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Chapter 761: Severed Fairy Cliff

Regarding the hiring of mercenaries, the Severed Fairy Cliff could hire late stage Fairies. Some of its branches, the ones which had fairly great influences, could even hire Almighty Divine Masters.

Moreover, almost all of the most famous thieves and robbers were related in many ways to the Severed Fairy Cliff. As for their underground money farms and casinos, they could be found throughout every corner of the world.

Needless to say, it was a colossal faction, which wouldn't hesitate to use both fair and foul means in order to gain more and more wealth. In fact, its branches had already spread throughout the whole Jiuzhou World!

It was said that the Severed Fairy Cliff's influence and power even rivaled that of the nine prefectures' kings'. It was even said to be as great as Jiuzhou's tenth king, the Darkness King!

Yuan Wanbi never expected that she would come face to face with the legendary Severed Fairy Cliff. Moreover, the faction had already set their eyes on the Yuan family's ancient elixir recipe long ago.

"Hehe, since you know now that I'm from the Severed Fairy Cliff, you should have already guessed your fate! It would have been fine if you were merely average looking, but you are quite pretty, which means that many people will want to buy you for a high price!" Xiao Tao erupted in a fit of frightening laughter.

Yuan Wanbi's heart was engulfed by fear, and her whole body shuddered. It was clear that human trafficking was still one of the Severed Fairy Cliff's dirty businesses, and now, it seemed that she would become one of their rare commodities, as she was quite pretty!

Yuan Wanbi's face turned pale as she thought about it, and grief welled up in her heart. She couldn't help but think that if she hadn't left her family rashly and trust Xiao Tao so easily, she wouldn't have found herself in such dire straits!

"Eldest miss, don't look so sad. You can't blame anyone but yourself for such a fate. After all, you chose to not trust your younger sister, who respected you, instead placing your trust in an outsider like me." Xiao Tao raised Yuan Wanbi's chin in mockery, seeming to examine her, just like one would examine a beast of burden.

Yuan Wanbi bit her lip, then chuckled bitterly. "Is this retribution? It really came quickly..."

Although she hated Yuan Yingying, she had to admit that the latter had never harmed her, nor held any grudge against her. Still, Yuan Wanbi hated simply because she stole the limelight from her. She was so upset about this that she even planned to kill her younger sister after achieving greater success and power.

"You young misses from prestigious house's are all pampered, and you always step on others in order to get your way! Even I pity your younger sister!" After Xiao Tao

finished examining her, she took out a rope and bound Yuan Wanbi with it, then carried her on her back, just like one would carry a pig.

A complacent smile was plastered on Xiao Tao's face as she laughed and said, "Hehe, I finally managed to finish the mission. Moreover, I didn't just get the elixir recipe, but I even got a beauty!"

As Xiao Tao asked her next question, she revealed a creepy smile, "Do you remember the Demonic Ape? Didn't you ever wonder why the Heavenly Fragrance Pill was useless, and you ended up being tracked by the ape in the end, nearly being captured by it?"

Yuan Wanbi was greatly shocked by these questions, and she asked immediately, "You mean... You were the one controlling the Demonic Ape?"

Her thoughts began to swirl in her head... The Severed Fairy Cliff's main aim was to amass wealth, and the Demonic Ape was blocking the road and robbing people. So... Could the two be related?

Xiao Tao chuckled, then replied, "Eldest miss, you are clever, which makes this even better, as a clever woman can be sold for a higher price! Regarding the answer to your question, you aren't mistaken. The Demonic Ape was the Severed Fairy Cliff's Demonic Pet, and all of the wealth and women that it obtained was taken from it and sold by the Severed Fairy Cliff."

She then added, "The prettiest women that it captured were taken to a remote place, where they were auctioned off. Only those who couldn't be sold would be returned to the ape."

She paused to take a breath, then continued, "I wanted to capture you and the second miss at that time, but sadly, a mysterious Divine Master intervened and wrecked my plan. However, you still fell in my hands in the end, and I even got your family's ancient elixir recipe! Thus, my mission has come to an end."

Xiao Tao slapped Yuan Wanbi's butt, then said, "You can be at ease, as since you treated me well these past years, I will surely sell you to a good customer."

Despair welled up in Yuan Wanbi's heart as she looked at the Blue Mountain City, which was gradually becoming further and further away. She felt completely disheartened.

It appeared that, even though she was clever and strived hard in her life, in the end, she would be reduced to being a mere slave. If she got another opportunity to redo her entire life, she would surely treasure her relatives the next time around. But, it was a pity, as it was too late for regret now.

"Fine. As this is my fate, I must resign myself to it." Yuan Wanbi gave up on resisting, as she closed her eyes and bowed her head low.

At this moment, a faintly discernible voice drifted over from the horizon, "Wow. The Demonic Ape was really being controlled by someone! You really hid it well. How interesting!"

"Who are you?" Shock appeared on Xiao Tao's face, as she called out and turned around instantly, trying to discern where the voice was coming from.

However, before she could even make a move, both she and Yuan Wanbi were engulfed by a burst of spatial power, which appeared to be about to swallow them up entirely!

“Ah! How awful! Spatial power!” Horror appeared on Xiao Tao’s face, and she wanted to abandon Yuan Wanbi and flee, yet she couldn’t manage to free herself. She was being swallowed by the spatial power!

When the surroundings finally calmed down, Xiao Tao took out a dagger and looked around carefully. At that moment, her dagger shook and was sent flying out of her hand to the ground by something... Or someone.

When she looked around again directly after that, she discovered that she and Yuan Wanbi were now beside a lake. She also saw an old man, who had an air of otherworldliness. It was clear that he was the one who had deflected her dagger.

“Su Yuxian? Is it you?” Xiao Tao was shocked. After all, such a miraculous spatial ability wasn’t something ordinary people possessed. This old man was clearly no mere mortal.

Yuan Wanbi was also taken aback, and she felt like Su Yu, who she had hated intensely in the past, seemed quite amiable now.

“It seems like the mantis was stalking the cicada, while being totally unaware of the oriole behind it! Xiao Tao, it seems like you got excited too soon.” Yuan Wanbi chuckled bitterly. After all, she knew how terrifying Su Yu’s power really was.

“Shut up!” Xiao Tao poked Yuan Wanbi with her elbow, causing the latter to groan softly as pain appeared on her face.

Xiao Tao then looked at Su Yu and said, “I don’t care who you are, but just remember that you and I don’t have any grudges between us. On the other hand, this woman wanted to kill you! Hence, you don’t need to save her.”

Su Yu nodded, then said, “You aren’t mistaken, as I really don’t have any reason to save her.”

Yuan Wanbi bit her lip. She couldn’t bring herself to hate him just now, as she had brought this all upon herself. She couldn’t blame anyone else at all.

“Don’t worry about me. Just take care of Yingying. Also, please don’t inform her of my current situation. Just say that I left the family. Moreover, please apologize to her on my behalf,” Yuan Wanbi said bitterly. She hadn’t expected that Su Yu would let Xiao Tao go, but even so, she still wouldn’t ask him to save her.

Xiao Tao revealed a faint smile as she said, “Thank you!” As she spoke, she carried Yuan Wanbi, then began to retreat slowly.

However, Su Yu spoke again, “However, although she has nothing to do with me, she’s still related to the second miss. So... That reminds me... Eldest miss, if you want to apologize to her, you must do so yourself.”

Xiao Tao’s expression became gloomy when she heard his words, “Why are you meddling in other people’s business? I’m from the Severed Fairy Cliff, and you will face dire consequences if you kill me.”

Su Yu smiled calmly as he replied, "I am not even afraid of the Central Prefecture's king's threats, so I certainly won't be cowed by the threats of a trifling thief and human trafficker!"

As Su Yu spoke, a white light flickered in his eyes and a sphere of soul flames flew out of them. As Xiao Tao's cultivation was just at the Half Fairy Realm, her soul was burned up entirely before she even managed to scream, while her body fell weakly on the ground.

As Yuan Wanbi, who was on her shoulders, was falling down to the ground, Su Yu caught her just in time. Then, after Su Yu untied her, he turned his attention back to Xiao Tao. He then threw a ball of flames at her, which burned her corpse into ashes, and only her spatial ring and a purple badge remained.

When Su Yu looked at the spatial ring, he saw that it had just a few ordinary objects in it. Clearly, she didn't bring anything special with her, as she had hid beside the eldest miss for a long time.

However, Su Yu did find a black needle in the spatial ring, which was the same as the one he found in the Demonic Ape's cave. At that time, he felt like the ape was probably being controlled by someone due to that fact that the black needle was dipped in a poison that he knew was specifically concocted for controlling souls.

However, he really didn't expect that it was really the case, much less that it had come from a mysterious organization called the Severed Fairy Cliff! As Su Yu crushed the spatial ring, he looked at the other object, the purple badge.

Su Yu remembered that Xia Jingyu had once reminded him to pay attention to all purple objects, as they could change his fate and increase his chances for survival. Hence, he had to wonder... Is this purple badge one of these special objects she spoke of?

After Su Yu examined the badge closely, he didn't find anything special about it, besides the fact that it was made of some rather unusual materials and had the three words "Severed Fairy Cliff" imprinted on it.

"Thank you," Yuan Wanbi said as she stood up. She wore a complex expression as she bowed to Su Yu.

However, Su Yu didn't pay any attention to her, but continued staring at the badge. He was trying to discover the badge's function.

"This is one of the Severed Fairy Cliff's badges. It's rumored that each badge has a different color, which represents a different rank. There are seven different colors in total, including red, orange, yellow, green, greenish blue, blue and purple. The purple color represents the lowest rank, which means that Xiao Tao's status in the Severed Fairy Cliff was quite low," Yuan Wanbi said.

It's an identity badge? As Su Yu turned the badge over, he asked calmly, "Why doesn't it have a name on it?"

Yuan Wanbi felt excited for some unknown reason when Su Yu paid attention to her, and she answered readily, "It's because she still hasn't passed the test."

“When the purple badges are sent out, they will belong to anyone who gets them, as they don’t have any names on them. Whoever receives a purple badge will then try to finish a mission in order to become an official purple member of the Severed Fairy Cliff. It is only after completing such a mission that the individual’s name will be placed on his or her badge.”

Su Yu was surprised to hear this, so he asked, “Isn’t that a bit careless? Don’t they fear that someone will take advantage of this by getting ahold of a nameless badge and infiltrating their ranks?”

Yuan Wanbi shook her head. “They aren’t worried about that, as even if someone infiltrated the ranks so expertly and became one of its members, that person would still never gain access to the organization’s head.”

Su Yu then asked, “I still don’t get it. What is the significance of getting an identity badge? Isn’t it basically useless?”

“Oh no! It’s useful!” Yuan Wanbi said. “Once one becomes a true member of the Severed Fairy Cliff, a mission will appear on the badge each month, and if you manage to finish the mission, you will get more points, as well as a corresponding reward.”

She then added, “For example, if this month’s mission was to kill someone, and its reward was a fourth grade spirit elixir and three points, after someone finished the mission, he would get both of those rewards. The elixir would be placed at a specific place, and they would notify him of its location via the badge so that he could go and get it.”

Well, that is quite amazing! Su Yu was startled. It seemed to him like the Severed Fairy Cliff really had great influence and strong power, since they were capable of delivering rewards to their members, who were spread throughout every corner of Jiuzhou, in such a way. In fact, he wouldn’t be surprised if even the Blue Mountain City had some Severed Fairy Cliff’s members within it!

“What’s the use of the three points then?” Su Yu asked.

Yuan Wanbi replied, “It’s just for one’s points accumulation. A hundred points are needed to be promoted from a purple badge to a blue badge, and a thousand points are required for blue badge to be promoted to a greenish blue badge, and so on. Each promotion needs ten times more points than the last, and the higher one’s badge grade, the higher level of rewards one receives from the missions.”

She then added, “The accumulated points can also decrease, as a person who is issued a mission can also request that another Severed Fairy Cliff’s member finish the mission on their behalf. Hence, the points decrease, as they get less credit for the mission.”

Chapter 762: Man-Eating Ferocious Birds

Su Yu understood everything when he heard Yuan Wanbi’s explanation. It was an impressive system of missions.

The high-level members of the Severed Fairy Cliff would issue missions that the other members would execute. In this way, even if someone who had ulterior motives joined them, he would not have access to the other members. Su Yu was so impressed, he had to wonder...

What kind of great person is behind such a strict organization?

“Senior, you won’t have any trouble killing Xiao Tao, as she isn’t even a true member of the Severed Fairy Cliff. But, you should still be prudent in the future, as the Severed Fairy Cliff has great influence. In fact, all of the prefecture’s kings who tried to get rid of it failed. Even Jiuzhou the Emperor was forced to make compromises with it,” she said.

Su Yu nodded as he took back the purple badge. He was wondering if this was the sign that Xia Jingyu had mentioned. After all, since it was purple and extremely powerful, it seemed like it coincided with the Severed Fairy Cliff.

“Let’s leave.” Su Yu turned around and left, Yuan Wanbi following after him.

Yuan Yingying, who was outside the courtyard, had already become anxious from waiting for so long, as had the Yuan Family’s Master. The two guards who had followed Yuan Wanbi were found dead in an alleyway, and it was only after this matter was reported that they noticed that she had disappeared. This had alerted them that the situation was much more serious than they had first thought.

Yuan Yingying’s eyes lit up when she saw the two of them returning, and she even forgot about her quarrel with her sister and ran to hug her. “Sister, it’s good that you are okay. Father and I really feared that you may have suffered some mishap!”

Yuan Wanbi’s body stiffened, after experiencing Xiao Tao’s betrayal, as well as people’s ruthlessness and heartlessness, she realized how precious Yuan Yingying’s pure and kind feelings for her truly were. She felt her heart warming as she extended her hands and embraced Yuan Yingying’s tightly.

She felt ashamed of herself as she said, “I’m sorry, sister. I’m really sorry for treating you so badly in the past, and...”

As she thought about her past actions, she realized how ridiculous and stupid they were. Her face became red and she was even too embarrassed to continue speaking.

Yuan Yingying was somewhat overwhelmed by this change in Yuan Wanbi, as this was the first time that Yuan Wanbi had ever hugged her. As she enjoyed her older sister’s embrace, Yuan Yingying felt her heart filling with warmth.

“You don’t need to mention it. I understand. From today onward, let’s support each other and be close to each other,” Yuan Yingying said as she looked at her older sister.

Many emotions welled up in Yuan Wanbi’s heart as she looked at the pair of pure and honest eyes in front of her and wondered... Was I possessed by a demon in the past? Why did I treat her in such a way?

As she thought of the past once more, she was both ashamed and touched, and two streams of tear flowed down from her eyes. Yuan Yingying also wept, as she had finally gotten her older sister's approval and love.

This pair of sisters continued hugging each other for a long while before separating. Yuan Wanbi's face was filled with shame as she saluted the Yuan family members and said, "I'm sorry for making you all worry."

The Yuan Family's Master wore a warm look as he said, "It's fine. But now, you must get along with your sister."

Her father had already forgiven her in his heart. As Yuan Wanbi swept the surroundings with her gaze, it fell upon Shangguan Yunque. By that time, she had already lost most of her desire to cling to such a powerful and rich person.

"Shangguan, I was young and ignorant and made many mistakes. For this reason, I'm too ashamed to ask to be your wife, so just follow what my father said and cancel the engagement. I'm sorry for troubling you." After she had apologized, she felt herself becoming more light and relaxed. It was as if she had just been reborn.

However, she was startled just after this by Shangguan Yunque's reply. He wore a faint smile as he asked, "Who said that my father-in-law requested to cancel the engagement?"

He then said with a smile, "Recognizing one's mistakes and changing for the better is one of the greatest achievements. I expected that you would try to use my power to kill your sister, but in the end, you gave up on that scheme. So, it's obvious that you still have some kindness in your heart."

He continued to gaze at her warmly as he said, "Now, you have even given up on harboring grudges in your heart and have reconciled with your sister. As such, your heart should have already become serene and peaceful, right?"

Not waiting for her reply, he concluded, "I, Shangguan Yunque, am not a person who looks at people's pasts. What's important is who you are now, and the current you is already qualified to become the future young mistress of the Shangguan family. In fact, I already left the engagement gift for your family, so this marriage is happening!"

Such a sudden and nice surprise startled Yuan Wanbi greatly. The engagement, which she had schemed to attain in the past, had flown to her by itself, just like this!

"Everything seems to have well for everyone." The Yuan Family's Master became quite carefree and happy, as he was finally freed from all worries about his daughters, which had plagued him for more than ten years. "Haha, today, as we have received five pieces of good news, we must all drink and celebrate!"

Shangguan Yunque became curious, so he asked, "What are those five pieces of good news?"

The Yuan Family's Master clapped his hands as he said with a smile, "The first one is that our Yuan family is no longer suppressed by anyone, and we now have control over the whole Blue Mountain Range. The second one is that Yuan Yingying became a Soul Seizing Palace's disciple!"

He clapped once more, then continued, "The third one is that Yuan Wanbi's marriage into the Shangguan family was finally settled. The fourth one is that an intermediate alchemist appeared in the Yuan family, and the last one is that my daughters finally reconciled."

Those five pieces of good news delighted all of them, and at such a moment, Su Yu said with a smile, "Yuan Family's Master, I'd like to inform you of a matter, which will probably be considered the sixth piece of good news..."

All eyes turned to Su Yu at this moment, eagerly awaiting his next words. "The sixth piece of good news is that the intermediate alchemist who you are looking for is none other than your own daughter, Yuan Yingying!" he said.

His words caused a great uproar. Even the Yuan Family's Master found such matter unbelievable!

Su Yu then took out a jade bottle, which had a fourth-grade Fairy Expansion Pill within it, and said, "She has refined three of these. One of them flew away because the furnace exploded, while the other two were divided between the two of us."

The Yuan Family's Master's expression changed gravely as he looked at Yuan Yingying and asked, "Yingying, are you truly an intermediate alchemist? When did you start studying alchemy?"

Yuan Wanbi covered her mouth in surprise. "Father, since about two years ago, I knew that Yingying was always trying to refine elixirs. But, I never knew that she could refine fourth-grade spirit elixirs!"

All of the Yuan family members went into an uproar, all commenting amongst themselves...

"Oh my god! Not only does the Second Miss possess great talent in martial arts, but she also possesses an even more astonishing talent in alchemy!"

All of the people were shocked, and they encircled Yuan Yingying and started questioning her. After all, this was the first time such a young intermediate alchemist had appeared in the Blue Mountain Range!

Yuan Yingying quickly explained, "Uncle Su helped me. In fact, my alchemy skills are just... Well... Where is Uncle Su?"

As everyone looked around, no one could find him. It was as if he had disappeared among the sea of people.

Yuan Wanbi felt empty for some reason, as if she just lost something. She muttered, "He left."

"No! He can't leave! I can't live without him!" Yuan Yingying's eyes were brimming with tears as she rushed out of the Yuan family's manor and started looking for Su Yu.

In some secluded alley, a white-haired old man clasped his hands behind his back as he disappeared among the mist.

"Brother, is it fine to leave like this?" A voice suddenly transmitted from the room of some house in the street.

As Su Yu raised his head and looked up, he saw a handsome young master, who wore magnificent white clothes and was illuminated by the moonlight, leaning against the wall.

Su Yu asked him calmly, "Brother? Shouldn't you respectfully be calling me grandpa?"

The youth couldn't help but laugh. "Haha, lad, you are younger than me, yet you want to take advantage of me in such a way?"

Su Yu was surprised. "Well, do you know how old I am? Or, did you once see a picture of me?" A cold glint flickered in Su Yu's eyes.

The youth shook his head, while still laughing. "I didn't, but my Shangguan family's bloodline is somewhat special, so it can accurately judge people's ages. Hence, I can sense that your body lost most of its life span, so you became old overnight, while you are actually no older than nineteen. I'm not mistaken, am I?"

Su Yu replied, "But... So what? I'm sure you didn't come here just to chat with me under the moon? Wouldn't it be better for you to accompany your fiancée?"

The person before him was obviously none other than Shangguan Yunque!

"Hehe, I obviously have a reason for looking for you. I know what occurred in the Yuan family this past month... An Almighty Divine Master, an uproar caused by Fairy Expansion Pills, the transformation of the Second Miss from mediocrity to a peerless genius, the destruction of the Elixir Production Alliance... All of those matters had your shadow all over them."

He shook his head, then continued, "It's really difficult for me to believe that you are just nineteen, which is even younger than me, as you possess such astounding capabilities! I hope that you can come back with me to the Shangguan family, as I will recommend you to the Red Blood Palace."

The Red Blood Palace? Su Yu raised his brows, as this was one of the two greatest palaces that ruled the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands!

"I will also invite Yuan Yingying. As she is now a young intermediate alchemist, those old alchemists of the Red Blood Palace would surely fight over her," he promised Su Yu.

Su Yu squinted his eyes slightly, as he was really tempted by this offer. Lately, he had felt more and more that a great crisis was on the horizon. So, joining a powerful faction, while being able to cultivate patiently within it as he hid would be his best choice.

Moreover, the Red Blood Palace was the most powerful faction in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands, which meant that it was many times safer than the outside world. Thus, joining it was exactly what he needed!

"What's your reason behind this generous offer? Surely you wouldn't invite me for no reason..." Su Yu wondered aloud.

Shangguan Yunque chuckled. "Brother Su, you think too much! Recommending talented people to the Red Blood Palace is the responsibility of all of the factions in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands, and just like the Blue Mountain Range sends talented people to the Soul Seizing

Palace, my Shangguan family also recommends the most talented people in our territory to the Red Blood Palace.”

He then added, “If the people we recommend meet the criteria and manage to successfully join it, then, as the faction that recommended them, we get rewards from the Red Blood Palace. Those rewards may be useless in the eyes of wandering cultivators like you, but they are the lifeblood of our Shangguan family.”

Su Yu was instantly relieved when he heard his explanation. He then asked, “Okay, I agree to it. When will we leave?”

Shangguan Yunque chuckled. “Only after drinking our fills tonight!”

Just like this, Su Yu had agreed to return to the Yuan family.

Back at the banquet, Shangguan Yunque announced the seventh piece of good news, which was naturally that he would recommend Yuan Yingying to the Red Blood Palace. Such news shocked all of them, and they were overjoyed. They started bustling with noise and excitement, celebrating until midnight.

In the outskirts of the city at daybreak, the Yuan Family’s Master and Yuan Wanbi bid farewell to Shangguan Yunque, Su Yu, and Yuan Yingying, who were going to the White Cloud Lake. As the Yuan Family’s Master noticed that Su Yu was going with them, he was quite surprised. “Wanbi, why is Yingying taking this old man with her?”

Yuan Wanbi chuckled when she heard him. “Father, you should really be asking why this old man is bringing Yingying along with him!”

As she noticed that her father’s face became filled with confusion, Yuan Wanbi explained, “Father, did you really believe that my sister’s great changes, as well as the Elixir Production Alliance’s destruction, were both caused by some baffling Divine Master teacher? In fact, it was all done by this old man, Su Yuxian.”

She then added, “He’s a peerless expert, who hid his power! If it wasn’t for him, then Shangguan Yunque wouldn’t be bringing Yuan Yingying along with him at all!”

The Yuan Family’s Master was dumbfounded by her words, and he widened his eyes until they became big and round. “What? It’s him? This old man, who always kept a low-profile, was behind all of this?”

The Yuan Family’s Master had always felt that there was someone manipulating everything that happened during the past month, but he never once had expected that it would be this old man!

Yuan Wanbi took a deep look at Su Yu’s back as she chuckled softly and murmured, “Many thanks, old man...”

Outside of the city, a black-robed old man went into the forest. He was Elder Liao, and he was now executing the task that had been assigned to him by Su Yu. At the moment, he was trying to gather the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid’s ingredients.

Meanwhile, a beautiful woman was standing in the Elixir Production Alliance’s hall, which had already collapsed and turned into rubble. It was in this place where Zhao Yin, Zhao Yinghao, and the red-nosed middle-aged man had been frozen in time and instantly killed in one move.

The woman possessed a tall yet curvaceous body, and her fluttering purple robe was incapable of hiding her alluring body's charm. She seemed to be just a teenager, and she was extremely beautiful, yet flames of hatred were burning in her eyes.

She extended her finger, then streaked it across the air, gathering a faint Time Power as it went.

"This Time Power... It's revealing that it was obviously Su Yu who which killed Uncle Blood Emperor..." The young woman raised her head and looked in the direction of the White Cloud Lake with her ice-cold gaze. "I found you," she murmured.

The Yuan family experts, which were protecting this place, immediately came in, as they had heard some disturbance. "Who's here?" they asked in unison.

However, they found the hall empty. Only a faint, sweet fragrance lingered in the air.

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After they traveled for five days, Su Yu and the others finally reached the White Cloud Lake. In those five days, Su Yu had managed to finally completely heal his internal blood energy channels, so now, he just needed to find a place where he could try to advance to the Fairy Realm.

"What a great lake!" Yuan Yingying cried out in surprise, as she looked at the vast white lake in front of her.

Shangguan Yunque stretched lazily and said, "We still need to continue traveling for another day, but let's descend for now, as there is one of my Shangguan family's relay birds stations here, so we exchange our birds."

Their current birds were extremely exhausted by now, as they had already flown for more than five days. As such, their speeds had become slower. So, if they wanted to quickly reach the Shangguan family, it would be wise for them to exchange their original birds for new ones.

Their eagles cried loudly as they rushed down, and they could gradually see an island on the silver-white lake. It wasn't big, but many spirit fruits were planted on it, which caused the island's Spiritual Energy to be quite intense.

They were many wooden piles that had been constructed in every corner of the island, and they had many transplanted trees around them. These were all places that had been made for different species of birds to live within.

When Su Yu swept the place with his senses, he was quite startled, as he felt the aura of many powerful birds there, the weakest among them being at the Level One Fairy Realm, while the strongest was even at the Level Seven Fairy Realm!

"Those are all birds that have been raised by my Shangguan family, and there is someone in charge of looking over them here. He's also in charge of exchanging birds for the Shangguan family members who are traveling. The White Cloud Lake has ten relay stations like this. This one happens to be the smallest one," Shangguan Yunque explained to Su Yu.

He then added, "The person in charge of this place is one of my family's elders, Uncle Lan. He will change our mounts."

He then descended from his bird and shouted, “Uncle Lan? Are you here?”

After getting no response, his brows furrowed as he murmured, “That’s odd.” There was no trace of his Uncle Lan anywhere.

As they looked around, they could clearly see that all of the birds were all peacefully staying in their nests, motionless. They were asleep! In fact, the whole island was silent.

“Why are they all asleep?” Yuan Yingying found the island’s absolute silence eerie.

Shangguan Yunque shrugged his shoulders. “Do you even need to ask? All of those birds have a control charm in their bodies, and as long as it is activated, then they will all fall asleep. Only when they are needed will they be freed from it and wake up.”

He then added, “If they didn’t put them in sleep, since many of the birds still retain some of their wild nature, they would surely rebel. This actually happened in the past, when they actually killed the person who was in charge of them. That is why keep such strict control over them now.”

Hearing this, Su Yu squinted his eyes. This island gave him a restless feeling. Then, all of a sudden, a faint smell of blood assaulted his nostrils.

He was slightly surprised by it, and when he looked up, he saw an ordinary blue bird, which didn’t seem any different than the other ones. It was peacefully sitting on the ground, and it seemed like it was asleep.

Su Yu then used his Soul Eyes, which possessed the power to see through all matters. He then asked, “Shangguan, what’s the cultivation of your Uncle Lan?”

Shangguan Yunque was startled by his question. “He’s quite powerful. He’s, at the very least, a Level Eight Fairy. Otherwise, how could he keep such a group of birds under control?”

A Level Eight Fairy?

Su Yu’s expression became gloomy. Then, as he held Yuan Yingying’s hand, the two flew away immediately. His actions were quite sudden, leaving the rest of the group with no time to even react.

However, Su Yu’s grave voice transmitted to Shangguan Yunque’s ears at the same time, “Quickly escape, all of the birds are awake! They are just pretending to be asleep! They have eaten your Uncle Lan!”

When Su Yu looked at that bird with his Soul Eyes, he saw a human’s head in that giant bird’s belly, and there were other parts of a human’s body in the other giant birds’ bodies!

What frightened Su Yu even more was that those birds’ souls were lively and spirited, and they weren’t asleep, but were just faking as they waited for some unaware person to come to them, like prey! As there were more than a hundred birds on the island, even a Level Eight Fairy could be torn to shreds by them, let alone a group of people like them!

Chapter 763: Blue Water Nine Heavens Wings

Shock appeared on Shangguan Yunque’s face as he soared into the sky. As he was a Level Seven Fairy, his movement technique’s speed was much faster than Su Yu’s. Thus, he was able to overtake him in just three breaths’ time.

“Brother Su, I will take you with me...” he said.

At this moment, the birds that were sleeping in their nest suddenly opened their eyes, which had nothing but brutal and ominous glints in them. The two creatures that Shangguan Yunque had brought both had sharp senses, and when they noticed that the current situation was anything but reassuring, they flapped their wings and flew away.

However, before they managed to flee very far, nine ferocious birds, which were at the Level Three Fairy Realm, pounced on them and tore them apart with their sharp beaks. Their wings were torn, and their feathers, which were smeared with their red blood, drifted through the air like snowflakes.

The scent of blood attracted more ferocious birds, and in just three breaths' time, the two mounts had been completely devoured by the birds. There weren't even any bones left!

Shangguan Yunque's facial expression became grave as he witnessed this scene. "Something is amiss. Although those birds have an unruly nature, they still shouldn't be this brutal. Someone is clearly controlling them."

Su Yu nodded, then grabbed Yuan Yingying and fled, not hesitating for even a moment. It was fortunate that the two mounts had attracted their attention, as it gave Su Yu and the others the opportunity to place some distance between themselves and the birds. Otherwise, if several hundred birds had attacked them at the same time, they would have suffered the same fate as the mounts!

Eeek!

A sharp, shrieking sound suddenly echoed out, then swept over them like a wave. Yuan Yingying groaned softly, while blood seeped out of her ears.

The four Level Seven Fairy Realm birds had already discovered them, and they flapped their wings as they chased after them. Their speed was many times faster than ordinary Fairy Realm birds. They were even faster than Shangguan Yunque!

"This is awful!" Shangguan Yunque's facial expression became gloomy. He knew that he could easily deal with any one of the four birds, but if all four of them came at him at once, he feared that he wouldn't be able to hold his own against them.

Moreover, if they were detained by the birds for even a moment, even more birds would catch up with them. Then, they would suffer the same fate as their bird mounts!

"Da*n! Who is behind this?" Shangguan Yunque clenched his teeth as he tore his splendid white clothes, revealing his bare back.

If one looked closely, he could see that the flesh on his back was wiggling strangely. Then, two bones, which seemed like the bones of a bird's wing, shot out of his back!

At the same time, wisps of his Vital Energy started turning into feathers, which soon covered the bones. Two snow-white wings had appeared on his back in the twinkling of an eye!

"Brother Su, leave with me... Now!" Shangguan Yunque grabbed Su Yu and Yuan Yingying as he shook the wings on his back, which caused a gust of strong air currents to swirl through the air.

As they streaked across the space, they were moving so fast that it seemed like they had disappeared into thin air. When they finally slowed their pace, they had already traveled more than a million

miles! They had managed to escape, as it was impossible for even early stage Divine Masters to reach such a speed, let alone the four Level Seven Fairy Realm ferocious birds.

Yuan Yingying looked at the wings on Shangguan Yunque's back with a flickering gaze. She then sucked in a breath of air and asked, "Are these the legendary Blue Water Nine Heavens Wings... The spiritual artifact, which can fuse with a human's flesh and costs more than a hundred thousand crystals? I've heard that hey can travel more than ten thousand miles in just a single breath's time!"

Her eyes grew wide as she added, "But, I also heard that they are a one-time use artifact, and as such, they will disintegrate after being used. Only a great faction like the Shangguan family could afford such a treasure!" After all, a hundred thousand crystals was the monthly income of the entire Yuan family.

Su Yu's expression remained calm, even after hearing this. It didn't surprise him. After all, it would be strange if such a wealthy young master like Shangguan Yunque didn't have any life-saving means up his sleeve.

"Brother Shangguan, many thanks for saving us." Su Yu cupped his fists and thanked him.

Although Su Yu had his own ways of escaping from such a danger, Shangguan Yunque had protected them at such a precarious moment, so he deserved Su Yu's sincere thanks. It was also for this reason that Su Yu call him "Brother Shangguan" instead of his usual "Young Master Shangguan."

Shangguan Yunque's face looked somewhat pale, and the wings on his back had clearly started to decay. In fact, they looked like they were beginning to dissipate into a black smoke. This was clear evidence that such an object could indeed only be used one time, and in doing so, it would consume a great amount of the user's Vital and Spiritual Energies.

"Nonsense! Brother Su, it's me who should be thanking you. If you hadn't warned me, I might have fallen into their trap," Shangguan Yunque said as he cupped his fists at Su Yu.

This was true, as if Su Yu hadn't warned him, he would have been caught off guard and torn to shreds by the sudden attack of the birds. This was because he would have had no time to use the Blue Water Nine Heavens Wings!

Su Yu's gaze became grave as he commented, "Brother Shangguan, those birds seemed quite strange just now."

Shangguan Yunque looked at Su Yu curiously and replied, "I also wanted to ask you something. How did you know that our family's elder was inside the ferocious birds' bellies?"

Su Yu replied, "It's just because of some mediocre cultivation technique I have. When I observed the birds, I sensed that they had all lost their minds and become brutal and cruel. It was as if their minds were being controlled by someone else."

Since he didn't want to reveal his secret, Shangguan Yunque didn't ask any more questions. However, he was much more curious about Su Yu, as such a cultivation technique that could see through those ferocious birds' bellies was quite extraordinary!

“Brother Su, you aren’t mistaken,” Shangguan Yunque said with a serious tone. “They were really being controlled by someone, and if I’m not mistaken, they were being controlled by a powerful Beast Tamer.”

A Beast Tamer? Su Yu gasped, as he had seen such people in the Blue Mountain Range.

“Moreover, since the Beast Tamer was capable of controlling such a great number of demonic beasts, which even had four Level Seven Fairy Realm ones among them, then this means that the Beast Tamer is quite formidable,” Shangguan Yunque said.

He then rejoiced slightly as he added, “It was fortunate that we were able to escape, as if we had to face a Beast Tamer, it would be quite a hopeless situation!”

It was common knowledge in Jiuzhou how terrifying Beast Tamers were. Hence, no one would be willing to face a Beast Tamer, especially when he was in control of such a great number of demonic beasts!

Su Yu nodded, then said, “However, we are still not safe. So, we should leave immediately.”

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After the time it would take to brew a half cup of tea, a flock of birds flew over from afar. A youthful man, who wore purple clothes, was standing on the head of a Level Seven Fairy Realm ferocious bird, looking coldly in the direction where Su Yu had just left from.

“It’s really a shame! I should have been able to kill Shangguan Yunque, but he ruined my plan!” The youthful man’s voice was filled with resentment. He then turned around and left in a huff.

After three days had passed, during which they endured a long and difficult trek, they finally reached the center of White Cloud Lake, where there was a giant island that was as big as a continent. It was at least ten times the size of the entire Zhenlong World, and it had many powerful experts and innumerable Fairies living within it.

Early stage Fairies could also be found everywhere, and such was also the case for middle stage Fairies. They even saw several late stage Fairies! Moreover, Su Yu could feel several oppressive auras, which were clearly belonged to Divine Masters.

Swoosh!

When they landed in front of the main city’s gate, they found that there a palace had been constructed there by the Shangguan family, just like the one that the Blue Mountain Range’s Yuan family had built. But, unlike the Yuan family’s palace, the palace before them contained a spatial power, which could teleport them to the Shangguan family’s manor!

As Yuan Yingying looked at it, her gaze was filled with admiration. “A spatial formation! It’s rumored that only extremely rare spatial formation masters can set them, which makes their cost astronomical! As such, the wealth accumulated by the whole Blue Mountain Range in ten years would barely be enough to pay for the cost of its yearly maintenance! In the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands, besides the eighteen great factions, only several great families like the Shangguan family, could afford such a spatial formation.”

“Hehe... Well... It can only be used for short-distance teleportation on the island, and it’s insignificant in comparison to the great teleportation formation, which can teleport people between prefectures and continents.” Shangguan Yunque chuckled carelessly as he led them toward the formation, then stepped into it.

Once they stepped into the formation, they felt the world spinning around them. They even lost their balances, and they felt like they were drifting along in a deep, churning sea.

When Su Yu’s feet landed on solid ground again, he revolved a wisp of spatial energy skillfully, which weakened the impact of the spatial power and enabled him to steady himself immediately. As for Yuan Yingying, she cried out in alarm, as she had lost her balance and tumbled rather ungracefully! Fortunately, Su Yu had been holding onto her all along and prevented her from falling completely.

“Well... You reacted to that quite well!” someone near them suddenly exclaimed, clearly impressed with Su Yu.

Chapter 764: Reaping Without Sowing

As Su Yu looked forward, he saw a one-eyed man, who had an eye-patch. He seemed ferocious, yet his gaze was serene and warm. However, Su Yu’s pupils still couldn’t help but slightly contract, as this person was a Divine Master!

The one-eyed man was now curiously observing Su Yu, and his gaze was filled with praise, as they were few people who could easily deal with spatial teleportation! Even Shangguan Yunque couldn’t achieve it!

“Well, Uncle Qin! You were the one protecting the formation?” Shangguan Yunque was surprised. “In the past, wasn’t it always protected by the elders?”

The one-eyed man in front of them was the person in charge of protecting the formation.

Uncle Qin averted his gaze from Su Yu as his expression changed slightly. “It’s good that you managed to come back, as the Family’s Master was just about to send some experts to go and get you.”

“Uncle Qin, what happened?” Shangguan Yunque raised his eyebrows as he realized that something was amiss.

This teleportation formation was extremely important because it led directly to the Shangguan family’s manor. As such, it was constantly guarded by three Level Nine Fairy Realm branch elders.

It was only in critical situations that a Divine Master would be dispatched to protect it. Such a situation had rarely occurred in the Shangguan family’s thousand years history.

“It’s hard to explain in a few words, so let’s go see the Family’s Master.” Shangguan Yunque had already realized that they were in a state of emergency, so he didn’t dare tarry.

“Uncle Qin, I will trouble you with the task of settling in my two friends. I will quickly go back.” Shangguan Yunque cupped his fists at Su Yu and Yuan Yingying before he left.

Yuan Yingying then whispered in Su Yu’s ear, “It seems like something major occurred in the Shangguan family...”

Su Yu nodded slightly. He had already managed to get some clues about it just from the accident in the birds’ island three days ago.

“Sirs, the attendant will take you to your room. As I’m in charge of protecting this place, I can’t escort you there myself,” Uncle Qin said.

Su Yu nodded and cupped his fists at him.

A pretty female attendant came and led them to the place where the Shangguan family usually received guests. According to Shangguan Yunque’s instructions, the room that had been prepared for them was quite luxurious. In fact, it was one of their best rooms.

“Ah!”

Bang!

But, before they could even approach the courtyard, they heard someone shouting, followed by a loud sound. It appeared as if someone was training within the courtyard.

As they looked into the courtyard from its entrance, they saw a group of youngsters, who were practicing their fighting skills. Their ages ranged from sixteen years old to twenty years old, and the weakest among them was at the Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm, while the strongest was a Level Four Fairy.

The Level Four Fairy was an eighteen-year-old youth, who was practicing his fist techniques. His strikes were smooth and fluid, and they all left countless ripples in the air.

As Su Yu had already been in Jiuzhou for more than a month now, he knew that the Jiuzhou World was much more firm and stable than Zhenlong. As such, although it would be easy for Su Yu to shatter Zhenlong’s space, it would be difficult for him to even slightly shake Jiuzhou’s space.

Since this lad had just managed to slightly shake its space, it could be seen that he possessed a great physical power, which wasn’t any weaker than Su Yu’s First Dragon Body’s! Although, if Su Yu’s cultivation advanced further, his body would also become more powerful, so it wasn’t really fair to compare a Half Fairy like him with a Level Four Fairy.

“As expected of the Thousand Water Mountain Range’s greatest genius, his strike possesses five elephants’ power, and it’s higher by a whole elephant than ordinary Level Four Fairies! Brother Zhang Fan, you will surely get one of the Red Blood Palace’s Outer Sanctum Quotas!” A short-haired youth beside him, who wore a leopard’s fur, couldn’t help but exclaim in admiration.

Elephants were Jiuzhou's martial artists' power measuring unit. Vigorous Diamond Elephants were one of Jiuzhou's most commonly seen demonic beasts, and they were famous for their great physical power.

The power of each Vigorous Diamond Elephant was equivalent to the power of a human who just reached Level One Fairy Realm, and it was because of this that it was used as a power measuring unit. On average, a Level One Fairy possessed one elephant's power, while Level Two Fairies possessed two elephants' power, and along with each level advancement, his power would increase by a whole elephant.

Once one's cultivation reached the All Creation Realm, then he would possess ten thousand elephants' power. From just this point, the great difference between a Fairy and the All Creation Old monsters could be clearly seen.

This youth, called Zhang Fan, was a Level Four Fairy, and people with such a cultivation possessed, on average, just four elephants' power. But he had already reached five elephants' power, which was quite outstanding!

Su Yu had already heard many things about this group of youngsters. They also wanted to enter the Red Blood Palace, which is why they were all preparing for passing the Shangguan family's test in order to do so.

Zhang Fan sighed. "Although I am not worried, I've heard that the test for entering the Red Blood Palace won't be easy for most people. In fact, it is said that even those with six elephants' power aren't assured of passing it."

Although he was sighing, it was obvious from his tone that he was implying that it would be impossible for anyone other than him to pass. But, the others still pretended that they didn't understand his meaning and continued to praise and compliment him.

They couldn't be blamed for such behavior, as the Red Blood Palace's entry exam was extremely dangerous, and if they could befriend some experts before taking it, then they would have higher chances of passing it.

Su Yu took a look at Zhang Fan and nodded. It seemed like entering the Red Blood Palace wasn't some easy matter as he had first thought.

"Well, everyone, look over there! It seems we have two new neighbors! It's a young girl and her servant." The youth who wore a leopard fur noticed them out of the corners of his eyes. "It's really strange, as more than half a month has already passed since the deadline for recommendations... So, why are there still people arriving here?"

He then asked, "Well, where did you come from?"

Yuan Yingying replied, "The Blue Mountain Range."

"That's impossible!" the youth in the leopard fur exclaimed. "The Shangguan family already gave up on looking for talents from that place, so how's it possible that you came from there?"

The Shangguan family had placed a martial arts institute in all of the Nine Mountain Ranges, the Seven Great Mountains, the Six Blessed Lands and the five villas. They then observed the new talents as they emerged in each place carefully.

However, the impoverished Blue Mountain Range never had any good talents, so the Shangguan family soon stopped caring about it. Moreover, the Blue Mountain Range was close to the Soul Seizing Palace, which yearly held a great competition in the Blue Mountain Range, where it would steal away its best talents, making it even more impossible for the Shangguan Family to find any outstanding geniuses there!

After several hundred years passed without any talent being recommended from there, they had directly excluded it and stopped taking any recommendations from there. This was why the youngsters were so bewildered by the fact that they had come from the Blue Mountain Range.

“Did you rely on your close relationship with someone important to come here?” The youth in a leopard fur squinted his eyes.

Yuan Yingying was angered by his insulting words. “What does it matter to you?”

He chuckled, then replied, “It matters to all of us here, as those who have used underhanded means to get here surely aren’t welcome!”

Yuan Yingying was angered by his words, as she felt like she was being targeted for no reason. Su Yu looked at the youth in a leopard fur and said with a disdain scowl, “You really don’t seem any better!”

After all, Su Yu could clearly tell that this particular youngster didn’t depend on his power, but instead wanted to depend on his luck, as well as trying to better his odds by bullying other would-be contenders to back out. Su Yu had to wonder...

What good could come of such people, even if they managed to pass the exam?

“Well? How can a spoiled young miss, who takes her servant everywhere with her, be any better than me?” The youth curled his mouth into a mocking smile.

Su Yu didn’t want to bother with him at the moment, so he just pulled Yuan Yingying away and walked towards their room.

“Stop! I said that you aren’t welcome here, so you should look for another place to stay!” the youth in a leopard fur said.

Su Yu replied calmly, “Oh? Can you please inform which young master of the Shangguan family you are? What authority do you have to drive us away, while the Shangguan family has invited us here? You really quite full of yourself!”

The youth in a leopard fur was taken aback by Su Yu’s bold response. “What are you talking about? I just found you unacceptable, as you got here by doing nothing, while we all passed the exam fairly. As such, the two of you are no match for us.”

Su Yu squinted his eyes. “Oh really? Why don’t you show me how powerful an upright genius like you is versus a person like me, who just took a shortcut to get here?”

Many people had heard the commotion and gathered to watch, as they were intrigued at the scene that was unfolding before their very eyes. Although the behavior of the youth in a leopard fur was improper, the tone of this old man was too arrogant, and they were all displeased by it, so they wanted to see how powerful he really was.

The youth in a leopard fur revealed a crafty smile and said, “Fine, I, Tang Feng, accept your challenge!”

Su Yu’s expression remained calm and indifferent. In his eyes, Tang Feng was just a noisy, spoiled brat, and it would be easy for Su Yu to defeat him.

Su Yu had challenged him of his own accord because he didn’t want any more trouble. After all, it was his opinion that people should always keep a low-profile. However, when it was time to demonstrate their might, they also mustn’t cower! Otherwise, they would get into even more annoying trouble down the road.

Chapter 765: Advancing into the Fairy Realm

Su Yu took a step forward and said calmly, “Go ahead... Make a move...” It didn’t seem from his calm attitude like he was about to fight anyone, but more like he was about to teach someone a lesson.

“You are so arrogant!” Tang Feng sneered coldly.

“Blue Sky Demonic Fist!” Tang Feng yelled, while his fists took on an eerie black color, making them look like the malevolent hands of a demonic creature! As he thrust his fists forward, he constricted the flow of air in the space, which caused Su Yu’s cheeks to tingle with pain.

Zhang Fan nodded, then praised him, “The Blue Sky Demonic Fist is a spirit level cultivation technique, and after one uses it, he can strengthen his limbs with demonic energy. Tang Feng has excellent perception power, and he has managed to cultivate it to the lowest tier of the third level. This old man will surely suffer while facing it!”

Then, everyone started to comment on the course of events...

“That’s right, such a fist technique is fairly famous, as it’s one of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands’ basic fist techniques! If one manages to cultivate it completely, it can increase his power exponentially!”

“Hehe, Tang Feng is really ruthless! Instead of just seeking to drive him away, he is going all-out! Do you think that he actually wants to kill him?”

Su Yu then thrust his hands forward calmly, meeting his opponent’s fists head-on without using any techniques.

Thump! Thump!

When their fists collided, a torrential sea-like power erupted from Tang Feng’s fist and surged into Su Yu’s body. Su Yu fell back just two steps before he tiptoed and regained his balance quite easily. As for Tang Feng, he stumbled back three steps while his body swayed to and fro for quite some time before he finally managed to regain his balance with great difficulty.

His face was filled with shock and confusion as he stammered “You...”

The pupils of the people observing the fight contracted slightly, and an odd look appeared on all of their faces.

“How did he manage to achieve that?” someone from the crowd asked in awe, while shock appeared on many of the experts’ faces.

They all couldn’t help but wonder... Could a Half Fairy obstruct an all-out attack from a Level Three Fairy? After all, there was a large disparity between the Half Fairies and the Fairies, and it would be difficult for them to fight each other without depending upon magical treasures.

Zhang Fan looked at Su Yu, sweeping his gaze over Su Yu’s arms. He noticed that the internal blood energy channel on the back of Su Yu’s hand had a strange golden luster.

Su Yu took back his palms and looked down at them as well. He had a rough understanding of his current power now, and he sensed that it was probably between the three Elephants and three and a half Elephants levels.

This was more or less the same amount of power that the First Dragon Body could provide him, but if he could understand the Dragon Clan’s language, enabling him to read and understand the sequel of the Evil Dragon Divine Body technique, he could probably continue tempering his body even further!

“It seems like someone, who strived hard to join openly, isn’t any stronger than someone like me, who took a shortcut!” Su Yu said with a smile.

Tang Feng couldn’t bear such humiliation, and he clenched his teeth as he shouted in a deep voice, “Let’s continue! I was just being careless a moment ago.”

Swoosh!

At that moment, Yuan Yingying stepped forward bravely, holding a long sword. “Let me fight! You aren’t a match for Grandpa Su!”

In her eyes, Grandpa Su was an expert equal to Divine Masters, and as such, he really shouldn’t tangle with such kids. It was beneath him!

Tang Feng’s expression became ice-cold. “Okay, but don’t count on me to go easy on you just because you are a woman!”

A sneering voice drifted over at this moment, “Well? You dare to start a dogfight and cause internal strife, even before the start of the test?” The voice had come from outside the courtyard.

When everyone raised their eyes and looked over there, they saw a woman with a graceful figure standing on top of the courtyard wall. She wore a formal dress and had a delicate and pretty appearance, yet she looked at them all in contempt.

The woman was extremely beautiful, and her skin was as white as snow. Her pretty eyes were as pure as a clear spring, and she had long black hair that fluttered in the breeze and reached all the way down her back. As the sun’s rays shone on her, she looked like an ethereal fairy.

“Young Miss Shangguan!” The people fighting instantly became flustered, and they quickly ran over to greet her in unison, while also saluting her, including Zhang Fan.

Su Yu looked in surprise at the woman on the wall. He was quite baffled by her appearance as he wondered...

Isn't that Shangguan Qinger? Wasn't she killed by the Bai family's father and son in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion? Why has she appeared here now?

Shangguan Qinger was an unofficial disciple of the Red Blood Palace's Master, Mo Tianxuan, and she possessed a faint trace of the Ancient Spirit Body's bloodline. She had accepted a mission and gone to the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion to bring the Ancient Spirit Body. She had mistaken Su Yu for an Ancient Spirit Body, and had died miserably afterwards in the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion.

Shangguan Qinger jumped down gracefully from the wall and looked at Tang Feng. She then said, “That old man wasn't mistaken. You don't hold adequate confidence in your own power. Instead, you just hope to join the Red Blood Palace by pushing aside others. Even if someone like you, who depends solely on luck, manages to join the Red Blood Palace, it will be difficult for him to have any good prospects in the future.” She then added, “You should just leave now, then maybe come back next time.”

Tang Feng's face turned pale when he heard her words. Shangguan Qinger had deprived him of the right to participate in the test! What was even worse, the next recruitment of the Red Blood Palace wouldn't be for another three years, and by that time, he would be far older than the 20-year age limit, which meant that he wouldn't be qualified to take part in it!

As he thought of this, Tang Feng wore a dejected look and left unwillingly. Then, Shangguan Qinger cast a look at Yuan Yingying before she stared at Su Yu, examining him with her bright eyes. She furrowed her brows slightly and asked, “Have we met somewhere before?” Even though Su Yu had an aged appearance now, some vestiges of his youthful appearance could still be seen.

“Young Miss Shangguan, are you cracking a joke? I'm just an insignificant wandering cultivator, so how would I ever get to meet someone as important as you?” Su Yu asked. He was quite a convincing actor!

Shangguan Qinger was still skeptical, but she just pursed her lips and said, “I am probably just remembering someone else, as I am sure that is the case.” She then added, “However, you can also leave. You have already done your duty by escorting her here safely, so you can set your mind at ease and leave her. As this is a special time, outsiders are not allowed here.”

The corners of Su Yu's mouth twitched slightly upon hearing this, and his aged face blushed with shame as he replied, “But... I also came here to take part in the test.”

Not only was Shangguan Qinger dumbfounded by this revelation, but so were Zhang Fan and all of the other people present.

“What? You?” Shangguan Qinger stammered while she examined Su Yu curiously. “Do you mean that you aren't older than 20?”

Su Yu nodded. "That's right. The explanation for my aged appearance is simple... I was stricken with this strange condition while I was cultivating."

Everyone in the crowd gasped as they wondered... How is it possible that he ended up having such an old appearance just by cultivating?

"Ah! Grandpa Su! Is it true? You aren't older than 20?" Yuan Yingying was shocked. But, when she thought more about it, she remembered that she had heard Shangguan Yunque calling Su Yu "Brother Su" while they were on the road. At the time, she was baffled by it, and it was only now that she understood it!

Yet, she couldn't help but wonder... If he is really no older than 20 years old, didn't he mislead me by letting me call him Grandpa Su? Moreover, I was always kissing and hugging him, not knowing that he wasn't really an old man! As she thought of this fact, Yuan Yingying glared angrily at Su Yu.

"It's really true." A peculiar light shone in the deepest part of Shangguan Qinger's eyes. "Regarding your outward appearance, you seem like an old man because you lost most of your lifespan, when in fact, you should only be about 20 years old!"

An odd look appeared on the faces of the talented youths after they confirmed that Su Yu was also a qualified participant.

"You should all rest for the day, as you will have to go and meet my father tomorrow. Then, the day after that, an envoy will bring you to the Red Blood Palace," Shangguan Qinger said before she clasped her small hands behind her back and left in a leisurely manner.

After she left, everyone was conversing together in harmony, and there were even several Level One Fairies who came over to befriend Su Yu. Su Yu dealt with them kindly, as even if he didn't want to befriend them, he knew that he still mustn't offend them.

After nightfall, Su Yu consumed his last Pure Yang Vital Return Pill. Its warm energy healed his internal blood energy channels completely, returning them to their peak states.

After Su Yu observed them carefully, he discovered that his internal blood energy channels were stronger than before by a third. This explained why Su Yu now possessed a power that was tantamount to a Level Three Fairy's.

"It must be due to the Fate Altering Pill," Su Yu muttered.

When he held the Fate Altering Pill on that day that he had fought against the Blood Emperor, his body was destroyed many times before it was reborn due to the pill. Such a cycle of destruction and rebirth had stimulated his internal blood energy channels greatly, thus strengthening them.

In fact, it wasn't just his internal blood energy channels that had become stronger, but his whole body had increased in strength as well! Once his body recovered, its power should raise by another level, which should make it, at the very least, reach the three and a half Elephants level, maybe even the four Elephants level!

Since his internal blood energy channels were now unclogged, he knew that he must start advancing into the Fairy Realm. A light flickered in Su Yu's palms as the Cloud Galloping Horse appeared in his left hand, and the fourth grade Fairy Expansion Pill appeared in his right hand.

"It's time to advance into the Fairy Realm!" Su Yu yelled as his eyes flickered. He then swept his gaze over his left and right hands before he decided to consume the Cloud Galloping Horse first. The Cloud Galloping Horse had an extremely pure energy, which would cause his Vital Crystals to undergo a transformation.

As he opened his mouth and swallowed the Cloud Galloping Horse, he felt an ice-cold liquid pass down his throat, reach his belly, then turn into a tremendously pure energy, which then passed through his veins and entered his Dantian.

Su Yu's Dantian was divided into two layers, which were the Heavenly Dantian and Earthen Dantian. The pure energy flooded his External Dantian, and as it started to fill it, it placed a great pressure on the Dantian. An intense pain transmitted from his External Dantian as more energy surged into it, and it seemed like the whole Dantian would soon burst open.

When all of the Cloud Galloping Horse's energy entered it, the External Dantian couldn't bear it any longer, and an explosive sound suddenly echoed from it. It seemed like a whole new world was formed inside his pocket-sized External Dantian at that moment, and a new dimension and space that was 2,000 feet long appeared in it.

The three Vital Crystals in it exploded into pieces, and the Vital Energy in them was liquefied, thus becoming a liquid-state Vital Energy, which then flowed into the 2,000-foot-long dimension and filled it. In just the twinkling of an eye, his narrow pocket-sized External Dantian's space had turned into a 2,000-foot-long lake!

At the same time, the whole world's Spiritual Energy surged over and was absorbed into Su Yu's body, flowing instantly into his External Dantian. The Spiritual Energy was constantly being compressed into Vital Energy, and once it was compressed into a liquid state, it then surged into the lake.

After six hours had passed, Su Yu's Dantian became filled with the dense liquefied Vital Energy. It was as if a rainstorm of Vital Energy had just fallen, and the dried lake was overflowing with its magical drops!

When the Vital Energy finally stopped surging into Su Yu's body, his whole External Dantian was filled with liquid Vital Energy. Even the purity and unmatched quality of Fairies' and Half Fairies' Vital Energies weren't on the same level as this!

In fact, the might of all of the cultivation techniques that had been cultivated by him in the past would be more powerful by several times if he used them with his current Fairy Realm's level Vital Energy! However, what surprised Su Yu the most was that the Heavenly Tribulation that he had expected didn't descend on him, and it seemed like he still hadn't successfully broken through.

What is going on? Su Yu was confused, and when he inspected his Internal Dantian, an odd look appeared on his face. His External Dantian had actually turned into a lake, but his Internal Dantian was still pocket-sized. What's more, he saw that there were three Vital Crystals still floating in his Internal Dantian.

Should I expand my Internal Dantian as well, so that I can then achieve a complete breakthrough? Su Yu wondered.

At this moment, Yuan Yingying, having detected a disturbance, flew over. When she got to him, she discovered that Su Yu's aura had changed, so she asked in confusion, "Brother Su, did you achieve a breakthrough? It seems like your aura became extremely powerful, yet it is still vague. Why can't I see through your current cultivation?"

The corners of Su Yu's mouth twitched. He didn't know what to tell her, as no one could understand his current state. Su Yu pondered for a moment before he consumed another Cloud Galloping Horse. It instantly turned into energy, which surged into his External Dantian. However, it wasn't capable of reaching his Internal Dantian.

Thus, it appeared that the Cloud Galloping Horse was already incapable of helping him achieve a breakthrough. Upon realizing this, Su Yu was frustrated. His gaze became heavy as he looked at the fourth grade Fairy Expansion Pill that was in his right palm. He could only try the Fairy Expansion Pill's effects now...

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The rebirth of Su Yu's Dantian enabled him to possess an amount of Vital Energy that surpassed the Half Fairy Realm, yet it also became an impediment, preventing him from reaching the Fairy Realm. He had spent the whole night trying to make a breakthrough, and now that it was daytime, he had to go to meet the Shangguan Family's Master.

After an hour passed, a maid came in with their breakfast, and after they ate it, they were brought to the Shangguan family's guest hall. The Shangguan Family's Master was sitting there solemnly, along with the Shangguan family's core members, Shangguan Yunque, and Shangguan Qinger.

The Shangguan Family's Master was quite imposing. Shangguan Yunque and Shangguan Qinger, who were sitting on his right side, both wore respectful and solemn expressions.

When the Shangguan Family's Master looked at them, Su Yu noticed that he had a sharp gaze, which seemed capable of seeing through people's hearts. Su Yu was also amazed by his cultivation, as he was a Divine Master. Moreover, he was even a middle-stage Divine Master!

Although his body didn't emit an aura, he still gave people a suffocating feeling, as if they were facing a great mountain that was bearing down on them. His gaze swept over all of the people present expressionlessly and calmly, and it was only when his gaze swept over Su Yu that it stopped a moment before continuing on.

"Not bad. I believe that, even if you depend on your efforts alone, you could still achieve some great accomplishments," the Shangguan Family's Master said. "I have ten quotas, and I could allow you to hold a post in the Shangguan family. Moreover, I could groom you personally. So, what do you think about that?"

Hm? A peculiar glow appeared in the deepest part of Su Yu's eyes as he wondered...

We were recommended to enter the Red Blood Palace, so why has he suddenly changed his mind? Moreover, why does he want to let us stay with the Shangguan family?

The Shangguan family possessed great influence and power, and if they held a post within it, they would receive many cultivation resources from them, but it still couldn't compare to one of the eighteen great factions, let alone the Red Blood Palace! As they now had an opportunity to enter the Red Blood Palace, if they stayed with the Shangguan family now, they would just be limiting their prospects.

Zhang Fan spoke up first, "Sir, can you please tell us the reason for your offer?" They all felt that there was something odd about this matter.

The Shangguan Family's Master nodded slowly. "Okay. Well, all of you have outstanding talent, and some of you may even manage to enter the Red Blood Palace, but the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands has experienced some accidents recently. Eight of our family's bird farms suffered attacks at the same time, my son almost died, and many of our industries were destroyed by some unknown faction."

He shook his head. "After I communicated with the other families, I learned that the same thing had happened to all of the great families! The Ximen family was even exterminated in one night by some mysterious enemy. Not one of their descendants was spared!"

Zhang Fan's pupils contracted. "The Ximen family was exterminated?" He couldn't believe it.

All of the known super factions in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands were ranked, and among them, the Ximen family was ranked third, which was just behind the Shangguan family, which was ranked second.

"How could such a great faction be exterminated in one night? Who could achieve such a thing? Only one of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' eighteen great factions possesses such power..." Zhang Fan said.

The other people were also shocked and frightened by this news. They were stunned to think that such a great family was unexpectedly exterminated in the blink of an eye.

"Some powerful dark faction must have come to the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands to try to destroy all of the eighteen great factions! It's unfortunate that our Shangguan family is one of them!" The Shangguan Family's Master's face was grave.

He then said, "To preserve our Shangguan family's lineage and prevent it from being exterminated like the Ximen family, we decided to send all of the family's juniors to the Red Blood Palace."

The expressions of Zhang Fan and the others became extremely unsightly when they heard him.

The Shangguan Family's Master then said, "Our Shangguan family's recommendation quotas are limited, so we were forced to wrong you. If we still have an opportunity to do so in three years, then we will surely exhaust our powers in order to recommend all of you. Moreover, if you are willing to stay here, then our Shangguan family would train you as compensation."

Sure enough, he had just confirmed that their quotas had been taken by the Shangguan family's juniors!

"I will give you one day to consider this offer. I hope that you can give me your reply before the arrival of the envoy tomorrow. It's up to you to decide whether to stay

here in our Shangguan family or try to pursue your futures by yourselves.” The Shangguan Family’s Master waved his hand at them in dismissal, then returned to a room at the back of the manor.

Shangguan Yunque looked at Su Yu and Yuan Yingying before he braced himself and followed after him. “Father, I already promised Su Yu and Yuan Yingying that I would recommend them, so can you give me two quotas? There wouldn’t be more than two or three people in the family who could manage to pass the Red Blood Palace’s test, so there is no need to waste the quotas in such a way,” Shangguan Yunque said.

The Shangguan Family’s Master turned around and revealed a helpless look. “If I had a choice, I would grant your request, as keeping one’s words is a man’s most important principle, but as this matter is related to our family’s survival, we are forced to make an exception.”

“But, brother Su once saved my life! If it wasn’t because of his warning, then I would have died at those vile people’s hands! Those people were obviously targeting me.” Shangguan Yunque still couldn’t be at ease with such a decision.

The Shangguan Family’s Master sighed. “It isn’t up to me alone to make such a decision, as all of the family’s old men want to retain some of their lineage, which means that we are all fighting over the quotas.”

He shook his head, then said, “If I clung to my opinion obstinately, then I would disappoint all of them, and it’s extremely dangerous to lose our unity at such a critical time. So, I could only let down those juniors. If Su Yuxian and Yuan Yingying are willing to stay within the Shangguan family, then I will properly take care of them.”

Shangguan Yunque’s shoulder slumped when he realized that there was no hope of obtaining the quotas for them. After he thought for a moment, he rolled his eyes and took his leave.

At the moment, Shangguan Qinger was cultivating in her garden. She had a watermark between her eyebrows, which emitted a faint mist that engulfed her within it.

“Sister, I have only been away from you for a few days, yet you have already cultivated Water Mystery to its entry-level realm! I’m really not as good as you, as until today, I still haven’t comprehended any Mysteries.” Shangguan Yunque stood behind his sister, while marveling at her aptitude.

Shangguan Qinger opened her eyes and turned her head around as she curled her mouth and rolled her eyes at him. “That’s because pass spend all of your time messing around and wasting time! Even though our father spent a large sum to get you a position as an inner sanctum disciple, you are just traveling around and befriending people! So, can you blame anyone else other than yourself for your lack of progress?”

She shook her head. “If you put even half of your heart into diligently pursuing the martial path, then you would have already reached the Divine Master Realm long ago, as your talent isn’t mediocre!”

Shangguan Yunque could only bashfully smile when he heard such words.

“Regardless, just say what you came here for, as you wouldn’t come here for no reason.” As Shangguan Qinger gracefully stood up, her seductive body’s curves, which were hidden beneath her robe, became quite distinct.

Shangguan Yunque spoke softly, “I just wanted to ask you which elder will come to our Shangguan family this time to take charge of receiving new blood?”

Shangguan Qinger asked, “You never once cared about such things before, so why are you asking me this now?”

Although she was mildly annoyed by his question, she just rolled her eyes and answered him, “An elder isn’t coming here this year, as an outer sanctum disciple received this mission instead.”

“A disciple?” Shangguan Yunque furrowed his brow. “Receiving new disciples is a major matter, so how can an ordinary disciple take charge of such a thing? Moreover, he’s just an outer sanctum disciple! Could it be that you are talking about one of the Demon Mountain’s Four Great Demons?”

Shangguan Qinger revealed a faint smile. “You are right. It’s a demon from the Demon Mountain. Moreover, it’s a female demon, and she’s the one responsible for taking new disciples.”

Shangguan Yunque’s mouth couldn’t help but twitch when he heard this. He was quite scared of the Four Great Demons, even though he was already an inner sanctum disciple.

“Brother Su, it isn’t that I don’t want to help you, but I don’t dare to, as each one of the Four Great Demons is more freakish than the other!” Shangguan Yunque spoke bitterly.

He wanted to know who the envoy was so that he could introduce him in advance to Su Yu and Yuan Yingying, hoping that he would secretly take them away. But, he never expected that the envoy was from the Demon Mountain! The Demon Mountain’s four people were beings that even someone like Shangguan Yunque didn’t dare provoke.

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The geniuses, all of whose expressions were unsightly, returned to the courtyard quietly. Such sudden and shocking news left them at a loss for what to do. They didn’t know if they should stay in the Shangguan family or leave. They could no longer count on passing the exam, as it was impossible for the Shangguan family to allow outsiders to qualify, at least not while it was in such a precarious situation.

“It’s really hateful of them! I worked so hard for three years, yet in the end, I will just become a subordinate of the Shangguan family, having no hope of realizing my aspirations!” A Level Two Fairy couldn’t help but punch the wall out of frustration.

A Level Three Fairy Realm woman, who was standing beside him, sighed weakly. “It’s just our fate. At this point, it’s probably better for us to just stay in the Shangguan family.” This woman’s words consoled many of them.

She then added, "Now that you mention it, although there are many of us here, whose powers are impressive, only two or three of us really have a chance of passing the exam. After all, most of us came here just to try our luck. So, getting to stay in the Shangguan family is better than being forced to go back home after failing the exam."

Just a tenth of the Red Blood Palace's disciples had been recruited from the outside, as most of their disciples came from the seven great factions that were governed by it, like the Soul Seizing Palace and the others. Every three years, a great competition would be held for all of the seven great factions. Then, all of the branch factions' disciples who had outstanding performances would be allowed to enter the Red Blood Palace.

The Red Blood Palace was mostly taking disciples from them, as in such a way, not only could it be assured that they weren't spies or something of the like, but it could also be assured of their talent, as they should all already have passed their branch factions' test. This method of taking disciples from branch factions saved the Red Blood Palace a great amount of time and effort.

As for the outsiders' recruitment test, it was severe and difficult. In fact, if even ten out of a hundred people managed to pass it, that would be considered quite a good result!

So, from the twenty geniuses here, only Zhang Fan truly had a chance at entering the Red Blood Palace. But, if the palace's people were forced to make up for a shortfall in the number of people, then even someone like Su Yu might have an opportunity! All of the other people here were just depending on their luck.

"There is no need to consider it any further. We will stay within the Shangguan family, as it's still better than ending up without any gains." All of the people here quickly accepted their fates, leaving only Zhang Fan, Su Yu, and Yuan Yingying undecided.

"Brother Su, should we return to the Blue Mountain Range and continue refining elixirs? With your power and my alchemy talent, we won't lack resources as long as we don't slack, but persevere. It would be better than living under the Shangguan family's roof." After Yuan Yingying returned to Su Yu's room, she supported her chin with her hands as she looked at the flickering candle flame with her pretty eyes, which were filled with disappointment.

After Su Yu pondered her words for a moment, he shook his head. "We shouldn't do that. If the Shangguan Family isn't mistaken, then all of the small factions besides the eighteen great factions could suffer an assault, and even the Blue Mountain Range may suffer one as well. So, going back there isn't the best decision to make in such a situation."

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After Su Yu mulled everything over for a moment, he said, "Let's wait and fight over this tomorrow. However, if we are still unable to convince the Shangguan Family's Master, we can only settle for the second best option, which is to join the Soul Seizing Palace."

Su Yu and Yuan Yingying could easily join the Soul Seizing Palace's outer sanctum because they had planted Elder Liao as an agent there. But, it was regrettable that all of the inner sanctum's elders knew what Su Yu looked like, as this made things quite dangerous.

As such, he decided that he needed to disguise himself. After coming up with this plan, Su Yu's heart calmed down a bit.

Early the next morning, a maid came to them and issued an official invitation to the drawing room, where they had gone the day before. However, at the moment, only the Shangguan Family's Master and his son and daughter were there now.

"Sirs, have you considered this properly?" the Shangguan Family's Master asked, while he swept his gaze over all of the people in the room. He felt especially apologetic toward Zhang Fan, as he was the most affected person among them.

All of the people looked at each other, then declared their decision. Specifically, as seventeen people were willing to stay in the Shangguan family, yet there were just ten quotas, they had decided that they must pass the Shangguan family's test.

Zhang Fan's eyes flickered as he declared, "Shangguan Family's Master, if you will give me a chance, assuming I manage to get some success in the future, I promise to work for the Shangguan family for ten years. I'm even willing to take an oath to prove it."

The Shangguan Family's Master was taken aback by his words. He didn't expect that Zhang Fan would still not give up, as he seemed was incapable of going against the trend.

"You have just two choices... You can leave, or you can join the Shangguan family," the Shangguan Family's Master said, instantly rejecting his proposition.

Zhang Fan's gaze dimmed, while a bitter smile appeared on his face as he said, "Fine. I will stay in it." His future prospects were completely ruined now.

"And... What about you?" The Shangguan Family's Master then turned to look at Su Yu and Yuan Yingying.

Shangguan Yunque could only sigh at this moment, as he felt too ashamed to even meet Su Yu's gaze. Su Yu was also left without a choice, as even Zhang Fan was incapable of convincing the Shangguan Family's Master, even though he was prepared to make a solemn oath!

"Shangguan Family's Master, thank you for your kindness. We are sorry for disturbing you, so we will take our leave now," Su Yu said. He figured that, if they contacted Elder Liao now, they could probably still join the Soul Seizing Palace in time.

Are they really choosing to leave? The Shangguan Family's Master said, "Wait, my son is indebted to you, and if you stay here, I will give you both important positions."

Su Yu cupped his fists at him, but shook his head. He then pulled Yuan Yingying behind him as he left the drawing room.

The Shangguan Family's Master felt like this was a great pity. His son had said that Su Yu possessed mysterious techniques and was capable of killing even Level Six Fairies in a single night! As for the lassie, she was a talented woman, who could make fourth grade spirit elixirs, which meant that she would be a great help to them if she stayed.

A group of youngsters, all of whom wore magnificent clothes, stood outside the drawing room. They were all dressed quite properly and had impressive bearings.

Many of them also had high cultivations, and they even had a Level Three Fairy youth among them. As he was just eighteen years old, he was considered his generation's most outstanding talent in the entire Shangguan family.

They were waiting outside leisurely, and they relaxed slightly when they saw Su Yu and Yuan Yingying exit the drawing room. They were all worried that the Shangguan Family's Master's heart would soften, causing him to give their quotas to the others.

"Well... It seems like there aren't any issues, and the Family Master will still honor the promised quotas. He is clearly willing to focus on the big picture!" a Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm young girl said with a smile.

The Level Three Fairy youth, who was their leader, looked proudly at Su Yu and his companion as he said, "Only that guy named Zhang is even passable. As for the others, they would just waste the quotas. Hence, it will better for them to give way to our Shangguan family's youngsters. After all, it isn't like we owe them anything!"

Since Su Yu and his companion only had Three Crystals Half Fairy Realm cultivations, he really looked down on them. Su Yu didn't cast even look at him, but simply turned a deaf ear to them and didn't care about them at all! However, it seemed like his apathetic attitude irritated the youths.

"Hey, it seems like this old man isn't convinced by your words!" A young girl looked at Su Yu with displeasure.

"Well... That's only natural. If I was in his place, I wouldn't be willing to accept such a thing either, even though he surely knows that if he participates, he will just be wasting his time!" another youth said, clearly mocking Su Yu.

Then, another youth added, "Well... Isn't he the strange participant who lost most of his lifespan and seemed to be eighty years old, even though he was still just eighteen years old?"

Swoosh!

At that moment, a cool breeze drifted over from the drawing room suddenly, while three resonant slaps echoed through the air...

Slap! Slap! Slap!

Before anyone knew what was happening, a red palm print was left on the faces of each of the three youths who had just mocked them! Before they could even get angry, they witnessed a person, who was clad in white-feathered clothes, standing before them. He was clasping his hands behind his back, and his cold eyes were filled with disappointment.

"Ignorant people are really fearless!" Shangguan Yunque scolded them. "I see that you really have no qualms about taking their quotas! Not only didn't you show any remorse for such a thing, you even spoke to them quite rudely! You have really disgraced our Shangguan family by going directly against its core principles."

The Level Three Fairy youth, Shangguan Fei, spoke up, "Big brother, he was the one who held us in contempt at first, thus displeasing my three younger brothers and sisters. This is the reason that their words were harsh. Please forgive them."

Shangguan Yunque cast a glance at him, then said calmly, "I am more familiar with Brother Su's character than you, and even if he really held you all in contempt, he's still qualified! Hence, you should all regret the fact that you just lost a powerful helper in the test!" He knew that Su Yu hid numerous means, as he had already witnessed with his own eyes the Elixir Production Alliance's destruction in just a single night!

After hearing this, Shangguan Fei's facial expression stiffened, and he could scarcely believe it as he wondered... Even a trifling Half Fairy is qualified to look down upon us?

"Big brother, are you cracking a joke? As I'm here with them, I will surely protect all of our family's brothers and sisters, while trying to pass the test. Also, even if they won't have me, the family has still invited many helpers, who will all help us. So, things really aren't as bad as you stated." Shangguan Yunque looked at them all calmly, then shook his head.

He then walked over to Su Yu and cupped his fists at him, while wearing a look of shame on his face. "Brother Su, I'm really sorry. The family was resolute, so I wasn't able to convince my father. It appears that you have made a trip to here in vain."

Su Yu revealed a faint smile as he replied, "If they don't want us, then there is surely some other faction that will want us. So, you don't need to worry yourself, but thank you for your concern."

Shangguan Yunque's character was really commendable. "Well, it is only because of you that I survived, and I don't know how to pay you back. So, I will gift you the Blue Water Nine Heavens Wing, so that you can protect yourself with it." Shangguan Yunque was quite straightforward as he gifted Su Yu the exquisite pair of wings.

The wings' feathers were as white as snow. They were so vivid, it seemed almost like the pair of wings was a true living organism.

Yuan Yingying widened her eyes in surprise. After all, this was a one-time use spiritual artifact, which had a value that surpassed a hundred thousand crystals! As such, Shangguan Yunque would probably hate to use it even for himself, yet now, he had gifted it to Su Yu!

Shock appeared on all of the faces of the Shangguan family's juniors, who were standing not far from them. They all wondered how he could so easily gift such a precious treasure to Su Yu.

Su Yu was taken aback by the extravagant gesture, and he hesitated slightly before finally accepting it. As Shangguan Yunque pushed it into Su Yu's hands, he insisted that he accept the gift, "Brother Su, this land situation has become quite strange recently, and you may not be safe on the road back. So, you must accept this spiritual artifact, which can help you escape if you find the need. Knowing that you have it will set my mind at ease."

As Su Yu accepted it, he looked at Shangguan Yunque's and saw his sincerity. He was grateful for his kindness as he thanked him, then said, "I hope to see you again. Take care of yourself!"

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After Su Yu left the giant island, he identified the Blue Mountain Range's direction and was about to start traveling back to it. However, he raised his brows suddenly, while he opened his spatial ring in surprise. There, a purple badge had appeared in his palm!

It was the Severed Fairy Cliff's purple badge, which he had gotten from Xiao Tao. At the moment, it was slightly shivering and emitting a purple halo of light.

Then, a line of small letters suddenly appeared on the shining badge: The previous owner has already died, and the new owner must pass a trial mission.

It was only after Su Yu passed a mission that he could turn this badge into a true identity badge of the Severed Fairy Cliff. At that point, his name would be carved upon it.

Xiao Tao had hidden among the Yuan family for many years because she was carrying out a trial mission. However, it was a pity that her efforts came to naught once Su Yu learned of her mission and killed her. Clearly, the Severed Fairy Cliff had already heard of Xiao Tao's death, as they had sent another trial mission to this badge.

"A trial mission for becoming a member of the Severed Fairy Cliff?" Su Yu exclaimed, while clucking his tongue. He hadn't really ever considered joining the Severed Fairy Cliff before now.

At that moment, another purple radiance shone from the badge as another two lines of small letters appeared upon it:

Your trial mission is to protect the Situ family's juniors. The mission will be considered a success if you can protect at least one of them, as well as help him successfully pass the Red Blood Palace's test.

The mission requirement is that only those people twenty years old or younger are allowed to accept it, and their powers must be at the Level Three Fairy Realm or higher. You are allowed to bring two people with you to help you.

If you agree to the requirements, please come to Sky Castle within the next three days.

Su Yu was taken aback as he marveled... The Severed Fairy Cliff's mission? He couldn't believe that he had been invited to take on this mission. Moreover, it seemed like this was a mission that had been sent to several people.

Yuan Yingying asked in surprise, "The Severed Fairy Cliff's badge? Brother Su, how did you come to possess this?"

Su Yu explained this to her briefly, thus dispelling her doubts.

After hearing his explanation, Yuan Yingying's eyes became filled with curiosity. She then said, "I have heard about how mystical these badges are, and this mission seems like it is an urgent and temporary one. Brother Su, why don't we take part in it?"

Su Yu's eyes lit up as he looked at the mission statement. "Heaven really never bars one's way!" he exclaimed. "I feel like we might just still have an opportunity to join the Red Blood Palace."

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After a day had passed, the Shangguan family's envoy took the recruitment test's participants and left. However, a small incident occurred just before this. The envoy discovered Zhang Fan by accident, then took him to participate in the test.

Moreover, the envoy decided to vent his anger on the whole Shangguan family, and it was rumored that after he left, everyone from the Shangguan Family's Master to the servant girls suffered from diarrhea for a whole day!

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That same day, several people, all of whom were shining with a golden light, descended from the sky outside of the giant island.

"He already left. We must overtake him within the next two days," the leader of the people shining with golden light said calmly.

The five people then disappeared instantly, and even the Shangguan Family's Master, who was a middle-stage Divine Master, didn't detect their arrival.

Two days later, in the Sky Castle.

The Sky Castle wasn't actually a true castle, but was just one of the Jiuzhou Continent's strange regions. This vast region had been separated from the continent since ancient times, and currently, it floated in the sky among the moons, which explained its name.

This region was occupied by the Situ family, and the territory that it ruled was only slightly smaller than the Shangguan family's. In the ranking of all of the factions besides the eighteen great factions, the Situ family was ranked higher than the Ximen family, as it was a super faction that was ranked fourth.

After they arrived at the Sky Castle, Su Yu followed the instructions and came to a wilderness area that was known as the Heavenly Sword Valley. Su Yu and Yuan Yingying covered themselves slightly before going there, carefully concealing their faces in particular.

When they reached the valley, they found that six people were already there. These six people were divided into two groups, and they also were wearing disguises that hid their facial features. It was obvious that they had also gotten the same news and had come here to pass the test and become Purple Members of the Severed Fairy Cliff.

The two groups were slightly alarmed when they sensed the pair's arrival, but they still kept their silence and waited quietly for their next instructions.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, a person appeared quietly above the valley. He wore a white mask, and his whole body was covered with Vital Energy, making it difficult for one to get a good look at his facial features.

"Eight people? This is more than I expected!" the masked man spoke in a hoarse voice, which made it impossible for one to discern his age.

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"Who are you?" a person who was participating in the Purple Membership's exam asked

The masked man landed slowly and curbed his aura, but he still emitted a stifling pressure. He was a Divine Master!

“I’m the one who issued the mission,” he replied.

Since he could issue a mission through the badge, then he was obviously already an official member of the Severed Fairy Cliff. Moreover, he must be related somehow to the Situ family.

“You are tasked with protecting three of the Situ family’s juniors. You will also be expected to assist them in passing the test successfully,” the masked man said. “Do you have any questions?”

Su Yu hesitated for a moment before he asked, “Can you please explain to us what the Red Blood Palace’s exam will be like?”

The masked man nodded. “The Red Blood Palace’s exam is divided into two death tests. The first one will be held in a primitive forest, where you will be tasked with killing a demonic beast, whose cultivation is higher than yours by one level. Or, you can opt to kill twenty demonic beasts, whose cultivations are the same as yours. All of those who achieve either of these will be considered as having passed the first test.”

Such high expectations seemed really severe, and it was harsh to demand such a thing from them. Even if it was just hunting ten demonic beasts, whose cultivations were the same as theirs, it would still be extremely difficult, as while one was inside such a primitive forest, the longer he tarried within it, the more he might end up running into danger!

They had all heard that the Red Blood Palace’s tests were harsh and severe, and it seemed like this was truly the case. In fact, the number of youngsters who had died in the past years while attempting to pass such a test in a primitive forest would surely surpass the number of survivors!

“The second death test involves passing through the first of the Red Blood Palace’s Dragon Gates. As a powerful stream of heavy water will fall on you while you attempt to go through the gate, it will be extremely difficult for those of you whose cultivations haven’t yet reached the Level Three Fairy Realm. Moreover, be forewarned, as the mortality rate for this test is extremely high,” the masked man explained.

It seemed like an extremely harsh exam, and they weren’t mistaken when they called them death tests! As the Red Blood Palace was the head of the eighteen great factions, it made sense that its entry exam would be this harsh, as it would directly weed out anyone who lacked enough talent.

“Do you have any more questions?” the masked man asked.

As everyone shook their heads, his eyes lit up and he continued, “Since that’s the case, then I will now start testing whether you are qualified or not. If you are qualified to proceed, then the Situ family will recommend you to participate in the Red Blood Palace’s exam.”

He then said, “You should all be clear about the Severed Fairy Cliff’s rules. Specifically, once you accept a mission, you aren’t allowed to give up on it. Otherwise, the Severed Fairy Cliff will hunt you down.”

Everyone’s expressions became grave when they heard him, as such a matter was a great taboo. In fact, there was once an All Creation Old Monster who refused to carry out a mission after accepting

it, and he ended up being hunted down by the Severed Fairy Cliff, then exterminated! It was for this reason that everyone was prudent while accepting missions.

“Now, I will start examining you. The first condition is that your age mustn’t surpass twenty years, The second condition is that you must possess a power that is at the Level Three Fairy Realm or higher.” The masked man took out a disk and threw it at them. He then said, “Put a drop of your blood on it, and if your age surpasses twenty years, then it will react to the blood.”

As the other two groups of people all left a drop of their blood on it, it didn’t have any reaction. When it was Yuan Yingying’s turn, she also managed to pass.

As he was the last one to go, Su Yu was somewhat nervous, but he left a drop of his blood on it, and the disk didn’t emit any response. Thus, he ended up passing the test, too! Su Yu let out a relieved breath and looked at the masked man.

“Okay, the most crucial test will start now. You should possess a power that is at the Level Three Fairy Realm or higher to become capable of protecting the juniors properly. If you can bear my strike, then you can be considered as having passed the test,” the masked man said.

The first group of people stepped forward. The group included one Level Three Fairy and two Level Two Fairies. They seemed like they were among those who couldn’t get a recommendation for the exam and wanted to use the Situ family in order to pass it. After they readied themselves, the masked man thrust his fist at them.

A palm seal, which was as big as his palm, flew out of his palm and shot towards the three people. Those three people didn’t dare to take it lightly, so they all used their secret techniques and joined hands to face it.

Bang! Splutter!

The three of them couldn’t bear it for even half a breath’s time before they were sent flying backwards by it.

“You failed the test,” the masked man said, clearly disappointed. “You must leave, as you aren’t qualified for this mission.”

The three people wore bitter expressions and left.

“You, step forward.” The masked man looked at the second group.

This group had two Level Three Fairies and one Level Two Fairy. The masked man once again sent a palm seal out.

This group managed to persist for three breaths’ time before they were forced back. When they landed, they left deep dents on the ground, while their bodies also suffered various injuries. They seemed to be in a sorry state.

The masked man nodded calmly, and after he hesitated for a moment, he nodded once again for a lack of better options. “Fine, you have succeeded. You are qualified for accepting this mission.”

It was obvious that he wasn't really satisfied with their performance, but had deemed them barely passable anyway. The three of them were overjoyed as they stood on the side and looked at Su Yu's group.

The duo confounded everyone present, as they all felt like the pair should have brought

A third member with them. They all had to wonder...

How did they dare to accept such a harsh protection mission, without even getting a whole group of three people together?

The masked man couldn't help but mumble to himself as he sized them up. What did a Half Fairy come here for?

He was somewhat displeased by this, but he still asked in a patient tone, "What do you plan to do?"

His unspoken implication was that they could go away without trying to pass the test, as if he really attacked them with a strike that had a Level Four Fairy's attack might, then he might kill them on the spot!

Su Yu replied, "We are obviously here because we want to pass the test, so just go ahead and attack us."

When they heard him, the three people from the other group looked at each other in dismay. They were incapable of understanding why Su Yu was this confident.

Even the masked man was also slightly startled, and when looked at Su Yu more carefully, he found that his aura was slightly odd. It seemed like that of a Half Fairy, yet it was many times more powerful. As such, even someone like him couldn't ascertain Su Yu's true cultivation.

This lad is somewhat odd. Since he's this confident, I wonder if he really is quite powerful? The masked man pondered for a moment before he shook his head. As Su Yu was greatly lacking in regards to his cultivation base, there shouldn't be anything unexpected occurring.

"Okay, I will first use only the Level One Fairy Realm power to test you," the masked man said before he thrust his palm at Su Yu casually.

Su Yu thrust his fist at it leisurely, not even using his First Dragon's Body. Instead, he just used the vigorous Vital Energy Lake in his external Dantian.

Bang!

The palm seal that was condensed by the masked man was easily shattered by it.

The masked man was slightly surprised. "What a pure Vital Energy! It seems like it's in the Level One Fairy Realm's level! Okay, here comes another strike..."

This time, he used the Level Two Fairy Realm's power. Su Yu took a deep breath, then used the Vital Energy in both his external and internal Dantians.

Bang!

The palm seal was extinguished by Su Yu yet again!

The expression of the leader of the other group became grave as he said, "Something is fishy, as this lad's fleshly body is somewhat strange. It seems like it could store an additional tenth of Vital

Energy, but it still shouldn't have enough for blocking a Level Two Fairy Realm's strike! His fleshly body is especially powerful!"

The masked man was also somewhat astonished. "You have a pretty good fleshly body, so let's see you take another strike."

This time, he used the Level Three Fairy Realm's power. The internal blood energy channel of Su Yu's arm became golden as he used his First Dragon's body power.

Bang!

The palm seal was once again extinguished, and it shocked the other group greatly.

"What? His fleshly body possesses three elephants' power, and it's even stronger than mine!" The other group's leader's expression became grave, as it would be difficult for even him to easily block such a powerful strike!

The masked man was also astonished, and excitement appeared in his eyes as he said, "Interesting! You have only a Half Fairy Realm cultivation, yet you possess a fleshly body that is more powerful than a Level Three Fairy's! So, that's why you are so confident! Since that's the case, then take this last strike..."

Fuu!

A palm seal that possessed the Level Four Fairy Realm's power was condensed and shot towards Su Yu at that moment. Su Yu's gaze was still calm as he tapped the ground with the tip of his foot and retreated slightly.

An odd scene appeared at the same time, as the palm seal was suddenly divided into two pieces, as if it was just cut by an extremely sharp object! The other group was stunned as they witnessed this, and they wondered what technique he had just used.

Even the pupils of the masked man contracted at such a moment, as he just faintly felt that a sharp ray had streaked across the palm seal and cut it into two pieces. Such a sharp ray emitted a faint ice-cold aura, which caused his heart to throb faster for a moment. It was obvious that Su Yu had hid an extremely dangerous technique up his sleeve!

"Very good." After the masked man returned to his senses, his eyes lit up and delight appeared on his face.

The expressions of the other group's three people became slightly unsightly when they heard his words of praise for Su Yu. After all, the masked man had just accepted them reluctantly, while he treated Su Yu entirely different.

"You are qualified!" The masked man laughed heartily, but when his gaze fell on Yuan Yingying, he said, "But, it seems like this young girl didn't do anything to help the cause. I'm searching for helping hands, not burdens!"

Yuan Yingying stepped forward and said, "Senior, I'm good, but only at offensive techniques, so can you let me try attacking you?"

The masked man thought for a moment before he nodded. "Okay, go ahead."

Hiss!

The corners of the masked man's mouth suddenly convulsed as he sucked in a breath of cold air. This was because he had suddenly felt a faint sharp pain in his soul.

His expression became grave, while his gaze became sharp. As he swept the surroundings with a frantic gaze, he asked, "Who is it?"

"It's me, senior," Yuan Yingying said.

Hm? The masked man's expression stiffened, and his gaze became grave as he looked at Yuan Yingying. "You have soul..."

He suddenly quieted mid-sentence, as he remembered that there were still three other people here. Then, delight appeared on his face as he chuckled and said, "Fine. Haha, your performance has surpassed my expectations. So, I will pass this mission to the two of you."

The other group's leader immediately spoke up, "Sir, we want to have a fight against them." It was obvious that only one group could receive the mission.

Su Yu looked at them calmly as he snapped his fingertips and took the Chaos Multicolored Butterfly's silk back into his palm. Ignoring them entirely, Yuan Yingying kept her gaze locked on Su Yu.

"No, as that would just be a waste of time. Either one of them could easily massacre all of you." The masked man dismissed them calmly before he looked at Su Yu and Yuan Yingying and said, "Let's leave."

Chapter 769: Running into All Creation Experts

The masked man held one person in each hand, soared into the sky, and traveled ten thousand miles in an instant. After two hours had passed, he landed in an inconspicuous region between the mountains. There was a group of youths waiting there, along with several experts, who had accompanied them.

"Situ Family's Mistress, I have brought them to you, so you can now set your mind at ease and leave your people in their care." The masked man put down Su Yu and his companion, then turned around and left.

A woman in a snow-white robe saluted the masked man as she called out, "Sir, thank you for your help!"

"Each one of us just took what he needed," the masked man didn't turn even his head back as he replied.

After she spoke with him, the woman looked back at Su Yu and Yuan Yingying, surprise flickering in her eyes for an instant.

"Madame Situ, are those your last two test's participants?" an elder in a gray robe, who wore an ice-cold expression, asked solemnly.

The woman in the snow-white robe smiled warmly and replied, "Elder Li, please wait for a while, as I still want to have a word with them."

Elder Li nodded, then folded his hands and shut his eyes as he waited. The woman in the snow-white robe then brought Su Yu and his companion away.

Then, she said with a warm smile, "I'm Madame Situ, and since you were invited here by that sir, my mind can be at ease in leaving Yan'er in your care."

As she spoke, she took two small bags from her sleeves. Each of them was filled with a hundred crystals. Such a sum of money was considered to be a great wealth to any early-stage Fairy.

"I will trouble you with taking care of Yan'er. Yan'er, come over here." As the beautiful woman beckoned to the distant crowd, they immediately made way as a graceful young girl, who wore magnificent clothes, approached.

She seemed to be around sixteen years old and had a slim body, and even though she wasn't half as beautiful as Madame Situ, she was still quite pleasing to the eye. She had bright and clever eyes, and as she took light steps forward, she wore a bright smile and called out, "Mother!"

"Yan'er, these two are the experts, who will protect you on the road. So, you must remember to listen to them," Madame Situ said.

The young girl examined Su Yu and his companion with her big eyes, then pouted her lips and said, "They aren't even as powerful as I am."

"Yan'er, you mustn't disrespect them. They were invited by that great sir, and he would surely not make a mistake!" Madame Situ wore a solemn and dignified look as she scolded the young girl.

The young girl stuck out her tongue, she said, "I understand."

She then waved her hand at Su Yu and Yuan Yingying and said, "Let's go. Let me introduce my family's members to you."

As Su Yu and Yuan Yingying looked at them from afar, the youths all looked slightly similar to each other, so they assumed that they all belonged to the Situ family. Moreover, it seemed like the Situ family took the same course as the Shangguan family in that they left all of their quotas for their family's disciples.

"Elder Li, let's go," the Situ Family's Mistress said.

Elder Li opened his aged eyes and took a bird as big as a finger from his sleeves. It was unknown from which materials the bird was made, but it still gave off a powerful aura, which was at the early-stage of the Fairy Realm.

A puppet? Su Yu was taken aback when he saw the bird, and he instantly thought about the puppet manufacturing expert, Yu Tianci. Then, the bird puppet was thrown into the sky, and as it flew through the air, it grew in size until it became thirty meters in length!

All people of the people here, including Madame Situ, followed behind and stood on the puppet. All the while, Yan'er was chattering continuously. She was quite spirited, and her conversation helped to brighten the mood.

As Su Yu and Yuan Yingying wore bamboo hats, they seemed quite mysterious. Moreover, since they were sent here by a powerful person, the others were very respectful toward them and didn't look down upon them due to their lower levels of cultivation.

In this way, the group stayed on good terms with one another throughout the whole journey. After they flew for half a day, they flew past a river that was filled with pieces of ice.

"We have reached the Frozen River, which means that we have almost stepped into the Red Blood Palace's territory," Elder Li said. Sky Castle was the closest region to the Red Blood Palace, thus, they had managed to reach its territory in just half a day!

"It's already nighttime, and since it isn't appropriate for us to go in at such a late hour, we should rest here for the night," Elder Li said.

Madame Situ nodded. "Okay, you're right, as it's a special period, we really mustn't go in at night."

After the bird puppet landed and the group descended, they set up camp along the Frozen River's bank. As they had Divine Master experts like Madame Situ and Elder Li with them, they didn't really fear any danger.

Su Yu and Yuan Yingying were slightly flabbergasted. They couldn't understand why, since they had already stepped into the Red Blood Palace's territory, they had decided to stop here instead of continue to proceed.

At this time, Yan'er brought two roasted goat legs over, then gave one to Su Yu and the other to Yuan Yingying. She then said, "We will be able to reach the Red Blood Palace by noon tomorrow. It will be my first time ever going there!" Yan'er smiled, her eyes filled with longing.

Su Yu then said, "Since we only have half a day's trip left, why don't we hurry and just go tonight?"

Yan'er shook her head and looked at the pitch-black path that led to the Red Blood Palace. She then said mysteriously, "Don't you know that the Red Blood Palace activated the Ice Soul Divine Dream Spell recently? It's set up on many regions, and if one was even the slightest bit careless, he may be caught in it and wouldn't manage to ever be able to leave it again!"

"Yes, and that's especially the case at night, as the dream spell is more powerful then. Hence, even Elder Li wouldn't dare to barge in rashly during the night."

Su Yu squinted his eyes after he heard their words, as he felt like there was some great secret hidden behind all of this. The Ice Soul Divine Dream Spell was known as the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' greatest dream spell, and in the past, it had even caught Su Yu and the Divine Master Lü Chuyi within it.

In fact, its might was still vivid in Su Yu's memory to this day. However, since the Red Blood Palace had opened it just recently, it meant that it had already detected that a dark faction had started to take actions.

“You can continue eating. As for me, I am going to accompany my mother.” Yan’er jumped to sit by Madame Situ’s side.

Su Yu revealed a faint smile and commented, “She’s really a lively girl.”

“Well? Brother Su, do you like that type of girl?” As Yuan Yingying glared at Su Yu, and it seemed like she was warning him that if he dared to acknowledge such a thing, she would immediately start weeping.

Su Yu just smiled, but didn’t reply. Then, he suddenly felt a burning pain coming from his right palm.

Su Yu’s expression became grave, and as he opened his palm, he saw that the ardent flame mark had started to burn. Not only was it really burning, but it was causing his palm to pulse, just like a true flame, while it was also devouring Su Yu’s lifeforce.

Moreover, after it devoured each wisp of his lifeforce, it would become even more powerful. At the same time, its speed of devouring lifeforce would also increase.

The flame was becoming more intense, and it seemed like it wanted to burn Su Yu completely. As he realized this, shock appeared on Su Yu’s face. He felt like he was in a state of true crisis, as if the death shadow was slowly engulfing him.

Thump! Thump!

His heart was throbbing unceasingly at this moment, and it seemed like it would soon jump out of his chest. It was incredibly painful. He felt an extremely bad foreboding feeling in the deepest part of his heart, and even the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron started swaying intensely and countless dragon cries reverberated in his soul.

It seemed like it was warning him! If this was the case, and even the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron was warning him, this was the first time such a matter had occurred, which meant that this was probably the greatest crisis Su Yu had ever faced!

His expression became grave as he recalled Xia Jingyu’s warning and remembered how she had stated that Su Yu’s future path had been severed. This deathly crisis that she had mentioned must be fast approaching!

Su Yu was greatly shocked upon realizing this, and although he tried to extinguish the flame, regardless of whether he used his Vital Energy or his Soul Power to attempt to do so, nothing could affect the flame. It was like it had always existed in the void and couldn’t be affected by anything!

He didn’t have much lifeforce left in the first place, and as the flame grew bigger, a third of his life force was devoured instantly. In two more hours, it would devour his lifeforce completely, which meant that he would die!

“I must break through immediately! I mustn’t wait any longer.” Su Yu’s gaze became even more grave.

Since he was incapable of extinguishing the flame, he could only look for a way to increase his lifeforce, and the only way to do this was by his advancing completely into the Fairy Realm.

Swoosh!

At that moment, Su Yu soared into the sky, turned his head back, then said, “Sirs, I must leave temporarily, but I will come back tomorrow.”

After he spoke, he dove into the ancient Frozen River. While he was in the river, he consumed the fourth grade Fairy Expansion Pill.

After he consumed the pill, a burning and lava-like liquid almost caused Su Yu to spit the pill out, as the liquid surged through his throat and into his lungs, then continued on until it reached his Dantian. As the scorching liquid reached his External Dantian, it caused his External Dantian’s Vital Energy lake to start to boil!

Such scorching energy wasn’t something the External Dantian could contain, and so it quickly passed through it, reached the Internal Dantian, then filled it completely in just half an hour’s time. The Internal Dantian started melting quickly due to the scorching energy’s intensity, and it seemed like it was a sealed space, which was being destroyed by erupting lava.

Bang!

As a soft explosion sound echoed out, the whole Internal Dantian burst open, expanded, and became two thousand feet in length. At the same time, the three Vital Crystals within it also exploded, transforming into a liquid, which continued to flow within it.

What occurred after that was just like what had happened before... The world’s Spiritual Energy was absorbed by Su Yu’s body. It then watered the dried lake and filled it up entirely.

At this moment, Su Yu’s whole arm was being burned by the flame, as it was still becoming even more intense by the minute. It was also at such a moment that his Internal Dantian completely took form. Now, both of his two Dantians had turned into lakes. Moreover, his current Vital Energy level rivaled a Level Two Fairy’s!

Rumble!

Suddenly, clouds converged above Su Yu’s head, while a giant bolt of lightning could be faintly seen within them. It was a Heavenly Tribulation! His tribulation had started, and once he had succeeded in passing through it, he would then advance completely into the Fairy Realm!

Roar!

A dragon formed by lightning descended, but as Su Yu snapped his fingers, the Thunder Grass Armor appeared above him and absorbed the lightning completely. But, a second and third bolt of lightning descended immediately after that! Although such Disastrous Lightning would seem terrifying to any Half Fairy, Su Yu managed to deal with it easily.

However, three bolts of lightning were the most one could sustain while advancing to the Fairy Realm, and after the Disastrous Lightning disappeared, a warm light beam shone upon Su Yu from the deepest part of the sky. At the same time, a warm current flowed through his body.

His skin, flesh, internal blood energy channel, five viscera and six bowels, as well as all of the other parts of his body, were bathed in the warm light, and both the inside and outside of his body underwent a great transformation. His soul continued growing stronger under the effects of such a brilliant radiance, and his Soul Power, which was just at the Level One Fairy Realm, increased drastically, quickly reaching the Level Two Fairy Realm.

His flesh and bones were also strengthened, causing his Half Fairy's body to reach the Level One Fairy Realm. This meant that if he used the First Dragon's body now, it would be as powerful as a Level Four Fairy's!

He clearly got many benefits after he passed the tribulation, and both the inside and outside of his body went through drastic transformations. His lifespan also increased, as he could now live for three hundred years! This three hundred years lifespan that he had just received caused Su Yu's body to overflow with life force.

Crack!

His aged skin fell off and revealed a jade-like skin beneath it. Then, his bright and glossy flesh, which had just been reborn, was as soft as a woman's flesh.

As his old skin fell off, a handsome and youthful body, which seemed like it belonged to an ethereal immortal, was revealed. It was truly extraordinary! Now, he had sharp features, deep and bright eyes and gleaming white hair, which gave him a devilish charm.

As Su Yu opened his eyes, he let out a long breath of impure air. He had finally recovered his youthful body!

He raised his head and looked over, trying to decipher how far he had been sent by the Frozen River's strong current. It could be seen from the fact that Yuan Yingying and the others didn't come while he passed his tribulation that he was already far away from them.

When Su Yu noticed the flame, which was still burning on his arm, his expression became gloomy. He began to wonder... How can I extinguish this strange flame?

Moreover, what shocked Su Yu greatly was that his body, which had just become youthful once more, started aging once again at a high and noticeable speed! Then, in the twinkling of an eye, he became a white-haired old man!

"What's going on?" Su Yu exclaimed in shock as his eyes flickered.

When he checked his lifespan, he discovered that it wasn't consumed completely. So, he couldn't figure out what was happening to his body!

After Su Yu mulled over it for a while, a purple glow shone in his left eye and a strange thing happened... His body became youthful once again! He then used his time power once again, and lo and behold, his body became old again. Apparently, he could alternate between the two states freely!

"It seems like this is a residual effect of my overuse of reverse time flow! My youthful body and my current body now exist in two different time nodes!" Su Yu exclaimed, while an odd look appeared on his face.

This matter wouldn't negatively affect Su Yu's cultivation at all. In fact, it would even bring him some unexpected advantages. He could now hide his status more easily because he could alternate between his youthful and aged bodies.

Su Yu transformed back into his aged body for the moment, as the youthful version of him was now the target of the Central Prefecture's search. Thus, it would be better for him to not show himself with that appearance.

After he took care of this issue, he was just about to start dealing with the thorny flame, but he suddenly felt a blazing heat transmitting from the deepest part of the sky. When he raised his head and looked toward that direction, his pupils couldn't help but contract. This was because he saw that after the Disastrous Lightning Clouds had dissipated, a burning flame cloud had appeared!

The flame cloud had the World Will imbued within it, and it possessed a might that was several folds more powerful than the Disastrous Lightning's. The wisps of flames within it frightened Su Yu, and he felt like he would be melted into ashes by them. He knew that this was only a feeling that he could experience while facing All Creation Old Monsters!

A flame flickered in Su Yu's eyes as he asked in alarm, "Is this a... Disastrous Flame?"

Disastrous Lightning was commonly seen, but such wasn't the case for Disastrous Flames. They were considered to be quite rare.

In fact, Disastrous Flames would hardly ever appear, even when Divine Masters were passing their tribulations. It was only when All Creation Old Monsters passed their tribulations that such terrifying Disastrous Flames would appear.

The Disastrous Flame before him possessed a peerless destructive power. As this was a power that was used against All Creation Old Monsters in their tribulations, he couldn't help but wonder why he was being faced with it now. Su Yu found this to be quite perplexing!

Moreover, as he had obviously already finished his tribulation, he couldn't fathom why a second one had appeared! As he gasped, he wondered... Is this the deadly disaster that Xia Jingyu had mentioned?

Su Yu raised his brows, then looked at his burning arm and asked, "Is it related to this flame?"

It was at this moment that an apathetic voice drifted to his ears, "I found him!"

Then, five golden radiances appeared. They shone with a dazzling light that illuminated the entire sky with a golden color. It was extremely brilliant.

As Su Yu raised his head and looked over, the Disastrous Flame exploded and formed a cyclone. Then, five dazzling golden suns burst forth from the cyclone.

When he activated his Soul Eyes and looked at them, he saw five upright and tall bodies inside the golden radiance. Each one of them wore a golden suit of armor and had a crown atop his head, which had a moon, sun, and stars engraved upon it.

After those five people appeared, the whole world vibrated and all of the living beings within it descended into silence. Su Yu's pupils contracted until they became as thin as needles as he cried out, "All Creation Experts!"

They were indeed five All Creation Experts!

Chapter 770: All Creation Realm Young Girl

These five people weren't any weaker than the Blood Emperor, and they were all as powerful as him.

"Will you go with us, or will you die?" The Bright Light Guards' Leader asked Su Yu.

Su Yu's pupils contracted, while a great sense of crisis welled up in his heart. He had just come to Jiuzhou recently, so he hadn't had time to offend any factions.

For this reason, he knew that no one who would send any All Creation Old Monsters to hunt him other than the central prefecture's king. It seemed like he had used his power to get the Divine Nine- Dragon Cauldron.

Su Yu clenched his teeth, then used Time Power without giving it a second thought. At that moment, a purple radiance engulfed the surroundings and froze the flow of time. However, such an ability could freeze time only for a few moments.

"A Domain?" one of the five All Creation Old Monsters asked, while all five of them raised their brows. They were clearly somewhat surprised by this.

The All Creation Old Monsters' Leader spoke calmly, "The person who our king wanted captured is really extraordinary, but before such a great cultivation base suppression, all of our schemes and tactics are useless."

"Scatter!" The All Creation Old Monsters' Leader strode forward, while raging flames fell from the sky. The flames then engulfed the space that had been frozen in time, freeing it immediately.

A sharp pain transmitted to Su Yu from his left eye, while a thread of blood flowed out of it. These All Creation Old Monsters were extremely powerful, so it was impossible for Su Yu to obstruct them. But, he still didn't plan to just surrender, so he determined that he would still fight.

When he used Time Power, a red radiance shot out of his eyes and engulfed his body. This Space Power then started a spatial teleportation.

"It's really stupid and foolish to use Space Power in front of an All Creation Expert." The All Creation Old Monsters' Leader spoke calmly, "Since you tried to repeatedly resist us, then we can only take back your corpse."

As the All Creation Old Monsters' Leader pinched his hand in Su Yu's direction, the Space Power around Su Yu became extremely chaotic and distorted. In that moment, it seemed like even Su Yu, who was engulfed by it, would become distorted and be torn to shreds!

However, Su Yu had already anticipated such a situation, as he had learned that All Creation Old Monsters were capable of controlling Space Power while he was fighting the Blood Emperor.

Thus, at the same moment that he attacked, Su Yu loudly shouted, "Spatial Cyclone!"

A revolving spatial tunnel, which could cross a billion miles, appeared before Su Yu. He didn't know where it would lead him, but wherever it was had to be better than his staying here and waiting for death!

"Meaningless struggle." As the All Creation Old Monsters' Leader glared at him, a great All Creation power bombarded the cyclone, causing it to shake intensely. It seemed like it would soon be destroyed.

At this moment, Su Yu shook his sleeves, and a wisp of silk, which couldn't be seen by the naked eye, streaked out from them and cut the All Creation power into two parts, which allowed it to pass by the cyclone. The expression of the All Creation Old Monsters' Leader became gloomy, as he didn't expect that Su Yu would have a mysterious magical treasure that could block an All Creation strike.

“Dragon Confining Cosmos Formation!” The expression of the All Creation Old Monsters' Leader was still calm and composed, while the other four All Creation Old Monsters finally joined the fight.

They all started weaving hand signs and making seals, which they shot at the sky. The seals caused the surrounding space to start solidifying, and it seemed like it would soon be frozen.

The revolving speed of the spatial cyclone that Su Yu had made became much slower and started to shake. It appeared as if it was on the brink of collapsing!

“This is awful! They will soon freeze this region's space!” Su Yu was quite sensitive to space changes, and he felt clearly that the space was being frozen.

This would make it impossible for Space Power to flow through it, which would cause his spatial teleportation to fail! However, Su Yu still just clenched his teeth and rushed into the spatial cyclone.

Su Yu, who was now in the middle of the cyclone, felt his surroundings spinning. It really felt as if he was in a real cyclone!

Bang!

At that moment, the Space Power suddenly became extremely chaotic, which caused the spatial cyclone to collapse. Su Yu's expression changed to one of extreme gravity, as such a great space power, which had just spun out of control, was strong enough to tear him apart!

At such a critical juncture, Su Yu clenched his teeth and took out the Underworld Pearl, then threw it under him. As it was impossible for the space to bear the Underworld Pearl's blow, it was directly shattered by it. At that moment, Su Yu entered the fissure that had been made within it and returned to the world.

Splash!

Su Yu stumbled in the air, then fell into a flowing river, which was biting cold.

“The Frozen River?” Su Yu murmured as his facial expression became gloomy. He quickly realized that he didn't teleport a long distance at all.

Although the Dragon Confining Cosmos Formation didn't manage to stop him from teleporting, it had still greatly affected his teleportation range, shortening it substantially. The other reason why Su Yu's expression became gloomy was that, although he managed to teleport, wisps of Disastrous Flames were still floating above his head.

A large amount of the Disastrous Flames were extinguished by the five All Creation Old Monsters, who had appeared, but there were still two wisps that continued floating above his head. It seemed like they had used some mysterious method to pass through the Disastrous Flames to get to Su Yu, and it was only because of this that Su Yu ended up bearing the tribulation of flames.

Moreover, they could also use the wisps of Disastrous Flames to detect Su Yu's location, which meant that they could easily cross myriad miles and teleport to him, then start attacking him once they got to him! As he thought about this, Su Yu's heart gradually sank. He felt like he probably couldn't flee from them.

However, a pleasant-sounding voice rang near his ears at this moment. "Well? It's really baffling! Why would Disastrous Flames appear when a Fairy like you passed his tribulation?"

When he raised his head and looked toward where the voice had come from, he was shocked by what he saw. He saw a beautiful young girl, who wore a purple robe, standing by the river bank. She was observing Su Yu, who was still in the river, curiously.

Su Yu was greatly shocked because there were no more than ten meters between them, yet he still didn't manage to detect her appearance here until now. What shocked him even more was that a mysterious crown, which had suns, moons, and stars on it, was floating above this girl's head!

All Creation! Su Yu was overwhelmed with shock to realize that this delicate and pretty girl, who didn't seem older than sixteen, was unexpectedly an All Creation Old Monster! The young girl had clear and pure eyes, which didn't contain the slightest trace of impurity. It was as if they were precious and beautiful gems.

"You really have a discerning eye, as you immediately saw that I'm an All Creation Old Monster," the young girl said.

Her statement shocked Su Yu once more, as it seemed that this young girl was capable of reading his mind! Su Yu's expression changed slightly as he wondered...

Is this the young girl's innate talent mind reading?

"It isn't my innate talent, but my domain," She said as she squatted down and looked at him curiously. "I had a premonition that an enemy was here. Could it be that you are my enemy?"

The young girl blew her breath at him softly, which caused Su Yu's raincoat and bamboo hat to disappear, exposing his aged body before her.

"It isn't you." The young girl said as she shook her head.

She had only seen Su Yu's youthful picture, which was drastically different than the old man before her. Su Yu was somewhat shocked and was at a loss for words. As he started to try to figure things out, he stopped abruptly. After all, since the young girl in front of him was capable of reading minds, he shouldn't think carelessly!

"Well... It seemed like you just tried to hide something from me. Do you know who I'm looking for?" The young girl squinted her eyes at Su Yu.

Su Yu shook his head calmly, while keeping his mind clear. "I don't know."

The young girl looked doubtful, then said, "My senses never make a mistake, so there is surely something that could help me in finding my enemy here. Even if you aren't my enemy, you could probably be someone capable of helping me find him. Stand up."

She waved her hand casually and dragged Su Yu out of the river, then forced him to stand in front of her.

Swoosh!

The young girl took out a picture of the youthful Su Yu and showed it to him. As he looked at it, Su Yu's gaze was still calm.

He then put on a thoughtful look as he inwardly thought... It seems like I saw him somewhere, but it seems like this young girl is quite naive. Even if I knew him, why would I invite troubles upon me by admitting it?

Su Yu thought of such a matter on purpose, but the young girl assumed that those were his truthful thoughts, so she put a cold look on her pretty face and said, "You have seen him!"

Su Yu was startled, so he cursed inwardly... Damn, she really can read minds! What should I do? Will she kill me?

The young girl replied promptly to his unspoken question, "Why would I kill you? As long as you tell me where this person went, not only will I spare you, but I will also help you to extinguish the Disastrous Flames."

Su Yu was overjoyed, and he stretched his burning right arm at her and asked, "Could you extinguish even these flames?"

The young girl nodded. "It's easy for me."

"Okay, I will tell you." Delight appeared on Su Yu's face. "But, you must help me first by wiping them out."

The young girl furrowed her brows as she inwardly thought... This person seems experienced and shrewd, so what should I do if he points me in the wrong direction on purpose?

"Give me your hand," the young girl said.

As Su Yu extended his right hand, the young girl's soft fingers swept passed the flames, extinguishing them all, even the seal that was aflame in the middle of his palm. In this same moment, countless miles from him, Five Bright Light Guards were flying toward Su Yu's direction at a great speed.

All of a sudden, the body of the All Creation Old Monsters' Leader shook, while blood flowed out of his mouth and fear appeared in his eyes. "Let's stop!" he yelled.

The five All Creation Old Monsters stopped in their tracks, while the All Creation Old Monsters' Leader said, "There is some powerful person over there, who erased my seal!"

"What? The cultivation of someone who could erase your seal would surely be greater than yours! In the whole central prefecture, there are no more than ten people who could achieve such a thing! How can that lad be this lucky to run into one of them?" one of the All Creation Old Monsters asked.

The All Creation Old Monsters' Leader looked in hesitation toward Su Yu's direction.

“Big brother, should we pursue him or not?” one of the All Creation Old Monsters asked.

Faint dread appeared in the All Creation Old Monsters’ Leader’s eyes as he shook his head after hesitating for a moment. “Let’s not pursue him for now. Why should we rush there, especially when we know that it’s clearly dangerous? Even though the seal was erased, there was still a faint wisp of it, which fused with his body and blood. This means that we can still faintly detect his location, so we don’t need to be worried about losing track of him.”

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After the young girl extinguished the flames, she raised her head and looked at the sky. She then clenched her fist and two wisps of Disastrous Flames immediately fell from the sky and intertwined around her fair fingers.

“It’s easy to get rid of Disastrous Flames, but if you hadn’t already gotten the Heavenly Tribulation’s tempering, then advancing to the Divine Master Realm in the future would be ten folds more difficult for you than for ordinary people. So, it would be better for you to slightly bear it and refine those two wisps of Disastrous Flames,” she said.

After hearing her words, delight appeared on Su Yu’s face, while he thought sincerely inwardly...

This young girl is really quite kind, as refining Disastrous Flames is quite troublesome, and if it was another person, then it would be already too kind of them to just extinguish the flames. Yet, she has instead offered to help me out of her own accord.

He didn’t have such thoughts because he wanted to flatter the young girl, but those were his true, heartfelt feelings. The young girl’s face became somewhat flushed upon hearing his thoughts.

She then glared at him and said, “Just calm your mind. The next process will be extremely painful, but since I will help you through it, your life won’t be in danger.”

Su Yu was quite grateful to her, as he knew that the two wisps of Disastrous Flames could threaten even the lives of All Creation Old Monsters. Moreover, Su Yu knew that he didn’t have any assurance of refining them by himself.