulfed and killed Su Yu instantly. Su Yu was startled, and he suddenly woke up from his dream.

As he opened his eyes, which were filled with bewilderment, he murmured, “What just happened? What did Jingyu foresee? And... What are those five golden suns? Was it really just a dream?”

It seemed like a dream, yet it wasn't a dream, and it seemed like an illusion, yet it wasn't one. He was very confused, as his recent vision seemed extremely realistic! It was especially the case for the flames, which seemed extremely realistic, so much so that his own body felt pain at the moment.

Suddenly, Su Yu felt a scalding pain in his palm, and when he lowered his head and looked at it, he found that a scar had appeared on it at some unknown time. This was an injury that had been left by the flames that burned him in the dream. Hence, it was really not a dream!

A billion miles from him, in a boundless wasteland, which was exactly the same one that Su Yu had seen in his dream, five people stood. These people shone in resplendent golden rays. Their eyes were closed as they muttered some incantation, while a crown of the sun and moon was floating above each of their heads.

These were five terrifying All Creation Old Monsters! They suddenly opened their eyes at the same time, while the one who stood in the middle spoke in a grave voice, "I found him! He's in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands! I already left a mark on him."

Then, the monsters disappeared, while the wasteland instantly turned into a sea of flames.

Chapter 753: Ardent Flame Mark

Early the next morning, beneath an azure sky.

The Blue Mountain City's banner fluttered in the wind as the noisy crowd and countless martial artists made their way toward the city's central plaza. This was the Blue Mountain City's biggest martial arts plaza, and it had existed ever since the city was founded. As such, it had a rich history and was considered sacred ground to all of the Blue Mountain City's martial artists.

Many martial artists fought in the city daily, and their powers would gradually rise as they fought. This day was the most glorious day of the year in the Blue Mountain City, as this was the day that the Blue Mountain Meet was being held.

The Soul Seizing Palace was responsible for hosting it, and the purpose of the yearly event was to recruit the Blue Mountain City's most talented youth. Whichever youth won first place in the meet would get to join the Soul Seizing Palace and become an outer sanctum disciple.

His status would then experience a meteoric rise, and he would be like a carp that jumped over the Dragon Gate, turned into a dragon, then soared high into the sky! He would be able to avail himself of a large-scale faction's education and training, thus becoming a true dragon among men! Needless to say, all of the hundred and eight factions in the city were full of expectation.

The reason why the Yuan family and Elixir Production Alliance had managed to rise above the masses was mostly because they had raised such a large batch of Soul Seizing Palace's outer sanctum disciples throughout the years. After the disciples returned to the Blue Mountain Range, they would focus their efforts on supporting their families' faction and helping it rise quickly. It was only through the efforts of several generations that those two factions had been able to attain their current achievements.

This explained why such a day was extremely important for the Yuan family and the Elixir Production Alliance, as they still needed to stabilize their foundations. After all, a single mountain can't accommodate two tigers, and they had already fought both openly and in the dark for several

hundred years. During this time, the gap between the two factions gradually grew, and just a single Soul Seizing Palace's quota was enough to increase this gap even further.

The Yuan family was especially determined to get the quota this year. After all, if it won, it would get one of the Elixir Production Alliance's markets. This was an immeasurable source of wealth, so needless to say, the Yuan family was determined to win at all costs.

All of the Yuan family members became nervous when they reached the martial arts plaza, as they were full of expectation about this upcoming battle. The gazes of many people focused on Yuan Wanbi, as the people had all entrusted their hopes in her.

"Wanbi, just do what you can. Don't place any needless pressure upon yourself, as it's fine, even if you lose." The Yuan Family's Master clearly felt sorry for his daughter, and he tried to console her by speaking to her with a soft voice.

Yuan Wanbi clenched her fists. She desperately wanted to win the prize for her family in order to improve her family's unfavorable situation. At the moment, her father's kind words moved her and touched her heart.

But, when she got a glimpse of Su Yu, her heart became ice-cold and indifferent once again. After all, her future was even more important than the benefit that her family could gain.

She knew that this person must die so that she could preserve her pure and chaste reputation and marry into the Shangguan family. This was the only way for her to get the chance at having a better future.

Moreover, a single market was vastly inferior to what the Yuan family would get if she married into the Shangguan family. Therefore, she knew that she must lose in this battle, no matter what.

What set her mind at ease about this tactic was knowing that, even if she went all-out, she would mostly likely lose, as the Elixir Production Alliance's had the powerful Zhao Yin in its corner. He was almost twenty years old, which meant that he had almost surpassed the upper range of the age limit for the recruitment. Yet, he was still just barely eligible to participate in the battle.

Currently, he had a Level Two Fairy Realm cultivation, which meant that the odds of success for the Yuan family were very slim with him here. In fact, it seemed like they had already lost the battle before it had even started!

Yuan Wanbi even relaxed more as she thought of this. But, when she looked around the giant martial arts plaza, which had a million people in it, she got nervous all over again. However, when she glimpsed the aged back of the old man in front of her, a boundless courage welled up in her heart.

Grandpa Su, I will surely save you from them! Yuan Yingying swore inwardly.

As Su Yu stood in front of her, his eyes were closed. He was pondering the strange event from the day before.

As he opened his eyes, he looked at the burn mark on his palm, which still hadn't disappeared, even though a whole night had already passed. In fact, it caused him greater pain now than it had before.

At the moment, a fine and tiny fire could be seen, slowly spreading throughout his palm. The pain, as well as a feeling of dread and foreboding, was also becoming more intense. He felt as if a giant menacing shadow was engulfing him quietly, which made him wonder...

What is the purple object that Jingyu spoke about?

The only purple objects that Su Yu knew of now were the Fourth Grade Fairy Expansion Pill and his left eye's pupil, which possessed time power. As he thought of these two objects, he wondered... Is it related to one of them?

Su Yu shook his head, choosing to deny this possibility. After all, if such a crisis could be solved so easily, Jingyu wouldn't have warned him. Moreover, the purple object was so powerful that even she couldn't foresee its true appearance.

"I must quickly nurse my body back to health and try to advance into the Fairy Realm after the meet, as I will have to leave quickly afterwards," Su Yu said in a deep voice. He was clearly feeling the pressure.

The meet finally began, and all of the hundred and eight factions' families' representatives stepped forward. Each family was only allowed to send ten people.

Su Yu was obviously only paying attention to just Yuan Yingying as she fought ten battles consecutively, taking the victory in each of them. She was indeed one of the black horses among the participants!

The other contender Su Yu was slightly paying attention to was Zhao Yin. He was a Level Two Fairy, which meant that he was way above the others in terms of strength and talent. There wasn't even a single contender that was at the same realm as him, so it could be said that his victory was almost assured.

The battle rounds continued until late into the evening, and it was only then that the last section was held. Most of this bitter competition's participants had been eliminated by this point, having lost all hope of joining the Soul Seizing Palace. Now, just a hundred people were left in the arena, nine of whom were Three Crystals Half Fairies, while only one was a Fairy.

The other factions' people began to feel better as they looked at such a strange competition. With such a peerless genius youth like Zhao Yin here, the Yuan family would surely share the same fate as them.

Their sole consolation at the moment was that the top ten experts could still be evaluated by a Soul Seizing Palace's elder, and if that elder found that they had an exceptional gift, the elder would make an exception and accept them. It wasn't like a similar situation had never happened before. Thus, even though they were aware of Zhao Yin's power, many families still took part in the battle, fighting for the opportunity to reach the top ten.

The gambles that the Elixir Production Alliance and the Yuan family were taking were up in the air at present. It was yet to be determined just who would have the last laugh in the end. After all, even if the Yuan family's prowess wasn't on par with the Elixir Production Alliance's, they would still come out on top if they managed to get a Soul Seizing Palace's quota in the end.

At the moment, the Yuan Family's Master was observing the finale battle. This round's fights were far more fierce than the tests from the day before. Even Yuan Wanbi, who was the number one

contender in the Yuan family, still felt pressured in the Blue Mountain Meet, as it wasn't easy for her to defeat the other opponents, even those at the same realm as her.

On the other hand, the second miss, Yuan Yingying, who was ranked second in the Yuan family, had unexpectedly managed to defeat three people easily, all of whom were at the same realm. In fact, many of her opponents would retreat in defeat before they even gave her a chance to attack.

This shocked many people, and even Yuan Wanbi was amazed and confused by her success. This made Yuan Wanbi wonder whether her father was biased and giving her younger sister treasures in secret.

"The semi-finale will pit Yuan Wanbi against Yuan Yingying," the announcer exclaimed.

The audience instantly became more spirited, as they had been looking forward at such a battle for quite some time. Everyone started commenting at once...

"The Blue Mountain Range's most beautiful woman... Against her younger sister? This will surely be interesting! I can't believe that I get to witness a fight between these sisters!"

"What's baffling is that I remember that Yuan Yingying's power used to be quite average. So, how did she manage to reach such a level?"

The only people, who were unaffected by the shock of the situation were the Yuan family members, as they had all witnessed Yuan Yingying's power during the family's test. Hence, they weren't baffled by the fact that she had reached such a stage.

The judge on the stage announced the start of the battle, but the sisters didn't start fighting immediately. Instead, Yuan Wanbi examined her younger sister for a moment, then said, "It really seems to me that you have been reborn. In the past, you were so obedient and mediocre, yet now you are standing before me at the Blue Mountain Meet, waiting to fight. You really have changed."

She then added, "However, it doesn't matter how much you change. Just like I said yesterday, you weren't as good as me in the past, and so it shall be in the future. Just accept your fate, as the Yuan family already has me. You are just an illegitimate child, who was born on the outside!"

Yuan Wanbi didn't even attempt to hide her hatred for her sister as she stated what she had kept hidden in her heart for a long time. However, she still made sure to lower her voice to be sure that no one overheard her saying such cruel words to Yuan Yingying.

In the face of her sister's mean comments, Yuan Yingying remained calm as she pursed her lips and smiled. She then replied, "Big sister, you are still looking at me in the same way as before. But, it doesn't matter, as you are my elder sister, and I will always respect you."

Yuan Wanbi snorted. "I don't need your respect! Regardless, let's not waste our breaths talking about this any longer. Will you admit defeat on your own accord, or do you need me to beat you mercilessly first?"

Yuan Yingying then said, "Even if I had gotten the Soul Seizing Palace's quota, I would still have left it for you. But now, I must defeat you for the sake of a person." After Yuan Yingying said this, she unsheathed her sword.

“You overestimate your capabilities, and your comprehension of your cultivation method is vastly inferior to mine.” Although Yuan Wanbi wasn’t confident about fighting Zhao Yin, she was still sure that she could easily take down her younger sister.

Yuan Yingying revealed a faint smile as she charged forward with her sword.

Clang!

The buzzing sound of swords clashing echoed as the two swords’ rays flickered and intertwined with each other for an instant. Then, the two people separated from each other in the blink of an eye.

Yuan Yingying fell back several steps, and once she reached the edge of the arena, she looked down to see that blood was dripping down from her fingers. As for Yuan Wanbi, she landed gracefully.

Then, with a face full of mockery, she asked, “Didn’t I say that you are overestimating your capabilities?”

Yuan Wanbi’s body suddenly shook in the next moment as a stab of pain transmitted from her head. “What’s going on? What did you just do to me?” Yuan Wanbi asked in surprise.

Yuan Yingying waved her sword and said calmly, “I didn’t do anything.”

Su Yu nodded when he witnessed this scene. He was pleased to see that Yuan Yingying was unexpectedly capable of merging a wisp of White-Eyed Fire Glass Frog’s soul flame with her sword, which would cause anyone who fought close to her to end up being burned by a faint soul flame. Even though this wasn’t deadly, it would still prevent people from being able to display their full power and potential.

Su Yu knew that he hadn’t taught her such a trick. Hence, she surmised that she must have come up with it all by herself. This lassie really was a great talent!

“Poison? Fine. Let’s go again!” Yuan Wanbi activated her Vital Energy Barrier, hoping to use it to keep the poison that had just been released by her opponent at bay.

However, when they exchanged moves again, Yuan Wanbi’s was sent flying by her opponent’s sword energy. When she landed, her head throbbed in pain.

“Big sister, admit your defeat. I don’t want to harm you.” As a swooshing sound echoed, the tip of Yuan Yingying’s blade touched Yuan Wanbi’s forehead.

Yuan Wanbi raised her head and looked at her younger sister. She still had the same lovely and delicate face as before, but her gaze had changed. As Yuan Wanbi stared at her, she found her gaze quite strange.

“I refuse to lose to you!” Yuan Wanbi snorted angrily, then turned around and tried to pull away from her.

However, every move she made caused an intense pain to transmit up from her waist. Then, Yuan Yingying kicked her, sending her flying off the stage!

It was at that moment that Yuan Wanbi knew that if they were in a true battle to the death, she would have already been killed by her sister. The crowd also seemed to know this, as many people shook their heads.

Chapter 754: Genius Girl

All of the Yuan family members present were greatly shocked by Yuan Yingying's behavior. She seemed quite strange to them, as not only was she powerful, but she had even dared to attack her sister!

They remembered that, in the past, Yuan Yingying was always following behind Yuan Wanbi's, and they recalled that she was quite timid, never even daring to speak loudly to her, let alone attack her! The Yuan Family's Master was also shocked. In his eyes, however, his daughter had changed for the better.

Yuan Yingying's gaze was calm and indifferent as she looked at the resentful Yuan Wanbi. She then said, "Big sister, you are too weak."

After defeating her elder sister, Yuan Yingying felt like a huge weight had been lifted from her shoulders. The power that her sister had once had over her had diminished. Now, when she looked at her sister, all she saw was the image of a pitiful sore loser.

Feeling lighter than ever, Yuan Yingying descended from the stage and revealed a radiant smile as she stood beside Su Yu. At that moment, the audience was cheering loudly and whispering amongst themselves...

"I really didn't expect that the Yuan family would have such a talented girl! It turns out that their true expert is unexpectedly the Second Miss!"

"Hehe, she was just a pitiful child, but it seems like her hard times have finally come to an end."

The Yuan family's elders had mixed feelings about this, and they began looking at Yuan Yingying in a different light. Zhao Yin was also surprised by Yuan Yingying, and he had to wonder... When did this girl become this powerful?

As he looked at her now, he felt like marrying her wouldn't really be that bad, as although she wasn't pretty, she was naive, which would make her easy for him to control.

"Yingying, you did well, but in the next round, I won't go so easy on you." Zhao Yin came over and tried to pat her shoulder, but Yuan Yingying retreated quietly and evaded his touch.

"Well... Are you dissatisfied with me? Hehe, after this competition ends, we can try to get to know each other better." Zhao Yin revealed a smile, which he assumed was quite amiable.

Yuan Yingying looked at him calmly, but spoke coldly, "You can go to get intimate with my sister. I won't stop you."

When he heard her words, Zhao Yin's expression revealed his shock... How does she know that I was secretly meeting with Yuan Wanbi?

It seemed like this simple and naive-looking girl was actually quite smart. He looked earnestly at her for a while before he said, “No matter what you feel right now, this won’t change our relationship, and before long, you will become my woman!”

After he finished speaking, he swaggered off. As she watched him leave, Yuan Yingying’s expression was still calm, but she was tightly clenching her fists out of anger and fear.

All of a sudden, a big and rough hand took her hand within it. It was Su Yu’s hand. “Don’t worry. He isn’t good for you, and you won’t end up marrying him.”

Su Yu was determined that, before he left, he would surely get rid of this Zhao Yin to save Yuan Yingying from many troubles in the future!

The next match was that of Zhao Yin against an opponent of the Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm. When this person faced Zhao Yin, whose face was filled with displeasure, he chose sensibly to concede immediately.

“The last battle will match Zhao Yin against Yuan Yingying. You may now start competing!” Just as the announcement was heard, the two of them quickly flew to the stage.

“As it’s already so impressive that Yuan Yingying has managed to reach such a high-profile match, regardless of whether she wins or loses, we must treat her with the proper respect that she deserves from now on.” The person who said such words was Pojun, who had always belittled Yuan Yingying in the past.

Now, he saw great potential in Yuan Yingying, potential which surpassed even Yuan Wanbi’s. As many elders agreed with him, they all nodded their heads.

At the moment, they were discussing the future’s matters, without caring much about the final battle. After all, in their eyes, they had no hope for their side winning this battle.

Hence, they were looking forward to the Soul Seizing Palace’s elder examination. After all, with Yuan Yingying’s sudden promising performance, she might actually catch his eye.

As for the people from the Elixir Production Alliance, they observed the battle nervously, while occasionally looking at Su Yu with gazes that were filled with excitement. It seemed like Su Yu detected their gazes, as he looked back at them meaningfully.

“Yingying, just concede. You are my fiancée, and I don’t want to harm you,” Zhao Yin spoke to her in a proud and grand fashion.

Yuan Yingying’s expression remained calm. “No, let’s fight. I must beat you for Uncle Su.”

For him? Zhao Yin was seething inwardly.

“Haha, since you asked for it...” Zhao Yin chuckled calmly as he swiftly attacked.

However, Yuan Yingying just turned around and walked towards the edge of the stage. Her actions bewildered the audience... Is she wanting to concede?

Zhao Yin was also bewildered. “Yingying, do you want to concede now?”

Yuan Yingying replied, “No. It’s just that the fight has already come to an end!”

Before the audience understood what she meant, Zhao Yin’s expression changed gravely, while his face suddenly became flushed and his eyes rolled around in his head. Then, he promptly fainted!

The judge was startled, and after he came over to him and verified that he had really fainted, the judge announced, “Yuan Yingying has won the fight!”

The audience went into an uproar, when his words echoed out.

“What? The Yuan family won? How did she win? And... Why did Zhao Yin suddenly collapse?”

“Did he let her win deliberately? He really played that last part skillfully, if so.”

“Hehe, that’s probably really the case, as the Elixir Production Alliance is really generous. Could it be that all of this was done as some sort of betrothal gift?”

It was really only the people from the Yuan family and the Elixir Production Alliance who were truly shocked. The Yuan family was sure that it was impossible that Zhao Yin had let her win deliberately, as once he lost, the Elixir Production Alliance would lose a whole market.

The only possibility that remained was that Yuan Yingying had used some powerful technique to defeat Zhao Yin, whose cultivation was much higher than hers.

Swoosh!

At that moment, Zhao Yin’s father, the Elixir Production Alliance’s yellow-robed scholar, suddenly flew to the stage and inspected his son’s injuries.

Swoosh!

Then, the red-nosed middle-aged man also flew to his side and inspected him.

This scene made the audience calm down, as it didn’t seem like they were faking it, and it was obvious from their stunned expressions that they didn’t have any idea about all of this. Thus, the only explanation for was that Zhao Yin had really lost!

“He was knocked down by Yuan Yingying before he even had a chance to do anything! What the heck? What’s wrong with this world?” someone, whose face was filled with disbelief, asked.

All of the people present started wagging their tongues and discussing it for quite some time.

The yellow-robed scholar, whose expression was gloomy, turned his head around and glared viciously at Yuan Yingying as he berated her, “Speak! What did you do to my son?”

Yuan Yingying’s whole body shivered, as her internal organs were shaken because of the wave of pressure he had just sent at her.

A cold snorting sound was heard from the Yuan family’s side at this moment, and all of the Yuan family’s people came over and stood in a confrontational manner before the people of the Elixir Production Alliance.

“Zhao Yinghao, grow up! Even if you can’t afford to lose, why do you still need to attack a junior? Do you still care about your reputation or not?” The Yuan Family’s Master’s face was filled with anger.

Zhao Yinghao replied angrily, “Anyone with a discerning eye can see that something is fishy about all of this! So, you speak! What kind of shameless method did your daughter just use? I don’t believe that a Three Crystal Half Fairy Realm woman could defeat a Level Two Fairy without resorting to some shady tricks.”

The Yuan Family’s Master didn’t know how to explain it, as he was also incapable of understanding how Yuan Yingying had managed to defeat him. It was indeed an odd victory.

“It’s a soul secret technique that my teacher, Uncle Zhao, taught me. If you don’t believe it, then you can try it yourself.” Yuan Yingying looked coldly at Zhao Yinghao.

Her teacher? Immediately, the Yuan family members suddenly understood everything.

“Your teacher? Ha! Do I look like a three-year-old child, who could be deceived by such words?” Zhao Yinghao was so infuriated that he laughed.

“Zhao Yinghao, there is a matter that we have kept secret until now. An Almighty Divine Master has taken our family’s Yuan Yingying as his disciple, and he taught her some powerful techniques. If you don’t believe it, then we will just let her use them on you, so that you can be assured...” the Yuan Family’s Master offered.

He then added, “Also, as a matter of course, if anyone here is doubtful, they can also do the same, then determine that she won this battle justly, without cheating.”

As everyone nodded, many experts, who didn’t belong to those two factions, came over.

“Yingying, are you ready?” the Yuan Family’s Master asked her.

Yuan Yingying nodded. “Anyone in the early stage of the Fairy Realm or lower mustn’t test this power, as it may endanger their life. As for middle-stage Fairies, they should also properly prepare themselves for sustaining injuries. Don’t say that I didn’t warn you!”

“You are just talking nonsense now, just go ahead and use it,” Zhao Yinghao said.

Yuan Yingying looked at him as she asked calmly, “Are you ready?”

Zhao Yinghao took a deep breath and engulfed his body with his Vital Energy. He then nodded and replied, “I’m already ready. Go ahead and start...”

“Well, I already used it! Didn’t you detect it?” Yuan Yingying chuckled.

“What? You...” Zhao Yinghao was angered by her, and just when he was about to berate her, a sharp, scalding pain suddenly transmitted from the deepest part of his soul.

“Ah!” A miserable scream resounded throughout the martial arts plaza as Zhao Yinghao’s face became deathly pale. His expression became quite hideous, as if he was enduring intense pain.

The pained Zhao Yinghao seemed like a demonic beast that had gone mad, and he bombarded his surroundings, shattering a large part of the arena and scaring away many martial artists. Finally, the Yuan Family’s Master and the others joined forces to bring him under control, but even after that, he still continued screaming for quite some time.

In the end, Zhao Yinghao seemed like he had been stripped of all of his power, and as he gasped for breath, fear and pain were still apparent on his face.

“Uncles, does anyone else want to see for themselves?” Yuan Yingying revealed a seemingly innocent smile as she looked at all of the people who come here to test her powers.

“Wait... There is no need... I believe you.” A martial artist, who didn’t believe her a moment ago, quickly waved his hand and he flew away.

The faces of the other people were now filled with fright, and they also quickly distanced themselves from Yuan Yingying, as if she was a malevolent ghost.

Seeing this, the Yuan Family’s Master was greatly delighted, and his nervous heart finally calmed down. He couldn’t help but hug his lovely daughter tightly as he looked at her. She had brought their family many nice surprises, including the Soul Seizing Palace’s quota and that new market!

“Yingying, you did well, so after we return home tonight, we will hold a dinner to honor you.” Pojun smiled as he congratulated her.

This day was a day of exultation for the Yuan family. Yesterday, the Yuan Family’s Master had just announced the appearance of another intermediate alchemist, and today, such a super genius as Yuan Yingying had appeared.

They really had reaped great rewards! As such, if they didn’t hold a great celebration, they would really be unworthy of this great fortune.

Yuan Yingying was also delighted, and she couldn’t help but look at Su Yu out of the corners of her eyes. She knew that everything she had was because of him. At this moment, Yuan Yingying couldn’t help but love and respect him, as she was so grateful to him.

The Yuan Family’s Master then turned to look at Zhao Yinghao, who had already recovered slightly from fainting earlier. He then asked, “Well... Shouldn’t you honor our deal?”

Chapter 755: Scared Witless

Zhao Yinghao sneered as he asked, “Isn’t it too early to get excited? Don’t forget that the Soul Seizing Palace’s elder still hasn’t tested the top ten!”

His words caused all of the Yuan family members to stiffen. They had let the excitement go to their heads, so they had almost forgotten this matter.

“Welcome Elder Liao.” Zhao Yinghao shouted loudly as he and the red-nosed middle-aged man went over to an area behind the martial arts plaza.

Surprise appeared on the Yuan Family’s Master’s face, and he immediately stepped forward, knelt down on one knee, and welcomed him respectfully.

The expression of Pojun, who wasn’t on the stage, became grave as he exclaimed, “This is awful! This matter is not at all reassuring, as Elder Liao has a private relationship with the Elixir Production Alliance, and even though it won’t affect the fairness of this competition, he still has the final say in the assessment.”

He then shook his head and added, “If he feels like Zhao Yin’s talent is outstanding, none of us will win. Then, we won’t get the market, and the outer party won’t get the old man.”

The facial expressions of the Yuan family members who were cheering just a moment ago became gloomy, and most of their previous delight completely disappeared. Su Yu’s gaze also became slightly grave as he thought to himself... Elder Liao? Could it really be a coincidence?

At that moment, a demonic cloud descended from the sky. A wizened old man, who was wearing a black robe, walked out of the cloud. It was Elder Liao, and he wore a faint smile as he gazed at the crowd.

“Greetings, Soul Seizing Palace’s elder,” all of the martial artists greeted him respectfully, and it seemed like Elder Liao enjoyed seeing such a sight.

When his gaze fell on the arena, and he saw the unconscious Zhao Yin and the pale Zhao Yinghao within it, he raised his brows and understood instantly what had happened here.

This is strange! Did the Elixir Production Alliance lose? Did even Zhao Yin lose? Did a powerful person appear in the Yuan family? Elder Liao wondered all of these things as he surveyed the scene before him.

He then looked at all of the Yuan family members, and while he was carefully observing them, he noticed a white-haired old man. Elder Liao’s pupils instantly contracted, while a look of intense greed burned across them. It was as if he had just seen countless crystals before him.

As Su Yu was wearing a bamboo hat when they last met, Elder Liao didn’t know that Su Yu was no longer youthful looking, but now resembled an old man. As he looked at Su Yu and his aged appearance, he almost couldn’t bear to attack and capture him now.

However, Su Yu suddenly met his gaze. Su Yu was calm, composed, and seemed to possess a peerless confidence. A voice then transmitted to Elder Liao’s ears, asking, “I am quite good looking, right?”

Elder Liao, who was sizing Su Yu up at that moment, shivered in fright when he heard the mysterious voice. As fear welled up in his heart, he asked, “Master... I mean... Young master... It’s you? Where are you?”

Su Yu was using the Soul Imprint to communicate with him at the moment, and Su Yu calmly replied, “You know where I am! Aren’t you looking at me now?”

Huh? I’m looking at you? Elder Liao’s whole body shivered, and when he looked at Su Yu again, he found the latter wearing a faint smile and gazing directly into his eyes.

“Master? Is it really you?” Elder Liao stared at Su Yu in disbelief, but finally realized that this was indeed the truth as he gazed into Su Yu’s familiar eyes.

Su Yu replied calmly, “Yes. A problem appeared in my body, which caused this aged appearance.”

Having confirmed that it was indeed Su Yu, Elder Liao wanted to knock his head against a wall and kill himself. He wore an unsightly expression as he asked, “Young master, why didn’t you inform me of this earlier? I was almost scared to death!”

He assumed that he had found the Central Prefecture’s most wanted criminal and was about to get millions of crystals as a reward. He never would have expected that what he found was a source of disaster!

When he was just about to explain all of this through their soul communication, he suddenly heard Zhao Yinghao ask him in an odd tone, “Elder Liao, are you okay?”

Elder Liao’s whole body suddenly twitched, as if he had just suffered an epileptic fit. Seeing this, Zhao Yinghao was baffled.

Su Yu furrowed his brows, “Don’t mind him, you should first settle this matter.”

Elder Liao felt relieved from a great burden, and he turned to look at Su Yu and the Yuan family’s position, then said, “The top ten should step forward, so that I may test them one at a time.”

The hearts of the Yuan family members sank, as they knew that this public test would be just used to seek personal benefits for them. If the Yuan Family’s Master wasn’t afraid of the other party’s status, he would surely argue with him now. However, the family members had to wonder... Would the Soul Seizing Palace’s elder even bother to argue with him now?

After hearing Elder Liao’s command, the participants went back to the arena and lined up according to their rankings. Elder Liao started from the participant who was ranked tenth.

It seemed like Elder Liao’s sharp gaze could see through everything as he stated to the participant, “You are unqualified.”

After a second person came over, he shook his head calmly, also stating his qualifications to be inadequate. Such was also the case for the third participant, the fourth participant, and so on.

The contenders weren’t being chosen like they had been in the past. Instead, in this meet, a person’s martial strength was comprehensive of all his aspects and talents.

This same pattern continued on until the eighth contender, Yuan Wanbi was up. She was presently ranked third.

Her heart throbbed intensely, but she forced herself to keep calm. As she had a beautiful posture, she hoped that her appearance would increase her odds of succeeding and being approved.

When Elder Liao came over to her, he hesitated slightly. He wondered to himself... This woman is from the Yuan family. So... Should I help her?

After he mulled it over, he decided that it would be inappropriate. After all, if his master wanted him to help her, he would have told him so. Elder Liao’s obvious pause left all of the people on the edge of his seats.

They were all wondering what he would say next. Yuan Wanbi's heart felt like it was about to explode out of her chest, as she was waiting to hear his verdict as well.

"You are unqualified," Elder Liao announced bluntly. His face was expressionless as he passed by Yuan Wanbi calmly, leaving her with a frozen and stiff smile on her face.

The next contender was Zhao Yin. The Yuan Family's Master sighed, while resigning himself to whatever outcome may arise.

Zhao Yin had an impressive talent for cultivation. As such, it was impossible for even Elder Liao to overlook such a talented youth. Thus, it would be reasonable for him to be chosen.

Zhao Yinghao heaved a sigh of relief as he thought about Zhao Yun. It was fortunate that Zhao Yin had worked hard in his martial path cultivation and had not disgraced him. This meant that they could still regain their dignity, and even though they hadn't managed to get the old man, they had still managed to keep the market.

If they had lost the market, the Elixir Production Alliance would have sustained immeasurable losses. In fact, its very foundation might have been shaken!

All of the people here were having the exact same thoughts at the moment. Then, what happened next utterly shocked them all. As they looked on, they saw Elder Liao completely ignore the unconscious Zhao Yin, who was lying on the ground. Instead, he went straight to Yuan Yingying, who was standing in the first position spot.

He smiled as he praised her, "Not bad for a young girl. You were able to defeat a Level Two Fairy with just a Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm cultivation. Usually, only the Soul Seizing Palace's most famous disciples could achieve such a thing! You have won my admiration, and if you continue working hard in the Soul Seizing Palace and manage to advance into the Fairy Realm, I will give my inner sanctum's entry recommendation quota to you."

Everyone was shocked by this. He hadn't just ignored Zhao Yin, but he had unexpectedly praised Yuan Yingying! However, what really shocked the crowd was that Elder Liao wanted to recommend her to enter the inner sanctum! Such a thing was unheard of within the rest of the Blue Mountain Range's factions!

It was rumored that once a disciple was able to join the inner sanctum, he would surely achieve a meteoric success, and his cultivation would reach at least the Divine Master Realm. Then, even if he was mediocre, he would still reach the late stage of the Fairy Realm with ease!

All of the people who achieved such a feat were considered dragons among men. Moreover, the Soul Seizing Palace outer sanctum's elders had just a single recommendation quota, and they would often leave it to their unofficial disciple instead of gifting it to outsiders.

Even the Elixir Production Alliance didn't get to enjoy such privileged treatment. So, needless to say, all of the people were understandably shocked. They couldn't help but wonder... Did the Soul Seizing Palace's Elder Liao run into a ghost today?

After all, his close, personal relationship with the Elixir Production Alliance wasn't a secret, yet he still ignored Zhao Yin on this day. Not only that, but he also bestowed great favor upon the Yuan family! Some of the people felt like they had been transported to an alternate universe as they secretly wondered... Did the sun rise from the west today?

It wasn't just the audience that was shocked, as even the Yuan Family's Master and many elders were dumbstruck. This matter had developed quickly and had caught all of them by surprise.

At that moment, the Yuan Family's Master widened his eyes. He was honestly beginning to suspect that Elder Liao had forgotten to take his medication before leaving home!

Zhao Yinghao was also stunned, and he couldn't help but wonder... What is Elder Liao doing?

Yuan Wanbi was also perplexed by his behavior. She wondered to herself... Will my younger sister join the inner sanctum and experience a meteoric rise in power and status?

After all, even the Shangguan family wasn't really on par with the Soul Seizing Palace's inner sanctum. Yuan Wanbi felt like she had just witnessed her younger sister unfolding her wings and flying into the sky, while Yuan Wanbi herself remained standing on the ground, like a mere mortal, forced to look up to her.

What her younger sister had said would happen really had occurred. It certainly seemed that she would have to look up to her younger sister one day in the near future, begging her to recognize her as her elder sister.

Yuan Yingying's reaction was quite calm and composed. She had already received many nice surprises recently, which made her feel quite satisfied, even serene.

"Elder Liao, many thanks for choosing me. I will surely not forget this," Yuan Yingying said as she saluted him.

Elder Liao only chuckled in reply, but inwardly, he was thinking... Young master, my performance was acceptable, and I have clearly honored the Yuan family members enough by now.

However, someone here still didn't want to give up peacefully, and it was at this moment that he spoke up and said, "Elder Liao, you still haven't tested my son, Zhao Yin!" The speaker was Zhao Yinghao, and he was reminding him in almost a chiding manner.

Elder Liao's expression stiffened, as he was angered by his tone and boldness. Elder Liao seethed with anger in his heart and wondered... Why is this guy being such a jerk? Can't he tell that I'm trying to put on a good face?

Elder Liao hardened his heart towards him and spoke asked a deep voice, "Which one is Zhao Yin? Is he the same trash that I have been hearing about... Who was knocked down by someone whose cultivation was lower than his? My Soul Seizing Palace wouldn't dare accept such a youth!"

His words baffled all of the people present, and they couldn't help but wonder if the Yuan family offered him benefits to convince him to change sides. It was only now that Zhao Yinghao realized that Elder Liao was really on the Yuan family's side.

He wanted to go settle the score with him right then and there, but as Elder Liao turned to face him, with his back to the audience, Zhao Yinghao noticed that Elder Liao had his seemed to shoot him a stealthy, meaningful look. It almost seemed as if he was afraid of something.

This startled Zhao Yinghao, who gave up his plan to confront him on the spot. At the same time, his mood instantly improved. After all, judging by the strange look that he had given him just now, it appeared that Elder Liao didn't really switch to the Yuan family's side.

There must be some explanation for his behavior. Zhao Yinghao breathed a sigh of relief and promised himself that he would get the exact details from Elder Liao later.

The Yuan Family's Master wore a faint smile as he asked, "Zhao Yinghao, since it has ended like this, shouldn't you honor our agreement?"

Zhao Yinghao felt humiliated by his words, and hatred welled up in his heart. If they lost such an important market to the Yuan family, they would become more powerful. Then, it would be quite difficult to keep them in check later on.

However, as Elder Liao was clearly being threatened by someone at the moment, Zhao Yinghao knew that he was incapable of helping him. Hence, he realized that he was powerless about the current situation and could only bear it.

"I always keep my word and honor my commitments, so take it. Here is the deed to the market." Zhao Yinghao threw the deed at him.

The Yuan Family's Master wore a smile as he accepted it. At the moment, he felt joyful and carefree. They had finally turned the tables after being suppressed for half a century!

"Let's leave!" The infuriated Zhao Yinghao grabbed Zhao Yin by the collar and left.

As he passed by them, he took a deep look at Yuan Yingying and Su Yu. One of them was the Yuan family's peerless genius, while the other one was the Central Prefecture's most wanted criminal. He determined right then and there that he must kill both of them, no matter the cost!

Chapter 756: Dropping in to Collect Debts

The Yuan Family's Master, who noticed Zhao Yinghao's gaze, brought Yuan Yingying off the stage as he instructed, "From today onward, Yingying will move to the courtyard beside me. Elders, please protect Yingying properly, as Zhao Yinghao won't give up. He would surely use some extreme measures to try to kill her."

After all, it would be too baffling if the Elixir Production Alliance actually kept the peace after such a great victory for the Yuan family. They would surely not try to take back their market, as they had handed it over in public. Hence, the only person in real danger was Yuan Yingying.

"We should quickly recruit some experts. Otherwise, it would be impossible for us to protect the Second Miss if the Elixir Production Alliance brought a great number of experts to fight us," Pojun said.

He knew that the Elixir Production Alliance had great influence and power. As such, it would be impossible for the Yuan family to depend on its power alone to confront it. Only expert recruits could undertake such measures.

"Then, immediately start recruiting them, and don't spare any price! Regardless if it via elixirs or crystals, recruit all of the experts in the city to protect Yuan Yingying until we escort her safely into the Soul Seizing Palace." The Yuan Family's Master was always bold and resolute.

Even if he didn't love his daughter dearly, just the mere fact that she was now an Outer Sanctum disciple of the Soul Seizing Palace was enough for him to sacrifice even half of the Yuan family in

order to protect her. At this moment, the whole Yuan family was united in complete agreement in this matter.

Once the Second Miss entered the Soul Seizing Palace, she would surely end up becoming a great expert, and in the future, it would be possible for the Yuan family to rule a great territory with her help. Thinking about this, many people couldn't help but sigh.

As they looked at Yuan Yingying, they were baffled that, in just a mere month, she had gone from an unnoticeable ugly duckling to the Blue Mountain Range's genius girl. Her great change made all of them feel like they were living in a dream. On the other hand, the Yuan family still believed that her change was solely due to the training of her far-sighted Divine Master senior.

Yuan Yingying, even though she had just been subjected to the whole world's attention, was quite calm and serene at this moment. As she glanced behind her, hoping to see Su Yu, she realized that he had already disappeared. He was now standing before the Elixir Production Alliance's splendid gate, his eyes flickering with a cold glint.

Why did Zhao Yin want me? And... Why... From that time onward... have I always had a restless feeling in my heart? As these questions continued to run through Su Yu's mind, he decided that he needed an explanation for all of this!

However, at this moment, a beautiful woman came up to him. She had a tall stature and a beautiful face, as well as eyes that were as clear as ice. Just with a single look, anyone could judge that she was an exceptionally attractive woman.

"Eldest Miss, what do you want?" Su Yu asked.

Yuan Wanbi replied, "I want to talk to you, but let's go somewhere else."

Su Yu furrowed his brows and felt hesitant, but he still followed behind her. When they had come to a secluded dark alley, Yuan Wanbi turned to him and asked, "Senior, I know that it was you who helped my sister, right?"

Su Yu didn't acknowledge it or deny it, but only remained silent.

Seeing that he would not answer her, she continued speaking, "My sister's changes started from the moment we ran into you. At first, I assumed that it was because an Almighty Divine Master was helping her in secret, but after thinking about it more carefully, I realized that the Divine Master appeared just after you appeared."

She looked at him with narrowed eyes. "I don't believe that it was just a coincidence, as before you were here, my sister was mediocre and inferior to me in every way. But, my question now is... How could an Almighty Divine Master's senior suddenly appear out of nowhere and become so fond of her and help her in such a way?"

She shook her head, clearly frustrated. "I knew that this matter surely had another explanation for it, and it was only after observing my sister's performance today that I finally understood that the person who helped her change wasn't some Almighty Divine Master. It was you, as she never mentioned her Almighty Divine Master teacher... She only mentioned you, her Uncle Su Yu!"

She then peered at him with a gaze that seemed to see right through him as she asked, "So, there isn't any Almighty Divine teacher, and you helped my sister, right?"

Since she already clearly had found him out, Su Yu didn't continue to conceal anything. "Yes, but so what? Did you come here just to inform me of this, or to kill me and vent your anger?"

Delight appeared on Yuan Wanbi's face. It was obvious that she had expected such a reply.

"No. But... You are extremely powerful, aren't you? After all, you could even control Elder Liao. As far as I know, Elder Liao had a high position in the Soul Seizing Palace, and even Divine Masters might not be capable of blackmailing him, but you somehow managed to do it. So, how could I dare try to harm you?" she asked.

Su Yu furrowed his brows. "Then, why did you look for me?"

Yuan Wanbi suddenly smiled sweetly and came close to Su Yu. Then, while her sweet fragrance assaulted his nostrils, she extended her finger and gently passed it across his chest. Her finger's warmth, as well as its movements, had an enticing charm.

She wore a charming look as she let out a slow breath, then said, "Since you can make my mediocre sister a peerless genius, then you can surely make me even more outstanding than her. After all, I'm better than my sister at anything, and I'm also more obedient than her, so I will obey all of your orders."

As she spoke, her soft body embraced Su Yu, while her ample chest was pressed against him. Su Yu curled up the corners of his mouth and revealed a mocking smile. "Eldest Miss, are you even willing to offer your body to an old man like me?"

"This body is just a pile of bones and skin, so I don't mind it. Senior, please help me." Yuan Wanbi put her snow-white arms around his neck, while her rosy lips gradually puckered up in order to kiss him.

However, at that moment, a vigorous Vital Energy suddenly surged out of Su Yu's body and shook her off. Su Yu's ice-cold eyes were filled with disdain as he said, "It's only by respecting yourself that you gain others' respect! I'm sorry, but I won't help you."

After he spoke, he turned around and left. As she watched him leave, Yuan Wanbi's face became flushed.

She felt both aggrieved and embarrassed, but she was still unwilling to accept such an outcome, so she shouted after him, "What's so good about my sister? Why are you helping her, but not me?"

Su Yu calmly replied, without turning back, "She's inferior to you in many aspects, but she's good hearted and kind, which are two things that you could never rival."

Su Yu did not wait for her to reply before he disappeared among the dark alleyways.

At that moment, hatred appeared in Yuan Wanbi's eyes, and even though Su Yu had already left, she still screamed at the top of her lungs, "I swear that I will surely not let you off! It's because of you that I was humiliated and shamed. It's all because of you! I will surely pay you back for today's humiliation!"

In the Elixir Production Alliance.

Zhao Yinghao, whose expression was gloomy, sat before his son's bed and spoke in a deep voice. "Did you finish assembling the men?"

An ominous glow flickered in the eyes of the red-nosed middle-aged man, who sat opposite to him. “Yes. We have fifty Fairies, five hundred Three Crystals Half Fairies, and you and me. Let’s attack them after nightfall.”

“Then, what’s the Yuan family doing now? It would be impossible for them to not notice that we mobilized such a great number of people, right?” Zhao Yinghao asked.

The red-nosed middle-aged man chuckled sinisterly. “They started spending a large sum of money to recruit the Blue Mountain Range’s experts just after they left the martial arts stage, and I even especially sent several spy Fairies to join their camp, so they will surely give them a nice surprise when the time comes.”

Zhao Yinghao’s expression was gloomy and flames of anger were raging in his eyes. “After causing my Zhao family to suffer such heavy losses, how can they stay safe and sound, not sacrificing anything? Although it would be difficult for the experts we gathered to destroy the Yuan family in a short time, they can still kill that little girl!”

The red-nosed middle-aged man started hesitating when he heard this. “Shouldn’t we inform Elder Liao of this first? His opinion about this matter is still unknown.”

Zhao Yinghao shook his head. “No. Elder Liao has his own troubles. Besides, if we just kill her quietly ourselves, then he could give an explication to the person blackmailing him, saying that he wasn’t aware of anything. Hence, informing now would only place him in great danger.”

He then added, “Regardless, that little girl must die, as we mustn’t let someone with such a high talent live! If she was inferior to Zhao Yin, then even if she entered the Soul Seizing Palace, I could tolerate it, as in the future, she would be a part of our Zhao family and could then be controlled.”

He shook his head. “But, as she will surely soar higher in the future, which will bring great troubles upon us, we can only give up on her and try to find another wife for Zhao Yin.”

At this moment, Zhao Yin suddenly woke up and asked, “Father, where am I?”

Delight appeared on Zhao Yinghao’s face. “Yin’er, it’s good to see that you are okay!”

Zhao Yin, who was still quite muddle-headed, listened to his father as he told him all that happened. When he heard that he had lost his opportunity to become an Outer Sanctum disciple of the Soul Seizing Palace, he almost fainted once again. “That’s impossible! I worked so hard for more than ten years... Just for this one day! Was it all wasted, just like this?”

“Yin’er, don’t worry, as tonight, we will take revenge on the Yuan family, and we will kill that sl*t, Yuan Yingying, as it’s only because she injured you that you lost such a chance!” Zhao Yinghao said.

Zhao Yin also hated her, and as his hands held the bed sheet tightly, his gaze became ice-cold. “I want that sl*t to suffer a fate worse than death for destroying my future in the martial path. Father, let me come with you tonight, as I want to witness that sl*t’s death with my own eyes!”

Zhao Yinghao nodded.

Time slowly passed, and as the sun gradually reached the edge of the sky, its scarlet rays looked like blood. A guard suddenly came over to them before they set off. “Master, Elder Liao came here. He

wants the two of you to come and meet him, and he asked that you bring the young master with you.”

Delight appeared on Zhao Yinghao’s face. “Elder Liao has come back! Yin’er, let’s go to him, and as long as he recommends you, then you will still have a hope of entering the Soul Seizing Palace!”

Zhao Yin’s heart was full of expectation. “Okay, let’s go to meet Elder Liao before going to kill that sl*t!”

The three of them then went to the meeting hall. When Elder Liao had come to meet them in the past, he had always chosen this hall. As such, there was no need for him to inform them where he was, as they already knew.

As the heavy gate was opened, the three people’s expressions changed immediately. Every time Elder Liao had come in the past, he would sit in the highest seat, as if he was the owner of this place. But this time, he stood respectfully behind that seat.

In that highest seat, that strange old man was perched! He had an aged face and wore a simple yet elegant robe. His long white hair was properly combed, and he had an air of otherworldliness about him.

This old man was currently sipping tea, and his actions had a refined manner to them, similar to those of a great king.

Chapter 757: The Wanted Criminal

“It’s you!” Zhao Yin, Zhao Yinghao, and the red-nosed middle-aged man all cried out in alarm at the same time. They all couldn’t help but wonder..

Is this person the wanted criminal they were looking for? Why has he appeared in the Elixir Production Alliance’s main hall?

Moreover, why is Elder Liao standing respectfully behind him, like a servant?

The hearts of the three people thumped, while a guess, which they didn’t dare to believe, emerged in their minds...

Is this Yuan family’s old man the person who is coercing Elder Liao?

“Who are you?” Zhao Yinghao asked, his expression instantly becoming gloomy.

Su Yu looked down at him with his profound gaze, which was very intimidating. In fact, it scared all three of them.

As they looked at the current Su Yu, they felt like they were gazing at a great king. His aura was quite outstanding.

“I’m just an old man,” Su Yu replied.

He then looked at Elder Liao, who was behind him, and said, “They’re here now, so you should speak...”

Elder Liao bowed, then took a picture scroll from his pocket and passed it to Su Yu, saying, “Young master, please take a look at this.”

When Su Yu opened it, he was startled by what he saw. The picture scroll had a person's picture on it, but what made it so surprising was that the image depicted looked exactly like Su Yu! Moreover, several big and conspicuous words were written in the upper portion of the scroll...

Wanted criminal. Ten million crystals will be awarded to the person who manages to kill him.

"This is a wanted criminal's picture, which was sent to me by the Soul Seizing Palace five days ago. After I received it, I asked them to immediately start looking for him," Elder Liao said.

He then added, "Zhao Yin stated that he had once seen you, but since you were hiding under the protection of the Yuan family, he didn't want to alert their enemy by making any rash moves. Therefore, he proposed a challenge so that he could take you away openly before taking your life and bringing you back to the Soul Seizing Palace."

Elder Liao then shook his head, while he said with regret, "Young master, at that time, I didn't recognize you. Please forgive me."

Elder Liao really wanted to curse those people, and he couldn't help but wonder... Are the fools inside the palace trying to send me to my death?

Su Yu was instantly curious about this matter, as he remembered clearly that he had never once been to the Soul Seizing Palace.

"Is this the Central Prefecture's King's official arrest warrant?" Su Yu asked.

Elder Liao nodded, unsure of what else to say.

"But, I remember that the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands were hostile to the Central Prefecture, so why was the Central Prefecture's King's order of arrest posted in the Soul Seizing Palace?" Su Yu squinted his eyes as he asked.

Elder Liao swept his gaze over Zhao Yin and the other two as he replied in a low voice, "Our Soul Seizing Palace is situated on the edge of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' territory, and the Palace Master wanted us to curry favor with both sides."

This matter's significance was quite obvious. It meant that the Soul Seizing Palace was wavering between both sides, and ultimately, it would favor the side that could offer it more benefits.

"Then what's going on with this picture scroll? It clearly depicts my current state, but the Central Prefecture's King only saw my youthful appearance. Surely, he mustn't be aware of my current appearance," Su Yu said.

Elder Liao blushed with shame as he explained, "It was drawn by the Soul Seizing Palace's Master, he's gifted with an ancient technique, which can simulate what a person's appearance will look like dozens of years in the future. Hence, as long as he can get a good look at a picture from one's youth, he can easily simulate one's current appearance."

The Soul Seizing Palace's Master? Su Yu's gaze became fierce as he said, "He's really a devoted dog, having spent so much energy currying favor and doing the Central Prefecture's King's bidding!"

“How many of such orders have been posted?” Su Yu asked as his heart became heavy. It seemed like he might be obliged to change his appearance in the future.

Elder Liao shook his head, then answered, “Not many. Since the Soul Seizing Palace is still a part of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands and is affiliated with the Red Blood Palace, its people didn’t dare to help the Central Prefecture’s King look for you openly.”

He then added, “In fact, only a few members of the palace had a similar scroll with your current picture. Moreover, I’m the only outer sanctum’s elder aware of this matter, and the other people aware of it are only the Palace Master and the inner sanctum’s nine elders. As for the others, they remain unaware.”

Elder Liao then took a deep breath before saying, “We have been searching for you just in secret, and we didn’t dare inform the disciples, as once such news spread, our Soul Seizing Palace would be looked down upon, seen as the weak dog of the Central Prefecture. If that happened, the Red Blood Palace’s Master would surely be tempted to initiate a blood purge in our palace!”

According to his account, it seemed like no more than ten people in the Soul Seizing Palace were aware of this matter, and they didn’t dare to inform any disciples. After all, once such news was leaked, the dark fate that awaited them would be the Red Blood Palace’s blood purge!

The Red Blood Palace was one of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands’ two greatest factions. As such, they ruled all of the factions that were affiliated with them. The Soul Seizing Palace was affiliated to the Red Blood Palace, and since the latter was a demonic path’s faction, their means of dealing with them would not be merciful.

In light of the fact that so few arrest warrants had been issued thus far, it seemed like Su Yu could now set his mind slightly at ease. As long as he didn’t run into the Soul Seizing Palace’s inner sanctum’s elders, he didn’t appear to be in any imminent danger.

However, since he now knew that the Soul Seizing Palace’s Master was working for the Central Prefecture’s King and was responsible for this simulated picture, which had put him in a dangerous position, Su Yu would surely not forgive him.

This finally explained why Zhao Yin gave him an intense, uneasy feeling. It was because everything was already exposed and danger was right around the corner!

However, as long as Su Yu didn’t go near the Soul Seizing Palace, they wouldn’t be able to find him. Moreover, the only people aware of the arrest warrant in the entire Blue Mountain Range were those few people in front of him at the moment... Elder Liao, Zhao Yin and his father, the red-nosed middle-aged man and their personal guards.

At that moment, Elder Liao’s whole body quivered, while his face pale. He didn’t even dare to even breathe as he waited for Su Yu’s response.

“What do you think I should do now?” Su Yu asked calmly after he sipped a mouthful of tea.

Elder Liao clenched his jaw as he replied, “Kill them to prevent them from divulging this information!”

Su Yu replied calmly, "Since you knew that this is the course of action you want to take, why did you not already do so? Moreover, you must remember to not leave anyone besides you alive!"

His last words caused Elder Liao to heave a huge sigh of relief, as they revealed that his young master had decided to spare him. Horror appeared on the faces of Zhao Yinghao and the others. After all, the current situation was anything but reassuring!

"We must leave! Quickly! Elder Liao has defected, so we must notify the Soul Seizing Palace immediately!" Zhao Yinghao was terrified.

The old man, who had an air of otherworldliness, had unexpectedly fought the Central Prefecture King in the past. This meant that he was one of the kings who reigned over the nine prefectures!

Swoosh!

The three of them quickly rushed out of the main hall, then fled in three different directions, as only then could they deliver the news of Elder Liao's betrayal in time! As he watched them leave, anxiety appeared on Elder Liao's face.

It was clear to him that the current situation was quite troublesome. He wasn't confident about how to deal with all of them, as Zhao Yinghao's and the red-nosed middle-aged man's cultivations especially weren't to be underestimated.

However, a scarlet radiance shone throughout the scene at this moment, and Zhao Yinghao and the other two, who had just fled, were suddenly teleported back to the main hall by a spatial power.

"A spatial divine ability?" Elder Liao was shocked, as he wasn't away that he still had such a move! However, this set his mind at ease, as he knew now that he probably could leave them all here forever.

Zhao Yinghao and the other two were horrified as they wondered... What kind of divine ability is this?

Zhao Yinghao clenched his jaw when he saw Elder Liao charging at him. "Let's go down fighting! As long as we can obstruct him and alarm the guards outside, they will surely send reinforcements sooner or later. Then, we can subdue him!"

Elder Liao furrowed his brows, as he wasn't really confident about his being able to kill them before said reinforcements arrived.

"Get it done quickly!" Su Yu, who sat on the main seat and was watching them, spoke calmly.

Elder Liao felt bitter inside as he thought of Su Yu... You are making matters difficult for me on purpose!

However, Elder Liao did not have too much time to think about this, as he was astounded in the next moment by a purple radiance that shone from behind him, then swept the whole hall, confining the time of everything besides him. Even the particles of dust in the air were motionless in an instant.

Zhao Yin and the other two still maintained their same defensive postures as before. In fact, they couldn't move at all. It was as if they were mere puppets! At this moment, it seemed like they had fallen into a confined river of time.

"Why are you hesitating?" an apathetic voice transmitted from behind Elder Liao, and upon hearing it, his whole body quivered and shock welled up in his heart.

He could scarcely believe that Su Yu had created such a domain, where both time and space were confined! After all, this was a Domain Power that only All Creation Old Monsters possessed. Moreover, he had never heard of anyone being capable of creating a Time Domain!

His terror of Su Yu reached its highest level at this moment, and he no longer held any hope of being freed by him.

As he thought of these things, Elder Liao's gaze became ice-cold. Then, he charged at the three people, while shouting, "It's better for you all to die than me! I'm sorry, but I have no choice..."

Bang!

Elder Liao condensed a sphere of demonic energy at his fingertips, then swept the necks of the three people with it, causing their heads to immediately fly off into the air!

At this moment, the time power dissipated, and the three heads, which were floating in the air, looked around in horror. Up until the very moment that they lost consciousness, they still didn't know what had just happened. In the twinkling of an eye, the Elixir Production Alliance's two leaders had died in such a strange way!

Su Yu stood up and started to walk out of the hall. With each step that he took, he left an afterimage behind him. Soon, the entire hall became filled with Su Yu's afterimages.

As a light breeze blew, all of his afterimages disappeared. Then, even Su Yu disappeared, and only a faintly discernible voice was heard. "Dispose of all of the remaining people, who are aware of this matter."

Upon hearing this command, Elder Liao's eyes shone with a cold glint as he prepared to launch a massacre...

The Yuan family was waiting solemnly, and the sky outside of their manor was filled with countless experts. Meanwhile, inside the manor, many experts had blockaded Yuan Yingying's courtyards, making it impossible for even a housefly to pass through them.

The whole Yuan family was in a grave state, as if they knew that they were about to face a great enemy. Everyone, from the Family Master to the servants, waited nervously for the Elixir Production Alliance to take its revenge.

They had already received news that the Elixir Production Alliance had gathered a large group of experts, who would start attacking them after nightfall. This was indeed a momentous event, as these two forces hadn't had a great battle with each other for more than a hundred years! This night would surely be a sleepless and unforgettable one for the Blue Mountain Range's people.

All of the street's markets in the vicinity had been closed, and all of the people had fled in order to seek safe hiding places and escape the bloody battle between the two great factions. Now, only a whistling wind was left, blowing through the abandoned streets.

The current atmosphere felt quite stifling, and the Yuan Manor descend into a ghostly silence. Soon, the darkness of night engulfed the sky as the last ray of sun disappeared. At that time, bonfires were lit in the Yuan Manor, illuminating it completely.

The people were waiting for a long and cruel battle, and such a tense wait continued for more than six hours. By that time, most of the night had already passed, and soon, the pastel colors of the dawn sky appeared on the horizon.

“Family Master, something seems amiss, as there haven’t been any signs of activity for the entire night. Have they used such a strange stratagem on purpose in order to throw us off guard?” a guard asked.

The muscles of the Yuan Family’s Master face twitched upon hearing this, as he was quite infuriated. He slapped his fist down on the table heavily several times, then asked, “Shut up! Can’t you all just wait for them to come quietly and obediently?”

The guard lowered his head in shame and said nothing more. He couldn’t even meet the Yuan Family’s Master’s gaze at that point.

“Let’s just continue waiting, and don’t let down your guard, as the enemy will surely attack us the second that we assume that we are safe,” the Yuan Family’s Master said.

After hearing his words, the crowd knew that he was right. Thus, they could only depend upon their firm wills as they waited patiently.

Suddenly, a person appeared in the empty and silent street. The guard keeping watch in the sky immediately notified them of the person’s arrival.

Upon hearing the alert, all of the Yuan family members immediately tensed. They all began to wonder...

Who would appear at such a time? This matter seems quite fishy...

“It seems like it’s the old man... The one the second miss brought here!” the guard exclaimed.

Him? The Yuan Family’s Master rolled his eyes, then said, “Let him in. Yesterday, Yuan Yingying was so worried about him that she almost wept.”

Chapter 758: Shangguan Yunque

The Yuan family’s servants respected and envied the Second Miss’ servant. In the past, when the Second Miss was in dire straits, they would never have envied the old man, no matter how well she treated him.

This was because was pushed aside by the family, so they wouldn’t get any benefits by becoming her servants. But, the current situation was different, as the Second Miss had risen in statu and had become the greatest genius in the family. As such, she would probably enter the Soul Seizing Palace’s Inner Sanctum in the future.

Now, the whole family was treating her like a precious princess, so the position and status of her servants would naturally be higher than those of the young masters of some of the family’s other branches.

Su Yu, who was now the center of attention, entered the Yuan family's manor.

"Where were you last night?" the Yuan Family's Master asked him angrily. However, he still restrained himself, as he didn't dare criticize Su Yu too much. After all, when his little daughter had been in dire straits, it was Su Yu who had accompanied her.

Su Yu replied, "I was just taking care of some matters for the young miss."

He then looked at the nervous experts and asked, "What's happening here? It looks as if you have all seen a ghost!"

The Yuan Family's Master gave him a stern look, clearly annoyed that he was still in the mood to say such flippant remarks, even in such an intense situation. "Quickly, go inside. The Elixir Production Alliance will be here shortly."

Su Yu was startled. "What? The Elixir Production Alliance? I just heard that it's in a complete mess now, and its primary alchemists are carrying a great amount of wealth as they run away!"

Hearing this, the Yuan Family's Master really wanted to choke Su Yu to death... How come this old man is so thoughtless? After all, this is no time for cracking jokes or speaking nonsense!

Su Yu shook his head helplessly. "I never lie..."

Ignoring him, the Yuan Family's Master waved his hand at him in dismissal. "Quickly go inside!"

It was at this very moment that a person, clad in a blue robe, flew to him from the sky. He was one of the spies that had been sent to the Elixir Production Alliance's vicinity to observe their movements.

"Family's Master, it's awful! Flames have engulfed the Elixir Production Alliance's manor, and all of the alliance's experts have descended into a panic. When I left, they were all stealing some wealth before fleeing!" the spy reported.

"What? Repeat what you just said!" The Yuan Family's Master held the spy's collar, as he couldn't believe what he had just heard.

As the spy had run all the way here, he was extremely exhausted, so when he was grabbed by the Yuan Family's Master, he almost fainted. "Cough! Cough!... They started fighting amongst themselves, while many of them ran away."

After a short moment, four other people flew in from different directions, each coming to notify him of this same occurrence. It was only after they all came and corroborated the initial spy's story that the Yuan Family's Master thoroughly believed it.

If it was just a single spy who reported it, then he would surely suspect it. However, since so many people had just reported the same exact news, then it was obvious that the Elixir Production Alliance had run into some trouble.

"Half of you come with me. If this matter is true, then our Yuan family may experience some great changes." The Yuan Family's Master calmed down his throbbing heart forcefully as he led a group of people to the Elixir Production Alliance.

When they arrived, they saw that the scene at the Elixir Production Alliance was exactly as the spies had reported. Flames were raging within it, while many of its members were fleeing. Some of them were even primary alchemists.

Swoosh!

The Yuan Family's Master took hold of a primary alchemist and questioned him in a loud voice, "What happened? Where are the two old fools?"

The primary alchemist wore a bitter expression as he answered, "Yuan Family's Master, please save me! Zhao Yinghao and the others were all killed! Even their servants and relatives were all killed. The alliance's martial artists then took such an opportunity to rebel and plunder our wealth, and many of my companions got killed amid the chaos!"

The Yuan Family's Master's pupils contracted when he heard him... All of them died?

If he hadn't witnessed it with his own eyes or heard about it with his own ears, then it would have been impossible for him to believe such shocking news! After a moment, he came back to his senses, while his eyes lit up in a resplendent glow.

He then clapped his hands and laughed heartily. "Hahaha... Zhao Yinghao... Looks like the Elixir Production Alliance unexpectedly had quite a bad day!"

Then, he activated his Vital Energy and shouted loudly, "Everyone, stop right where you are! All of the Elixir Production Alliance's members and wealth are now officially the property of my family, and anyone who dares take even a single crystal will be hunted down!"

He then added, "Guards, obey my orders and put the Elixir Production Alliance under our control. Kill anyone who dares to resist or oppose us."

The Yuan Family's Master led a great number of martial artists as he rushed in and killed anyone who caused trouble, while also protecting the wealth and capturing the precious primary alchemists. It was only the next day, around noon, that they finished taking complete control of the Elixir Production Alliance.

"Elder Pojun, I will trouble you with looking after them as I go in to see what happened." After the Yuan Family's Master went into the hall, he immediately saw the three heads in it.

His pupils contracted slightly... Were they killed instantly?

Zhao Yinghao and the red-nosed middle-aged man were both Level Six Fairy Realm experts, and they both possessed a strong fighting prowess, yet they had been killed! This shocked him.

"Which great expert attacked them?" The Yuan Family's Master asked in a deep voice. "Will he harm our Yuan family too?"

His heart rose up to his throat once again and became heavy and burdened with worries. When he returned to the family's manor, he found his eldest daughter standing in the garden, and she seemed quite distressed and pitiful.

"Wanbi, what are you doing here? Why don't you go help Elder Pojun take care of our financial affairs? You are quite proficient in handling such things," he said.

However, it seemed like Wanbi didn't hear what he had said at all. Instead, hatred and fright appeared in her eyes as she murmured, "It's him... It's surely him... He did it."

She had witnessed Su Yu with her own eyes walking toward the Elixir Production Alliance, and that same night, the alliance had been destroyed! So, how could such a coincidence occur? It was obvious that he had done it!

She was afraid of Si Yu's power, yet she also resented herself for being too weak and incapable of seeking revenge against him.

"Wanbi, are you okay?" The Yuan Family's Master patted her shoulder, clearly concerned.

It was only at this moment that Wanbi came back to her senses and quickly changed her expression. "Father, I'm fine."

"If you are exhausted, then why don't you go to your sister? After all, although fame and profit are important and precious, family ties and love are priceless," the Yuan Family's Master said.

Are family ties and love really priceless? Yuan Wanbi couldn't help but mutter in her heart. She still loved her father, but she had only hatred in her heart towards Yuan Yingying.

"Okay, but, father, there's still something that I must tell you, and I hope that you will make a firm decision about it," she said.

The Yuan Family's Master was startled by her serious tone. "What is it?"

Yuan Wanbi's gaze became slightly cold as she said, "I was once assaulted by Su Yuxian. I never told anyone but Xiao Tao, as I knew that, if news of it spread and reached the Shangguan Family's ears, then my engagement would come to an end. I didn't want to be the reason for not connecting our families by marriage."

Anger appeared in the Yuan Family's Master's eyes. "What? He did such a thing to you? Why didn't you mention this earlier?"

"Father, what you must focus on now is how we should handle this matter going forward. Why don't we dispose of him before this news has a chance to spread?" A cruel glow appeared in her ice-cold eyes.

Dispose of him? The flames of anger in Yuan Family's Master's eyes died down slightly as he looked at Yuan Wanbi and asked, "What exactly did he do to you? Before you speak, remember that I am your father, who knows you well, so don't try to tell me any lies!"

The Yuan Family's Master knew how scheming his daughter could be, while Yuan Wanbi knew how much her father hated deceit. So, Yuan Wanbi bit her lips, and although she really wanted to slightly alter her story, she still respected her father's orders and informed him of what happened truthfully.

When he heard all of it, most of his anger disappeared. He wore a thoughtful look as he said, "It seems like it was just a misunderstanding. This old man's eyes are clear and honest, and he has a righteous air. He doesn't seem like a lecher to me..."

“Father, you can’t judge a person just by his appearance... Won’t you...” Yuan Wanbi still refused to give up.

But, the Yuan Family’s Master interrupted her, “Even if such was the case, it’s still not a good reason to kill him! But, rest assured, after a short while, I will personally question him.”

Yuan Wanbi became anxious. “Father, we don’t have enough time for to wait! Even if you don’t kill him, you should at least drive him away! If the news that my purity was defiled spreads, then I won’t be able to marry into the Shangguan family!”

The Yuan Family’s Master replied calmly with words that greatly disappointed her, “Even if you can’t marry into that family, it doesn’t matter. I’m sure that the Shangguan Family’s Master is quite troubled by such an engagement anyway, as he has surely faced much opposition from other family members.”

He then added, “As for our Yuan family, we have already gotten rid of our troubles, and since we also have such a talented descendant as your sister, even without marrying into them, our family can still flourish. Besides, if he were to refuse to marry you because of such a slight misunderstanding, then your fiancé really isn’t worthy of you.”

Yuan Wanbi felt her vision darkening at this moment... Isn’t my future worth anything in my father’s eyes? Does he only have Yuan Yingying alone in his heart?

She was both angered and aggrieved as she rushed out of the garden.

The Yuan Family’s Master was concerned about her, so he ordered two guards to follow her in secret. As worry appeared in his eyes, he murmured, “I hope that she can quickly get over this matter...”

Yuan Wanbi ran into the distance freely, and when she came back to her senses, she realized that she had already left the Blue Mountain Range. Her eyes were flushed and hatred for Su Yu, Yuan Yingying, and even her father filled her heart. None of them wanted to help her.

“Su Yuxian... Yuan Yingying... It won’t end up like this!” Yuan Wanbi yelled into the sky.

As her words echoed throughout the space, the pleasant-sounding voice of a gentle and refined man reached her ears, “Hehe, the great fiancée of the Shangguan Family has allowed herself to be bullied to such a degree?”

Yuan Wanbi was startled by the voice, and when she turned around, her pupils contracted. “Young master Shangguan?”

The person before her was a handsome youth, who wore magnificent white clothes and a jade crown. He had rosy lips and sparkling white teeth, and his facial features were extremely handsome. He had outstanding noble bearings, and while standing among the crowd, he stood out like a crane, and all the passersby couldn’t help but gaze at him in awe.

“Why did you come here?” Yuan Wanbi’s body stiffened as she looked in surprise at the man in front of her.

He was the Shangguan Family’s young master and her fiancé, Shangguan Yunque. Just a few days had passed, yet he had already come to the Blue Mountain Range. This surprised her.

He smiled at her and replied, "If I hadn't come here, then I might never have known that my fiancée was being bullied until she was forced to leave her home! The Yuan family really isn't taking our Shangguan Family seriously! Come with me. I will seek justice for you and question the Yuan family. They must answer for daring to treat the future young mistress of the Shangguan family in such a way!"

Chapter 759: The Elder Sister's Revenge

Yuan Wanbi was delighted and startled as she thought... The Yuan family?

Yuan Wanbi shook her head as she thought back to what the Yuan family had done. She then said, "It isn't related to the Yuan family, as it was my half younger sister who colluded with an outsider to get control of the Yuan family. Even my father was deceived by her! As such, the Yuan family mustn't be blamed!"

She had quickly spoken up because she feared that Shangguan Yunque would direct his anger toward the whole Yuan family. After hearing her words, Shangguan Yunque replied coldly, "Let's go see your younger sister then, as well as the outsider who supposedly bullied you."

Yuan Wanbi was delighted by his words. After all, Shangguan Yunque didn't just have a high status, but he was also a powerful martial artist, whose cultivation had already reached the Level Seven Fairy Realm. In fact, she could not think of anyone in the whole city who could face him!

Although it was extremely likely that Su Yuxian was an Almighty Divine Master, she knew that Shangguan Yunque was not to be underestimated. Also, she was certain that he had a powerful magical treasure. Otherwise, the Shangguan family wouldn't let its young master travel alone to the Blue Mountain Range.

She felt almost mad at the moment as she vowed in her heart... Su Yuxian, Yuan Yingying, your good days will soon come to an end!

In the Yuan family's manor.

Su Yu and Yuan Yingying were sent to the central hall, which was being decorated with lanterns and colorful banners. At the moment, the entire manor was bustling with noise, and a cheerful atmosphere engulfed the entire place.

Delight was apparent on each member of the family members' faces, and all of the people who were oblivious to what had just happened, might even assume that this was a joyful wedding ceremony.

"Yingying, come here." As the Yuan Family's Master looked at the Yuan Manor, he felt delighted and carefree.

After all, the Yuan family's greatest threat, the Elixir Production Alliance, had crumbled in a single night, while his precious daughter, Yingying, had become the most talented woman in the history of the family. Moreover, she would shortly join the Soul Seizing Palace before experiencing a meteoric rise to even greater success!

Also, an intermediate alchemist had even appeared in the family a few days ago, and if the primary alchemists that had come from the Elixir Production Alliance were counted, the Yuan family's elixir production manpower had increased exponentially. This meant that it could rule now the whole Blue Mountain Range!

“Father, is such extravagance really necessary?” Yuan Yingying asked, clearly speaking of the lavish banquet that they were preparing.

The Yuan Family’s Master chuckled, then replied, “Our family has just received three pieces of good news, which is a magnificent and unprecedented event! So, why shouldn’t we celebrate without restraint?”

“Yingying, as you are this night’s leading lady and star, you should go rest for a while. You will need to be ready to shine!” The Yuan Family’s Master laughed, then returned to taking care of banquet preparations.

As Su Yu observed the Yuan family, he realized that it was time for him to leave. He figured that he should wait until more people arrived, which would then allow him to leave quietly.

Now that the Yuan family dominated the Blue Mountain Range completely, Yuan Yingying’s road would be smooth. In fact, the only matter that Su Yu was still unsatisfied with was that she was going to the Soul Seizing Palace. After all, Su Yu knew that he would have to seek revenge on the Soul Seizing Palace’s Master for putting him in a dangerous situation.

At the moment, people were running around and the atmosphere was cheerful. However, a shout that shook the whole Yuan family was suddenly heard, coming from outside the gate, “Yuan family members, obey my orders and bring out Su Yu and Yuan Yingying!”

The deafening shout infuriated the Yuan family members, who considered it to be quite impudent! After all, the Yuan family was now at the peak of its power. Moreover, it was getting ready to hold a festive banquet!

The people were aghast at such a rude imposition, and they couldn’t help but wonder... How dare this man shout at us in such a brazen manner? He isn’t showing our family our due respect!

Pojun’s expression became gloomy as he yelled, “Guards, capture him!”

Immediately, a group of ferocious martial artists charged over to obey the command.

“Wait! Don’t attack him! He’s quite strong!” The Yuan Family’s Master extended his hand and stopped them.

Su Yu also stood up slowly and looked outside. As he furrowed his brows slightly, he said, “It appears that an expert really has come here, as such an aura couldn’t belong to an ordinary Fairy. According to my senses, he has almost reached the late stage of the Fairy Realm.”

Shock appeared on Yuan Yingying’s face as she asked for confirmation, “You mean... A late stage Fairy has come here to make trouble?”

She tried to recollect a time when she had somehow offended a late stage Fairy... Did I offend someone inadvertently in the Blue Mountain Meet?

“Well... We will know everything after we go out and meet him. Also, since he has already announced himself, wouldn’t it be disrespectful of us to refuse to meet with him?” Su Yu’s gaze became ice-cold.

He couldn't help but think that it would be ideal for him if enemies who wanted to harm the family came out now. In this way, he could get rid of all of them before leaving the Blue Mountain Range!

After hearing Su Yu's logical reasoning, the Yuan family members reluctantly left their banquet preparation duties and exited the manor. However, when they got outside, they were all astonished.

They saw a youth, who was clad in white-feathered clothes, standing imposingly in front of the gate. Moreover, Yuan Wanbi was unexpectedly standing beside him!

"Wanbi, what are you up to? Why did you bring someone with you to our Yuan Manor? Are you looking for trouble?" Pojun furrowed his brows as he spoke.

Yuan Wanbi just smiled and said, "Elder Pojun, I came here for personal reason. I want to talk with Su Yuxian and my younger sister. I really didn't come here to make trouble."

The Yuan Family's Master barely looked at his daughter, as his gaze was focused on the youth. "May I ask who you are?"

The youth seemed to be no more than twenty years old, yet he was already a Level Seven Fairy. Such talent astonished the Yuan Family's Master.

"I'm Shangguan Yunque, and soon, I will probably be calling you father-in-law," Shangguan Yunque said.

Pojun's eyes flickered as he spoke in surprise, "Shangguan Yunque? Are you from the White Cloud Lake's Shangguan family? Wait... Why would you need to call our Yuan Family's Master father-in-law?"

The Yuan family members were shocked to learn his identity. After all, the Shangguan family was a great faction, which was almost comparable to the eighteen great factions, and it ruled the Nine Mountain Ranges, the Seven Great Mountains, six Blessed Lands and five villas!

Shangguan Yunque wore a faint smile as he looked at the Yuan Family's Master and asked, "You mean that you still haven't made my engagement to Yuan Wanbi public?"

The Yuan family members gasped in surprise when they heard his question and read between the lines. Immediately, countless whispers were heard...

"What? The Shangguan family has an engagement with our Yuan family?"

"That's impossible! How could our small Yuan family manage to engineer a connection to the Shangguan family?"

Amazed, delighted, and excited voices echoed for quite a while among the crowd. After all, it was a glorious thing to be connected by marriage with such a great faction. With such a connection, few factions in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands would dare to provoke them in the future, let alone the Blue Mountain Range's factions!

This was even more exciting than the fact that the second miss had become a Soul Seizing Palace's outer sanctum disciple! Upon seeing their reactions, Yuan Wanbi's vanity was satisfied. She reveled in the fact that all of the gazes of the family members were focused on her again. It was clear that her younger sister's new Soul Seizing Palace's outer sanctum disciple status paled in comparison to the news of her current engagement.

Pojun laughed, then said, “Wanbi, I knew that you would have good fortune in your life. Congratulations are in order!”

The other family members congratulated her too, while all of their gazes became filled with envy. Now, they respected her even more than they had in the past.

After all, there was a great kind of glory that was attached to becoming the Shangguan Family’s young master’s wife! Now, even the Yuan Family’s Master’s status would be vastly inferior to hers.

Everyone was shocked as they realized that she was now an influential person, whose name would resound in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands for centuries. The best part was that she had come from their family, which gave them a great sense of pride.

However, Shangguan Yunque spoke again before they could rejoice too much, “Thank you all for your congratulations, but I need to first settle one matter. Wanbi was bullied by Yuan Yingying and Su Yuxian, and as such a matter is related to my Shangguan family’s prestige, I can’t ignore it.”

He then added, “Both of you should come out now. Let’s discuss this matter.”

After he finished speaking, Shangguan Yunque’s expression became cold. In fact, the entire place’s ambiance immediately became ice-cold.

As Shangguan Yunque was overbearing and resolute, the family members knew that they couldn’t prevent him from getting exactly what he wanted. But, they knew that if they handed Yuan Yingying over to him, they would surely disappoint her. Then, if she had success in the future, she might not take care of them!

But, they also knew that if they refused him, they would offend Yuan Wanbi, the future wife of the Shangguan family’s young master. With her new status, she could really make life difficult for the Yuan family, especially for the Yuan Family’s Master. In fact, if she truly hardened her heart, she might even destroy the family altogether!

If they compared the two consequences, complying with Yuan Wanbi seemed to be the better option. Thus, most of them quieted down and chose to look the other way and not resist at this moment.

Yuan Yingying clenched her fists as she looked at her elder sister. However, she wasn’t really saddened. Instead, she just wondered... Why does she hate me so much? After all, Yuan Yingying had never done anything to purposefully harm her older sister.

After the whole Yuan family quieted down, a tall person strode forward. It was the Yuan Family’s Master.

After he looked around the crowd, he said, “Young Master Shangguan, this is, after all, my family, not your family. If you feel like you can meddle in our family’s matters just because of an engagement, then we don’t need this engagement after all.”

His words were like a hammer, landing heavy on every eardrum that heard them. Everyone knew that he was deathly serious, as if the woman’s family went back on the engagement, it would indeed invalidate it.

Shock appeared on Yuan Wanbi’s face as she quickly asked, “Father, how can you do this to me? This is the most important thing in my life! So...”

The Yuan Family's Master interrupted her, shouting angrily, "Shut up!"

Yuan Wanbi cowered when she heard his shout. She had never seen her father this angry.

"I can't believe that my good daughter, Wanbi, colluded with an outsider and came to our door to bully her younger sister. She was really a good daughter, who was educated well by our family!" The Yuan Family's Master face was filled with disappointment as he addressed the crowd, then swept his gaze across Yuan Wanbi.

The Yuan Family's Master then said to Yuan Yingying, "Come over here and discuss this matter with your sister with me first. How did your younger sister wrong you? What could have caused you to have such a deep hatred of her? Speak!"

Fright welled up in Yuan Wanbi's heart as she faced her angry father. She started striving hard to remember just why she had taken such actions against her sister. However, she found herself incapable of finding even a single reason!

Yuan Yingying had never once harmed her. In fact, she had always treated her kindly. As for Yuan Yingying, she had always abhorred her younger sister. She was jealous of her when she started succeeding, and this resentment continued until her younger sister finally surpassed her. It was then that a full-blown hatred welled up in Yuan Wanbi's heart.

But, she couldn't possibly say all of that to her father. Sensing his daughter's hesitation, the Yuan Family's Master asked, "What's the matter? Cat got your tongue?"

The Yuan Family's Master leaned forward to look her in the eye, then asked, "Is it because you are vain and were jealous of her? Were you unable to tolerate the fact that your younger sister was better than you?"

He shook his head in disappointment, then said, "You are just jealous of her success! It's our Yuan family's elders' faults, as they pampered you too much, allowing you to get away with being such a child!"

The Yuan Family's Master added sharply, "I will give you just three breaths' time to either you admit your mistake or leave us forever! If you choose the latter option, you can never come back to the Yuan family!"

Yuan Wanbi's whole body shivered when she heard him. This wasn't the outcome she had desired! She had just wanted to vent her anger and get back her former position in the Yuan family! She didn't expect that her father would react in such a way, even threatening to drive her out of the Yuan family forever!

"One... Two..." The Yuan Family's Master began to count.

Hesitation filled Yuan Wanbi's eyes as she wondered... What should I do? Should I leave the Yuan family and marry into the Shangguan family? But, if I'm no longer a part of the Yuan family, I won't be qualified to marry into the Shangguan family as a descendant of the Yuan family...

When the Yuan Family's Master was about to utter the last number, Yuan Yingying unexpectedly stepped in front of her father and said, "Father, let me settle this matter. After all, this is a personal grudge between the two of us. It does not concern you."

The Yuan Family's Master quieted for a moment before he closed his eyes and replied slowly, "I will give you just five minutes."

He sighed inwardly as he looked at Yuan Yingying. He was amazed that she was still so kind hearted, enough that she couldn't bear witnessing her elder sister being driven out of the Yuan family.

However, in Yuan Wanbi's eyes, her younger sister's kindness seemed like charity that was given to the weak. So, Yuan Wanbi lashed out at Yuan Yingying, saying, "I don't need your insincere concern."

Shangguan Yunque, after sizing up Yuan Yingying, asked, "Is it really you? Wanbi, how do you want me to handle her? Your wish is my command. Say anything, and I will surely do it! If anyone dares to try to obstruct me, he will become the Shangguan family's enemy!"

Yuan Wanbi became more confident upon hearing that someone was supporting her. As she looked at her younger sister, she wore an insincere smile and asked, "You didn't expect such a day would come, did you? Now, I will repay you for everything that you took from me!"

Chapter 760: A Mysterious Organization

Yuan Yingying's expression was calm. "Sister, what do you want to do to me?"

Yuan Wanbi replied coldly, "I obviously want to..."

She obviously hated her younger sister, yet she found herself confused at this moment. She didn't quite know what she wanted to do to her... Do I want to kill her? She had obviously thought about it often, yet now, while she was right in front of her, she couldn't bring herself to utter those cruel and harsh words.

But, how can I get my revenge if I don't erase my younger sister from this world?

"Yuan Wanbi, speak. What do you want to do to her? Whatever you wish will be fulfilled." Shangguan Yunque clearly took her side completely.

Yuan Wanbi became somewhat anxious, and as she looked at the Yuan family members before her, she started regretting her previous impulsive actions.

After hesitating for a moment, Yuan Wanbi clenched her teeth and said, "Just have her apologize to me."

Just an apology? The Yuan Family's Master's eyelids shivered, and some of the disappointment in his eyes instantly disappeared.

Many of the Yuan family members were startled. It was hard for them to imagine that the Eldest Miss had come all the way here just to demand an apology.

Yuan Yingying said, "Sister, what do you want me to apologize to you for?"

Yuan Wanbi was stumped by her question.

What do I want her to apologize for? What did she even do to me in the first place?

Should I make her apologize for the fact that she is more outstanding than me?

Yuan Wanbi became even more distraught with anxiety as she pondered the question in her head.

“Wanbi, speak. What do you want her to apologize to you for?” Shangguan Yunque asked her.

Yuan Wanbi shook her head as her enthusiasm waned. “Just forget about it. She doesn’t need to apologize to me for anything, young master Shangguan. Many thanks for your help, but I’m fine.”

“As for him?” Shangguan Yunque looked at Su Yu.

Yuan Wanbi looked at him deeply, yet she couldn’t bring herself to hate Su Yu any longer.

“Just forget about him, too. I’m fine. I appreciate your kindness, but let’s just let it end here.” Yuan Wanbi’s anger and resentment were completely gone in that moment.

“Aren’t you worried that your sister will always be ahead of you?” Shangguan Yunque asked.

Yuan Wanbi shook her head as she took out a jade bottle, which had a fourth-grade Fairy Expansion Pill in it. She then said, “I can depend on my power to advance to the Fairy Realm. Then, I will defeat her fairly.”

Pap! Pap!

At this moment, Shangguan Yunque laughed heartily and clapped his hands. “Haha! That’s interesting! That’s really an unexpected ending!”

Hm? Hearing this the Yuan family members were startled, and so was Yuan Wanbi, who quickly asked, “What kind of ending are you talking about?”

“It’s obviously your ending!” Shangguan Yunque replied calmly. “Did you really assume that I would help you in taking your revenge for no reason?”

Fright and alarm welled up in Yuan Wanbi’s heart, while she slowly backed away from him and asked, “What are you trying to say?”

Shangguan Yunque looked at her and spoke calmly, “I took a trip here to observe your character, and during the past ten days, I have been in the city scouting out information about what kind of person you are... Your past deeds, your reputation... And even street rumors about you. As such, I already know everything there is to know about you.”

Yuan Wanbi retreated several steps more and covered her mouth, as she couldn’t believe that this was true. “Were you just testing me?”

“I know about your secret trysts with Zhao Yin, and I also know that you tried to seduce Su Yuxian, as I personally witnessed it with my own eyes. Need I say more?” Shangguan Yunque asked.

What? The Yuan Family’s Master’s widened his eyes as flames of anger raged in them. “Disgraceful thing! You unexpectedly engaged in a secret relationship with Zhao Yin, while he was your younger sister’s fiancé? You really are shameless!”

He was furious! After all, when Zhao Yin had asked her hand for marriage, she had refused him, as she knew that she would suffer many hardships if she was married into this family. In the end, after

her younger sister helped her by replacing her, she had dared to engage in a secret relationship with Zhao Yin!

She wanted everything sweet for herself, yet let her younger sister bear all of the hardships for her! Moreover, she tried to seduce Su Yuxian!

“You are really a shameless and indecent daughter.” The Yuan Family’s Master was furious, and as he raised his palm in the air, he yelled, “I... I will kill you!”

When the Yuan family members saw how angry he was, they were truly worried for Yuan Wanbi’s safety. As Yuan Wanbi’s cultivation was vastly inferior to her father’s, she knew that it would be impossible for her to evade his strike. So, she raised her hand subconsciously and placed it in front of her body, while remorse and fright welled up in her heart.

Bam!

When he slapped with his hand down, surprisingly, she didn’t feel the painful strike that she had expected!

“Yingying!” The Yuan Family’s Master was the first one to return to his senses and recognize what had just happened.

As it turned out, just as he was bringing his palm down to strike Yuan Wanbi, Yuan Yingying jumped in between them and took the slap for Yuan Wanbi! After Yuan Yingying was slapped, she was flung back and blood seeped out of the corners of her mouth.

After he realized what had just happened, the Yuan Family’s Master quickly ran to her side and helped her up. “Sweet daughter, why are you always this silly?”

Even though her older sister had come here to look for her trouble, it was Yuan Yingying who still bore everything for her like usual. Yuan Yingying smiled, but the pain showed on her face, and she couldn’t help but groan.

She then said, “It’s because I’m her younger sister. I can’t just watch while my older sister is beaten!”

Her simple and honest reply touched the hearts of all of the Yuan family members. Even though her older sister had treated her in such a way, she was still the same sweet girl as ever.

As they looked at the injured Yuan Yingying, many elders couldn’t help but sigh. They felt somewhat ashamed of themselves as they recalled how they had treated her in the past.

Yuan Wanbi stared at her younger sister in amazement. Despite everything that she had done to her, Yuan Yingying still cared about her! At that moment, some frail place in her heart was touched by her younger sister’s actions, and all of the bitter emotions that had been poisoning her heart disappeared like a puff of smoke.

As she looked at Yuan Yingying, her father, and her other family members, as well as Shangguan Yunque, she felt so embarrassed. Unable to bear the thought of having to face anyone at the moment, she covered her mouth, tapped the ground with her feet, and flew away.

“Young miss, wait for me!” Her maid, Xiao Tao, quickly followed after her.

Hearing her, Yuan Wanbi stopped in her tracks and landed on the ground outside of the city. She then turned back and said, “Xiao Tao, go back. There is no need for you to follow me, as I don’t plan on coming back. The family will take care of you and find you another position.”

Xiao Tao sighed. “Eldest Miss, you have always treated me kindly, so I will follow you wherever you go. But, by leaving like this, without taking any money with you, how far can you possibly get?”

Yuan Wanbi smiled bitterly. “You forget that I’m still a primary alchemist, so I could refine third-grade spirit elixirs. Moreover, I’m proficient in some of the Yuan Family’s elixirs, and I could make a living by selling them.”

Xiao Tao asked, “Young Miss, can you remember all of the Yuan Family’s elixir recipes? I recall that they have a great number of them, so can you remember all of them?”

Yuan Wanbi shook her head. “I obviously can’t remember all of them, but I still remember the most important and precious elixir recipes.”

She then looked at Xiao Tao with a warm gaze and said, “Xiao Tao, I have only you left now. You have accompanied me since childhood and are like a sister to me. Since you want to follow me, then let’s explore the world together. I can’t give your glory, splendor, wealth, or a high status, but I can still give you a peaceful and easy life. Let’s never return to the Yuan family’s manor. There are just too many bad memories.”

Xiao Tao said, “I will surely follow you, but I still must say something to you...”

“What do you want to say?” Yuan Wanbi was surprised, and she assumed that Xiao Tao wanted to urge her to go back home.

Xiao Tao came closer to her and spoke in a low voice. All of a sudden, Yuan Wanbi felt a sharp pain at her waist as her whole body’s Vital Energy congealed. At this moment, her body was stripped of its power and become exponentially weaker.

As she fell down on the ground, she saw Xiao Tao before her, wearing a faint smile. “What I wanted to say is... Many thanks to you for treating me like your sister, but it’s a pity that you are as blind as a bat and misjudged me!”

The current Xiao Tao didn’t seem at all like the past devoted and loyal maid, and she wore a cruel smile as she took off Yuan Wanbi’s spatial ring. After she opened it and observed its contents, delight appeared on her face. “Haha, sure enough, the elixir recipes are really here! Eldest Miss, you really didn’t disappoint me!”

Yuan Wanbi couldn’t move even an inch now, and even speaking was quite strenuous for her. “Xiao Tao? Who... Who are you?”

Greed appeared on Xiao Tao’s face as she looked at the big pile of recipes. “Who am I? Hehe! I’m a spy! Zhao Yinghao sent me into the Yuan family to get your treasured elixir recipes, especially the ancient elixir recipe, Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid! That’s a recipe that the Elixir Production Alliance has always wanted to get, but had never been able to steal to this day!”

“What? You are from the Elixir Production Alliance?” Yuan Wanbi couldn’t believe that this maid, who she grew up with, was actually a spy! But, the undeniable truth was right before her eyes.

Yuan Wanbi felt that she was in great danger, so she tried to reason with her maid. “Xiao Tao, the Elixir Production Alliance has already fallen, so you don’t need to serve them any longer, much less take the elixir recipes away! Moreover, I can compensate you with crystals. Besides, you aren’t an alchemist, so the elixir recipes are useless to you.”

Xiao Tao said, “It is indeed true that I don’t need to continue carrying out the Elixir Production Alliance’s mission, but there is still another mission that I have yet to finish.”

“You still have another mission? Are you working as a spy for two factions?” Yuan Wanbi was quite shrewd and smart, so she guessed her situation immediately.

Xiao Tao chuckled as she replied, “You are right! I still have another status... I am a member of the Severed Fairy Cliff!”

Yuan Wanbi’s pupils contracted until they became as thin as needles when she heard her. “Severed Fairy Cliff?”

Intense fright appeared on Yuan Wanbi’s face when she heard this name. The Severed Fairy Cliff was a name that would frighten anyone!

It had great influence and power, and it was always hidden in darkness. No one even knew where its headquarters were, nor who was its head or how many members it had. All that they knew was that its members were spread in all corners of the Jiuzhou World!

Its members were all moving in the dark shadows, working as assassins, mercenaries, robbers or thieves. They were also involved in underground money farming and underground casinos. Basically, it was involved with everything that shouldn’t be exposed to the public!

In fact, the Severed Fairy Cliff’s assassins were famous throughout the whole continent. As long as they accepted a mission, then even if that mission’s target was an All Creation Old Monster, it still wouldn’t escape death!