

## Nine-Dragon 841

Chapter 841: Reaching Tianya City

“You don’t plan to tell me what this object is, do you?” Su Yu asked as he stroked the pebble. He could tell that this object was precious.

The drop of blood turned over its head nonchalantly. “I already stated that it’s just an ordinary pebble. Lad, why are you always this skeptical? Don’t you trust me at all? In the past, I destroyed both heaven and earth and slaughtered so many beings that the starry sky was dyed. Would a great person like me swindle a lad like you out of your possession?”

Although it spoke these words, its eyes were still occasionally shooting looks at the Saint Blood Soul Nourishing Stone. Su Yu had a clear look at its current expression, and he turned his head around, looked at Division Vice Master Qi, and asked, “Where did you get this object?”

Division Vice Master Qi rolled his eyes, then said, “If you want to know, you must first let me out. Otherwise, you will never figure out where I got this pebble.”

“Tianzi’s Soul Control!” As Su Yu’s voice echoed, his eyes shone with a silver light.

Division Vice Master Qi was caught off guard, and when he was just about to fight back, he felt the Soul Space around him constricting, preventing him from moving an inch.

Even his mind became slower at that moment! Since his target wasn’t fighting back, Su Yu managed to easily use his soul power to control him.

“Where did you get it?” Su Yu then asked calmly.

Division Vice Master Qi replied involuntarily, “I was brought out from the Glittering Jewel Wonderland by an inner sanctum’s disciple. He wanted to sell it on the black market as a defective product, but I discovered it and bought it from him instead.”

The Glittering Jewel Wonderland? It’s that place once again! Su Yu’s eyes lit up upon hearing the name of the place.

“What is this object? Do you know what it is?” Su Yu asked with an ardent gaze.

Division Vice Master Qi shook his head. “I don’t know. I didn’t find any information about it in the sanctum’s ancient records when I looked at them. I just know that it’s extremely hard and nothing can cut it open. This was the reason why that inner sanctum’s disciple wanted to sell it as a defective product.”

The drop of blood next to them heaved a sigh of relief inwardly upon hearing this. It then grinned and asked, “Did you hear him? I already said that it isn’t worth anything, yet you still took it for a treasure.”

Su Yu just turned a deaf ear to it as he canceled the Tianzi’s Soul Control. He then said calmly, “I will hand over this soul to you now.”

After he spoke, Su Yu’s soul started dissipating, and it seemed like he was about to leave this Soul Space. The drop of blood was taken aback by this, and it tried to stop him, yelling, “Wait! Lad, leave that pebble to me!”

Upon witnessing this, Su Yu was still unmoved. Then, the drop of blood rolled its eyes and asked, “Don’t you want to know what it is? As long as you agree to give me half of it, I will immediately inform you of its origin, and also tell you how you can use it.”

Give you half? Su Yu just chuckled and left the Soul Space, while shouting back. “I don’t need you! I will find a way to understand it all by myself.” After he spoke, he left the Soul Space completely.

“Ah! That b\*stardly lad is more sly than a thousand-year-old fox! I just wanted to get some small advantages! Does he assume that it’s easy for me to get them?” The drop of blood was flustered, exasperated, and soon flew into a rage. It seemed like it had just lost something that was very dear to it!

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In the outside world, Su Yu’s eyes snapped open and he began to carefully observe the pebble that was now in his palm. It had blood-red patterns on it.

“The Saint Blood Soul Nourishing Stone? After I get to Tianya City, I must see whether or not I can find any ancient records about it, as I must investigate its origin! Since the Evil God was so concerned about it, it is surely not some crappy object!” Su Yu murmured aloud, his mood instantly brightening.

Su Yu collected the pebble, as well as the Five Elements Divine Prison, then tapped the ground with the tip of his foot and flew away from this place. The battle, which had happened a while ago, had caused a great disturbance, and even if it didn’t catch any nearby experts’ attention, his presence here might still lure some demonic beasts to come and cause him trouble!

After a day had passed, several people with powerful auras appeared in the dark sky. It seemed from their outfits that they belonged to the Red Blood Palace.

One among them was Palace Mistress Kong Chan, and she had several Cabinet Masters behind her. They all landed in the vicinity and started searching the region.

“Palace Mistress, I found four groups of ashes.” The Cabinet Masters managed to quickly find the pile of ashes.

Palace Mistress Kong Chan went over to the spot and stared at the ashes with a bewildered gaze. After a short while, an ice-cold look appeared on the face of a Cabinet Master next to her, who asked, “Palace Mistress, do they belong to Division Vice Master Qi, who recently went missing?”

Palace Mistress Kong Chan nodded. “It appears that this pile of ashes is the only thing left of him after his death. Division Vice Master Qi must really have been killed!”

Upon hearing her sad declaration, killing intent appeared on the faces of the Cabinet Masters who had come here with her. One of them immediately asked, “Who would be so daring and arrogant, daring to kill our Red Blood Palace’s Division Vice Master?”

The Red Blood Palace was one of the two rulers of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands, so killing one of their disciples was tantamount to provoking the whole Red Blood Palace!

“Palace Mistress Kong Chan, this person is daring and presumptuous! We must surely find him and defend our Red Blood Palace’s dignity and honor,” another of her colleagues declared.

“That’s right, we must surely investigate this matter thoroughly,” yet another one added.

Palace Mistress Kong Chan got lost in her thoughts as she observed the pile of ashes. She didn’t listen to what they were saying at all.

After a short while, she murmured quietly, “Among the four groups of ashes, the owner of one of them was killed by a tyrannical demonic technique, and both his soul and body were exterminated. As for the rest, they were all killed by a mysterious technique. Moreover, the ashes still contain a wisp of Heavenly Wrath. Was it the Purple Cloud Palace’s Gu Taixu who killed them?”

They were only a few people in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands who had managed to comprehend a Pure Divine Decree, and among them, only Gu Taixu was capable of controlling the Heavenly Wrath and using it to fight his enemies! He was known to be the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands’ number one genius, which made him comparable to the past Jian Wusheng.

As such, his Pure Divine Decree would replace Heaven and carry punishments on behalf of it. All of the people were aware of this.

“Was it the Purple Cloud Palace who attacked them?” The Palace Mistress felt like this matter was grave and serious, and she said in a deep voice, “You shouldn’t divulge the news of Division Vice Master Qi’s death to others, and this affair should be classified as one of the sanctum’s secrets. Anyone who dares to divulge it will be punished severely.”

The Cabinet Masters accompanying her became apprehensive upon hearing this, and they couldn’t help but wonder... What happened? Why is this affair suddenly being classified as a secret?

“Preserve their ashes. If this matter’s truth is like I expect, the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands’ peace will shortly come to an end,” Palace Mistress Kong Chan muttered.

Su Yu wasn’t aware that his unintentional actions had caused Gu Taixu to take the blame for everything, and soon, he finally reached Tianya city after traveling for three whole days. Tianya City was a great city that was on the border between the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands and Central Prefecture.

Those two regions had a subtle relationship between the two of them. The Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands were once one of the Central Prefecture’s five areas, but after the war between the ghost and the human clans, which had occurred a hundred years ago, they betrayed the Central Prefecture and announced their independence from them.

Moreover, many of that area’s experts had since formed many factions there, and many great experts had appeared among those factions. One of these experts was Gu Taixu, who had just appeared recently, as well as Jian Wusheng, who had appeared a hundred years ago.

In the past, the Central Prefecture attacked the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands, and it was only after the appearance of a great expert like Jian Wusheng that the Central Prefecture became apprehensive of them and negotiated peace with them. They had both signed a treaty of peace, and ever since then, the Central Prefecture wasn't allowed to attack the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands.

However, the blessed and Heavenly Lands were still under the Central Prefecture's jurisdiction nominally. Although in fact, the Central Prefecture's factions couldn't control this land.

The only exception to this were those who sent people to infiltrate this land's factions and tried to control the Blessed and Heavenly Lands' faction until they could manage to overthrow them all. At that time, the Central Prefecture could control the Blessed and Heavenly Lands once again.

As for Tianya City, it was a common border between all of those factions. It had all kinds of people and crooks within it and was also filled with many factions from the Central Prefecture. They were all making discreet inquiries about the Blessed and Heavenly Lands' current situation. None of them were aware of how many spies the Central Prefecture had hidden in the city, nor did they know about the dark factions who were carrying out shady business deals that mustn't be exposed!

At this time, the open factions controlled many of Tianya City's industries, as Tianya City was in the past the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands greatest trade center, ranked fifth in the whole Central Prefecture. All kinds of trades were prosperous there, and all of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands' small or big factions, and even familial factions, depended upon Tianya City's industries for a large number of their resources.

It was because of this that it wasn't just the two big tycoons, the Red Blood Palace and the Purple Cloud Palace, who had industries here, but even the other sixteen great factions had many industries here. Moreover, the Central Prefecture would surely not ignore such a great trade center, so it also had many industries here.

Almost half of all Tianya City's industries belonged to the Central Prefecture. As for the other half, those were divided by all of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' factions.

In the past, this trade center had belonged completely to the Blessed and Heavenly Lands, but later, the Central Prefecture had snatched around half of it. It could be seen from this how much they suppressed the Blessed and Heavenly Lands in Tianya City.

All of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' industries were affected, and they didn't have an easy time here. Thus, it would be difficult for Su Yu to make Tonglin Elixir Store's business flourish.

As Su Yu looked at Tianya City from afar, it seemed like it stretched to the end of the world. It went as far as the eye could see, with no end in sight. Such a vast area of land was at least a hundred times more expansive than even Blue Mountain City!

If his cultivation didn't reach the Fairy Realm, Su Yu would need to spend half a year just to get from the city's southern district to the northern district! Even though Su Yu's cultivation had already reached the Fairy Realm, he would still need half a day to travel across the whole city.

As he stood in front of the city, he felt how tiny and insignificant he was in comparison to it. When he entered it, a thunderous sound of a crowd reached his ears, while a sea of people appeared before his eyes.

There were countless experts in the city, and early-stage and middle-stage Fairies could be seen everywhere as well. Su Yu even saw several late-stage Fairies, whose cultivations were above the Level Seven Fairy Realm.

Moreover, Su Yu also felt several faint Divine Masters' auras, and all of this was still just the tip of such a great iceberg that was the city itself! Su Yu would never have suspected that such a great city would be overseen by an All Creation Old Monster!

Su Yu couldn't help but become apprehensive as he thought about this, as even though his power was pretty good, he would still suffer troubles if he ended up attracting some sinister expert's attention! Hence he became vigilant and decided to handle all matters with a low profile.

He then decided to go directly to the General Manager's residence. According to the instructions that he had received, Su Yu must go with the token to the headquarters that had been set up by the Red Blood Palace in Tianya City.

A General Manager should be present there, and this manager's duty was supervising all of the industries in Tianya City. It was only Palace Mistress Mo Tianxuan's trusted aids who could get such a post here. These people were extremely powerful and were also very loyal to her.

All of the sanctum members who came to hold a post here had to go to meet the General Manager with a suitable token and get his permission. The headquarters was set in the middle of Tianya City, and it was a nine-story building. This region was the most prosperous place in Tianya City, and it could be seen from this how great was the Red Blood Palace's status in this city really was.

There was a floating island opposite the nine-story building. This was the Purple Cloud Palace's headquarters.

As for the central prefecture's factions, they didn't have any headquarters because their industries' owners came from different areas of the Central Prefecture and weren't united together. This was also the reason why the Red Blood Palace and the Purple Cloud Palace seemed to be more prominent here.

Upon seeing this nine-story building that was adorned with gold and jade, Su Yu couldn't help but start examining it closely. He soon discovered that a powerful formation seal was covering the building's surface.

This gave him a great sense of crisis, and he felt that even if an early-stage Divine Master tried to force his way here, he would still be instantly killed by the formation. So, Su Yu only walked to the front of the building, but didn't enter it rashly.

At this moment, a middle-aged guard walked out of this seemingly unfrequented building. He was a Level One Divine Master.

For just a mere guard to still be a Level One Divine Master was unheard of, as even Division Vice Master Qi was at that level! Tianya City's headquarters was clearly really special, and it seemed like their status was higher than even the Elegant Spirit Mountain's manor!

"Are you an outer sanctum disciple of the Red Blood Palace?" the middle-aged guard asked Su Yu. He had apparently recognized his outfit, which was adorned with blue stripes.

Su Yu nodded and took out his identity badge. "I'm an outer sanctum disciple. My name is Su Yuxian. I came here to speak with the General Manager."

The middle-aged man walked out of the building, took Su Yu's badge, and started examining. It was only after ascertaining that it was genuine that he said, "The General Manager is now in secluded cultivation, and he can't stop for the time being. If it isn't an urgent affair, you can just look for the Deputy General Manager."

The General Manager was the "Greatest Shopkeeper" once mentioned by Division Vice Master Qi. He was in charge of all this region's industries.

The Deputy General Manager? Su Yu found this role to be reasonable, as it would be difficult for just the General Manager alone to manage so many industries. Hence, a Deputy General Manager could work as his assistant, acting in his stead if he was occupied.

"I'm just carrying out a mission as the Tonglin Elixir Store's shopkeeper. So, may I trouble you with leading the way?" Su Yu asked.

"The Tonglin Elixir Store?" The middle-aged man mulled it over for a moment, but it didn't seem like he had any impression of it. This was because the Red Blood Palace had several hundred low-grade stores, as well as numerous middle-grade and high-grade ones.

However, it seemed like the middle-aged man suddenly recalled it as he asked, "Oh... Are you talking about that elixir store that is always in debt?"

Su Yu was dumbfounded upon hearing this. It seemed like his Tonglin Elixir Store really had a bad reputation!

"That's right," Su Yu replied.

The middle-aged man looked at Su Yu with pity and said, "Little brother, next time, you should seek your elders' opinions before choosing an elixir store. The Tonglin Elixir Store is in a remote region with very few people. It doesn't have good prospects, and it will be very difficult to develop it."

He then added, "It was already in debt, even when it had just opened for business, and as time has passed, its debt has only become worse. No one has dared to work as its shopkeeper for a whole year. Moreover, the General Manager already decided to close this store after two months..."

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The corners of Su Yu's mouth twitched. He had picked a store that had never made any profits and would soon be shut down. He really had bad luck!

"If you had come in two months, then you may have had another choice, but since you have come now, there is nothing to be done about it. Other outer sanctum disciples came here to gain merit points, but for someone like you, who chose the worst shop, you will probably end up following the steps of the past shopkeepers and lose all of your merit points." The middle-aged guard was quite warm-hearted, and he really felt sorry for Su Yu.

“Senior, many thanks for your guidance. However, since I am already here, then I will just do my best,” Su Yu said.

The middle-aged guard laughed. “It’s good that you have that attitude. Your identity badge has already been examined, so you can come with me to meet the Deputy General Manager.”

He then led Su Yu into the hall of an eight-story building, which was the Deputy General Manager’s official workplace. Su Yu had assumed that this building would be empty and that he would meet the Deputy General Manager easily.

He didn’t expect that it would be filled with a large number of people of varied ages, who were sitting in it calmly. All of these people were wearing expensive clothes, and they didn’t seem like ordinary people.

“Those are all shopkeepers, who are waiting for the Deputy General Manager to receive them. You should look for a place to sit here, then wait patiently,” the middle-aged guard said.

Su Yu nodded. There were several places in the hall that were empty, so Su Yu walked towards them. However, the middle-aged guard stopped Su Yu hurriedly.

He then said, “Don’t go there. Those places are reserved for the three high-grade stores’ shopkeepers. Didn’t you notice that no one dared to go over there? A shopkeeper of a low-grade store, like you, better not have any conflicts with them. Otherwise, they will make it difficult for you to make a living in Tianya City.”

Su Yu knew that Tianya City’s stores were divided into high, middle, and low grades and were classed according to their monthly profits. Stores that had monthly profits that ranged between 300,000 and one million were middle-grade stores, and as for those with profits higher than one million, they were considered high-grade stores.

Any stores with a profit less than 300,000 were all low-grade stores. Su Yu had received a store that was at the bottom of all of the low-grade stores.

“The three shopkeepers are in charge of the demonic beast materials store, a restaurant, and an elixir store. Each one of them has the most prosperous store in his industry, and they all have the right to initiate a meeting at any time.”

Su Yu’s eyes flickered as he spoke, “Are we obliged to obey all of their orders?”

The middle-aged guard said, “If you don’t want any trouble, then you should accept all of their orders, as long as they aren’t outrageous.”

“Then, what would happen if I refused to obey them?” Su Yu asked.

The middle-aged guard surveyed his surroundings before he replied, “They have a broad network of people, and just a word from them could prevent all of the elixir merchants from selling any elixirs to you. Similar matters have happened many times in the past, so you shouldn’t offend them.”

“Many thanks senior. I know what should I do now.” Su Yu nodded, then looked for another place to sit and wait quietly.

Creak!

At this moment, the door of the side hall opened and three people came out of it. They were two men and a woman, who were all middle-aged and walked in a grand manner. All of the middle-grade shopkeepers looked at them at the same time, without daring to show any disrespectful expressions on their faces.

At that moment, a low voice rang out near Su Yu's ear, "Those are the three great shopkeepers. They talked with the Deputy General Manager for such a long time, so they must have been discussing some important affairs."

"That's most likely the case, as according to the rules, it's once again time for the Desolate Ancient Vicious Forest's sacrifice, and the Deputy General Manager should be worried about whether they will end up losing some profits. After all, according to the rules, we must give a part of our industries in Tianya City to the central prefecture's people," another shopkeeper commented.

"You don't need to speculate about anything, as that's surely the case. This is because the central prefecture won a part of our industries during the past Desolate Ancient Vicious Forest's sacrifices. It then used those industries to expand and strengthen itself, while our Red Blood Palace was greatly affected by our losses, and our elixir industries were suppressed by them heavily. This resulted in the profits of many elixir stores plummeting!" yet another shopkeeper chimed in.

"The monthly profit of the greatest one, the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store, went down by thirty percent, almost falling down to the middle-grade store ranks! Take a look at how unsightly the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store's shopkeeper's expression is! He must surely have been berated by the Deputy General Manager just now," someone else surmised.

"Hehe, even a person like Shopkeeper Fei is having such a bad day! He is usually the one stirring up trouble and hindering all of the other elixir stores. In fact, many middle-grade elixir stores, which had hopes of becoming high-grade stores, were all stopped by him! But now, he almost got kicked out of the high-grade stores' ranks! It's really disgraceful!" another shopkeeper exclaimed.

"Don't laugh at him, as with his bad temper, there is a great chance that he will start an elixir stores meeting and rob other elixir stores to make up for his losses. In this way, he will be able to keep his store at the high-grade store level," one shopkeeper warned.

When Su Yu heard them discussing these things, he followed their gazes and looked at the middle-aged man, who was walking behind the other two. The expressions on all three of the shopkeepers' faces were unsightly, but his was the worst. In fact, it was downright gloomy.

Su Yu furrowed his brows. It seemed like he had come here at a bad time.



After the three shopkeepers left, the other shopkeepers entered the side hall to meet with the Deputy General Manager. It was only after half a day had passed that Su Yu finally got his turn.

After Su Yu entered the side hall, he saw an aged old man, who was reading an old, worn book. He was concentrating quite hard on it, and he furrowed his brows and wore a pensive look. He was so engrossed in the book that he didn't even notice Su Yu's arrival.

Su Yu took a look at the old book's cover and saw several strange letters on it. He didn't disturb the old man, but just waited quietly. Even after several minutes passed, the Deputy General Manager was still furrowing his brows, while pondering over something intensely. It seemed like he was puzzled by something that he was incapable of understanding.

Su Yu felt like continuing to wait for much longer here wasn't an acceptable solution, so he finally said, "I'm an outer sanctum disciple, Su Yuxian, and I'm sorry for disturbing you while you are studying the Wood Clan's Mysterious Spirit Nine Transformations Canon."

The Deputy General Manager was quite displeased at being interrupted, and he let go of the book and looked at Su Yu coldly. Then, he suddenly realized something and his eyes lit up.

He quickly asked, "Can you please repeat what you just said?"

Su Yu replied calmly, "Deputy General Manager, I said that you are reading the Wood Clan's Mysterious Spirit Nine Transformations Canon."

Swoosh!

The Deputy General Manager stood up suddenly and asked in amazement, "Do you know the Wood Clan's language?"

Su Yu replied calmly, without being intimidated by him, "When I was young, I found a torn book in a cave, and there were some of the Wood Clan's characters recorded in it. That was how I got some knowledge about it."

This was obviously just a made up story, as Su Yu had studied the Wood Clan's language that was present in Yun Yazhi's research. The Wood Clan was a powerful species of Spirit Wood, and such clan members possessed an unborn Plant Spirit Body and had high intelligences. They also made their own language, which was the Wood Clan's language.

The Deputy General Manager passed by the table and sized up Su Yu, while clicking his tongue in wonder. "My Red Blood Palace unexpectedly has a junior who knows the Wood Clan's language. I really didn't expect this!"

"How many characters do you know?" The Deputy General Manager then asked Su Yu curiously.

Su Yu replied modestly, "I have a basic knowledge of several of them."

The Deputy General Manager's eyes flickered slightly. "Fine, then do you know what this sentence means?"

He immediately opened the Mysterious Spirit Nine Transformations Canon and pointed to a sentence on one of its pages. Su Yu took a look at it and replied instantly, "Taking its essence and revealing heavenly essence's mysterious image... And scattering the blue mist..."

“Stop there.” Shock appeared in the Deputy General Manager’s eyes as he examined Su Yu as if he was sizing up a precious treasure.

His eyes became full of expectation as he flipped over to another page and asked, “And... What about this sentence?”

Su Yu spoke calmly after he took a look at it, “The blue silkworm came out of its cocoon and turned into a butterfly. It was reborn after shedding its mortal shell, and then it turned into a fairy. Horned snakes turned into flood dragons...”

“Enough!” The Deputy General Manager closed the canon excitedly, while his face became filled with excitement as he looked at Su Yu with a shining gaze. He examined Su Yu for a long while before he laughed heartily and said, “Hahaha, I really didn’t expect that the Wood Clan’s language expert I’ve been looking for was unexpectedly in the Red Blood Palace!”

It seemed like he was in a good mood now.

“What’s your name?” the Deputy General Manager came over to him and asked him enthusiastically.

Su Yu cupped his fists at him and replied, “I’m an outer sanctum disciple. My name is Su Yuxian. Greetings, Deputy General Manager.”

“Su Yuxian...” the Deputy General Manager muttered his name, but didn’t have any impression of it. “Fine, since you are proficient in the Wood Clan’s language, then you fit my standards. I have a great affair that you must participate in.”

Su Yu furrowed his brows and wondered... Will it be some troublesome matter?

“Haha, be at ease, as this matter is related to our Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands’ profits in Tianya City’s partition. In fact, billions of crystals are at stake! Since you are proficient in the Wood Clan’s language, then you will have an extremely important role, and once you have made a great contribution, you will get benefits that will surpass your expectations!” the Deputy General Manager explained.

Su Yu was quiet for a moment. He then decided that, if what he was saying was true, he didn’t really need to reject him. So, Su Yu responded, “Since it’s an affair of the Red Blood Palace, then I will surely do my best.”

The Deputy General Manager was quite delighted to hear this. “There has been so much bad news in the past few days, so it is good that there is finally something delightful to be excited about!”

He then asked, “What did you say just a moment ago? Did you come here to take the Tonglin Store’s mission? If so, you can stay in Tianya City for just this month first, then I will take you to that place after a month to showcase your skills.”

The Deputy General Manager took the broken wooden fish in Su Yu’s hand before throwing two badges from his sleeves. One of them had ‘Tonglin Store’ written on it, and it was his certificate as

its shopkeeper, while the other had 'General Manager' written on it, and that badge was emitting an ice-cold aura.

"Deputy General Manager, what is this?" Su Yu was referring to the badge that had "General Manager" on it.

The Deputy General Manager chuckled. "It's the Deputy General Manager's identity badge. If you have any troubles in Tianya City, then you just need to show this badge to Tianya City's industry people, and they will all obey your orders."

He then added, "This badge is just a precaution to protect you from any dangers. It's only to be used to ensure your safety, so you shouldn't use it at will or bother our industries' people with it."

Su Yu was delighted, as he could take care of any matters quite easily with this badge in his hands!

Chapter 843: The Small Store's Evil Thug

"Understood!" Su Yu agreed that he would handle all matters properly, and he was now aware of when he could use the badge.

"Okay! I'm looking forward to your brilliant performance for the Red Blood Palace in a month, so you'd better protect yourself! Also, you should give extra thought to your safety and never divulge the fact that you are knowledgeable about the Wood Clan's language," the Deputy General Manager said.

Su Yu became apprehensive, as this matter was related to profits of several billion crystals and he would surely be in danger if he was associated with it. If he was exposed, the Central Prefecture would surely hunt him down!

"Understood!" Su Yu said once more, then took his leave.

Worry appeared on the Deputy General Manager's face. "There goes another person knowledgeable about the Wood Spirit Clan's language. I hope that this time, the results of the Desolate Ancient Vicious Forest's sacrifice won't be too bad."

After Su Yu left the side palace hall, he felt several pair of gazes upon him. These gazes were filled with suspicion, surprise, and some confusion. Many of the people were gossiping as they watched him closely...

"Who is this old man? He spent a long time with the Deputy General Manager in the side palace hall."

"I don't know him. He's probably just a small shopkeeper. Otherwise, I would remember his face."

Although the crowd was curious and confused, they still didn't pay too much attention to him because Su Yu was a new face here. So, Su Yu just quietly left the hall, with no one knowing exactly what had just happened in the side palace hall.

However, the middle-aged guard who was protecting the hall's door, sized up Su Yu in surprise. He then chuckled and said, "It seems like you aren't an ordinary outer sanctum's disciple. The Deputy General Manager has an irascible temper, so he always only receives visitors for just a short time.

Since you stayed for such a long time, the Deputy General Manager must have taken a liking to you, am I right?”

Su Yu smiled bitterly and said, “I’m just a temporary shopkeeper of a low-grade elixir store, so how could I gain favor from him? The Deputy General Manager was just reading books when I stopped to visit, so I didn’t dare to disturb him. This was why I stayed there until now. In fact, I exchanged only a few words with him.”

Although the middle-aged guard seemed to be nice, Su Yu wasn’t stupid to the point that he would blindly trust some random person he had just met. Hence, he remained cautious in his reply.

“Oh! So, it’s like that...” Disappointment appeared in the middle-aged guard’s eyes for a moment. He then led Su Yu out of the nine-story building.

When they reached the building’s seal, the middle-aged guard said, “I wish you luck. If you have any trouble, you can just look for me.”

Su Yu nodded, then said, “Senior, many thanks for your care. May I ask... What’s your name?”

“My surname is Jue, and like I said, if you have any trouble, you can just look for me.” The middle-aged man surnamed Jue wore an amiable look as he spoke.

Su Yu cupped his fists at him. “I will surely do that. Farewell!”

After Su Yu spoke, he left the building and joined the sea of people in the street. The middle-aged man surnamed Jue furrowed his brows slightly as he looked at Su Yu.

He snorted softly and wore an irritated expression as he mumbled, “It seems like he’s just an ordinary temporary shopkeeper, not a reinforcement sent by the Red Blood Palace.”

As he walked among the crowd, Su Yu’s gaze flickered as he thought about the middle-aged man surnamed Jue. He couldn’t help but shake his head, while thinking... That man is too shrewd, as he would even go so far as to treat a weakling and nobody like me in an amicable manner as part of his rouse! He is sneaky indeed...

Although, he couldn’t deny that warmhearted people really existed in the world, he still couldn’t deny that there were many fake people, who would only pretend to be warmhearted in order to accomplish their shady goals! The former existed in peaceful lands, while the latter existed in lands of struggle amid fighting!

The nine-story building was in Tianya City, which had crooks who were mixed in among the honest folk. As such, the nine-story building’s internal section was a mixed bag composed of many factors. This made it an environment that was intense and fierce!

This was why there was a great possibility that the middle-aged guard belonged to the other category and just wanted to leave Su Yu with a good impression in order to achieve his own means in the long-term! However, Su Yu didn’t really feel like he had anything to fear from this guard, but just felt that he was a bit too shady and scheming!

Su Yu shook his head and just planned to keep walking toward the Tonglin Elixir Store. However, the small island that was floating in the sky opposite the nine-story building suddenly flickered, and a woman clothed in a green outfit suddenly came out from it.

The crowd passing by all saw her and many of the onlookers gasped in surprise. Su Yu raised his head subconsciously, his body stiffening when his gaze fell on that woman. He couldn't avert his eyes from her.

She was a twenty-year-old woman, clothed in a green robe. She had fair-white skin that resembled snow in winter. She had fine black hair, which had a red clip in it that was adorned with gold.

She had a graceful and beautiful body and a dignified and graceful temperament. All of this made her seem like a noble princess. She had luminous eyes, which had an alluring charm to them.

Her appearance here wasn't any different than the appearance of a gentle spring, which sprinkled nourishment in the mortal world and illuminated it with life. Su Yu looked at her for a long time, not returning to his senses for a long time, as this was a woman Su Yu couldn't forget.

She was Lü Chuyi! He also could never forget the guilt that he felt regarding her.

At that moment, Lü Chuyi calmly and gracefully left the floating island, which was the Purple Cloud Palace's Headquarters in this land. She had just received orders, so she had come to carry out an important task and had just met the General Manager.

After she left the island, the gazes of the people outside couldn't affect her at all. She just calmly soared up into the sky and started to leave, intending to head for a faraway land.

However, all of a sudden, her heart shuddered. She distinctly felt a gaze among the crowd. Someone special was looking at her, and it caused her heart to flutter.

When she looked in the direction that the sense came from, she only witnessed ordinary people looking at her. It seemed that the special gaze had already disappeared completely.

"That's strange! Was it just a false feeling?" Lü Chuyi furrowed her brow as she muttered. She then shook her head and left, still a bit confused.

In a secluded alley far away, lightning flickered and Su Yu appeared out of it. He had complex feelings about this matter that had just occurred.

He couldn't meet Lü Chuyi in his true appearance for the time being because she probably still believed that Su Yu was living in the remote Zhenlong World. Moreover, even if he met her, Su Yu didn't know how he could face her, what he should say, and so forth.

I should just bear it for now. After my power becomes great enough and I no longer need to fear any enemy, only then can I meet her... Su Yu thought.

Su Yu surveyed the surroundings and ascertained the right direction before he started walking toward the Tonglin Elixir Store. After half a day had passed, Su Yu finally managed to find the Tonglin Elixir Store's location with great difficulty.

Tianya City was divided into two parts, the Inner City and the Outer City. Most of the flourishing industries of the Red Blood Palace's, the Purple Cloud Palace's, and the Central Prefecture's factions had been established in the Inner City.

The Outer City seemed more backward in comparison to the Inner City because it had experienced many wars and had been destroyed many times. It was first impacted by the war between the humans and the ghosts. It then destroyed once again when the Central Prefecture attacked the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands.

If one observed the Outer City from the sky, he could see old ruins everywhere. Even though some of its districts had been reconstructed, it still couldn't rival the modern and prosperous Inner City.

The people living in the Outer City were mostly just martial artists in dire straits, whose livelihoods depended on Tianya City. These people had no power, and they didn't have enough crystals to really make ends meet.

This is why they couldn't afford one of the prosperous Inner City's expensive residences, much its expensive meals that consisted of spiritual herbs and such. So, they could only try to make a livelihood in Tianya City during the day, returning to the Outer City each night to cultivate quietly.

This was why the Outer City was quite desolate, and if one observed it closely, he would witness the streets in ruins and poverty-stricken martial artists bustling around hurriedly. Su Yu could only describe the Outer City with two words... Slum housing!

Su Yu was now floating in the sky, and all of the martial artists who passed by him would size him up. This was because he wore the Red Blood Palace's outfit and was clearly a prestigious disciple from a famous sanctum.

Su Yu sighed softly. He finally understood why the Tonglin Elixir Store's business was so poor. It wasn't because the past shopkeepers were incompetent, but simply because its environment was not conducive to success.

Su Yu landed on the ground right in front of the Tonglin Elixir Store. The store was situated in the central region of the Outer City, which was the most prosperous region. However, there were still only a few people walking down their streets. The number of people here was still pitifully few.

Besides the Tonglin Elixir Store, this district was filled with all kinds of small stores, and there were thirty elixir stores among them. The stores' shopkeepers were all overcome with boredom, so they were just passing their time as they wanted.

Tonglin Elixir Store didn't have any distinguishing features, and in comparison to the other elixir stores here, it wasn't at all conspicuous. If Su Yu didn't have his current mission, he wouldn't have even taken a single look at it as he walked down this street.

The situation is more bleak than I could have imagined... Su Yu sighed softly.

Su Yu then clasped his hands behind his back and stepped into the Tonglin Elixir Store. It was just a small elixir store, which really couldn't be any smaller.

This Elixir Store had a comprehensive supply of all kinds of elixirs, but they were just ordinary elixirs, which could be consumed even by people below the Fairy Realm. There were only a few spirit elixirs, which could be consumed by Fairies, and even those were in scarce supply.

The reason behind this was that only a few Fairies lived in the Outer City, and even if they filled the whole store with Spirit Elixirs, they wouldn't be sold at all. This was why the store's owner had decided to mainly target the Outer City's poor residents.

"What do you want?" After Su Yu had stood in front of the counter for a short while, a youth came out from behind it and shouted at Su Yu. His voice was ice-cold and emotionless.

Gosh! I can't believe that even the employees are like this! Su Yu was dumbfounded by this young man's attitude. This elixir store was really hopeless.

"Do you think I have come here to buy elixirs?" Su Yu asked him expressionlessly.

The youth furrowed his brows and asked him impatiently, "Well... Are you sick? If you didn't come here to buy elixirs, what did you come here for?"

It was only when he came a bit closer that he noticed Su Yu's outfit. He instantly recognized the Red Blood Palace's long robe, which was adorned with blue patterns.

Surprise appeared on his face for a moment, and he immediately hid his irritated expression. But, no respect appeared on his face whatsoever as he said, "So, you are the new person, coming here to assume the shopkeeper's position! Good... Give me my past two months' wages and I'll be on my way, as I already don't want to continue working here!"

He was one of Tianya City's locals, and was apparently an employee who had been invited to work here. The employees had been left in charge of the store because there wasn't any shopkeeper present.

However, there wasn't anyone who had come here recently to buy anything because the store was about to be closed. This explained why the wages of the few remaining workers hadn't been paid.

Su Yu examined him calmly, then nodded. "That's right. I came to assume the shopkeeper's position. How many employees does the store have? Call them for me, as I have something to say to you all."

The youth twitched his mouth into a smirk. "Is it yet another encouraging speech, asking us to work wholeheartedly and welcome customers, selling them elixirs with a smile? The past shopkeepers always tried this same tactic, and they also tried all kinds of tactics to attract customers. So, why would you waste time on doing the same things? In any case, this store will be closed for good soon."

Even though his youth grumbled disdainfully, he still guided Su Yu toward the backroom because he wanted to be sure that he got his wages. The backroom wasn't big. It was a courtyard house that had a fully enclosed courtyard. It had four rooms, one of which was empty, while the other three were occupied.

"Qing Liu, Ying Luan, come out! Our new shopkeeper wants to admonish us. Hehe!" The youth stood in the middle of the courtyard and shouted loudly in a mocking tone.

Su Yu still wore the same indifferent expression as before, while standing calmly in the middle of the courtyard. After a short while, a boy and a girl came out from two of the rooms.

They both seemed to be around ten years old and wore tattered clothes. Their cultivation levels were quite low, and it seemed like the girl named Ying Luan hadn't even reached the Immortal Realm yet, but was still in the Dragon Realm. It also seemed like they were both poor residents of the Outer City.

The boy named Qing Liu was quite lean, and he had an ice-cold, arrogant, and unyielding expression. He clearly didn't fear the new shopkeeper, so he just walked out leisurely to meet him. As for the girl, Ying Luan, she was timid, so she nervously ran to meet him.

“Gr... Greet... Greetings, shopkeeper.” Ying Luan was so nervous that her face became flushed and she even stuttered while she was speaking. She didn’t dare to meet Su Yu’s gaze.

Qing Liu crossed his hands before his chest as he sized up Su Yu. “Are you the shopkeeper?” he asked.

The youth, which Su Yu had met first, revealed a playful smile and said, “That’s right! He’s the shopkeeper, and he came here to pay our wages...”

“How much wages are you owed?” Su Yu asked them calmly.

The playful youth was taken aback and wondered in surprise... Will he really pay our wages?

He laughed, then asked, “You will really pay our wages? I assumed that you were just being boastful...”

“Do you have a problem with your hearing? I asked you how much?” Su Yu still wore a calm and indifferent expression.

The playful youth’s expression stiffened, and he was slightly infuriated. He then extended his hand and said, “It’s two months’ wages... Twenty crystals.”

Qing Liu’s gaze flickered, and he sneered coldly and quietly as he stared at Su Yu. But, Su Yu just nodded and was just about to take out twenty crystals from his pocket, when he heard Ying Luan say to him softly, “Wait! Our wages weren’t that high!”

Su Yu stopped and looked at her, stunned. Under his gaze, Ying Luan’s body shivered. She was quite afraid, so she clenched her hands and bit her lip.

“Is this truly the case? How much is your two months’ salary?” Su Yu didn’t look at the playful youth, but just looked at Ying Luan.

The playful youth curled up the corners of his mouth and seemed quite angry upon hearing this.

“Ying Luan, why was I never aware that you were this daring? If you dare to talk such drivel again, I will beat you up!”

After he spoke, he looked at Su Yu coldly and asked, “What are you still standing there in daze for? Take out twenty crystals and pay us immediately!”

But, Su Yu turned a deaf ear to him and looked at Ying Luan instead. He then asked, “How many months’ wages are you really owed?”

Ying Luan was so afraid that she didn’t dare raise her head. She then extended a single finger and spoke in a soft voice, “I came here just a month ago.”

As a matter of fact, besides the playful youth, the other two had only come here quite recently. As for the past employees, they had all left early on after they realized that they didn’t have good prospects left here.

“Okay... So... Twenty crystals, you say? Just take it.” Su Yu took out a small spatial ring, which was filled with twenty crystals.



A spatial ring? Qing Luan and the playful youth were startled to see this, as just this small spatial ring alone was worth ten crystals. So, it was like he had just given Ying Luan thirty crystals!

Ying Luan raised her head, looking like a frightened deer, and she quickly gestured with her hand as she drew back from him, saying, "No! This is too much! I just worked for a single month. So, my wages should just be two crystals. I won't dare take more than that..."

As Su Yu thought of this, he knew that she was telling the truth. Two crystals was a fair sum for Tianya City's slum residents.

"Well, as I'm the shopkeeper now, it's up to me to decide your wage. From today onward, the Tonglin Elixir Store's employees will be paid twenty crystals each month!" Su Yu declared loudly as he stuffed the spatial ring in Ying Luan's hand.

Ying Luan's mind went blank as she held the ring. It had twenty crystals in it, which was an amount that she couldn't earn in a whole year!

Moreover, from now on, she would still get twenty crystals each month! This was the kind of good and decent treatment that was usually only enjoyed by the employees of the prosperous Inner City's high-grade stores!

Su Yu turned his head around and looked at Qing Luan, asked calmly, "What about you?"

As he faced Su Yu's gaze, Qing Luan became more reserved, and he put down his hands, which he had crossed before his chest. His gaze wasn't as sharp as before, and he didn't dare meet Su Yu's gaze for too long. It was obvious that he was shaken by Su Yu's commanding presence, which explained why he had finally stopped putting on airs.

"My wage owed is also just a month's wage..." The minute Qing Luan spoke, he immediately regretted it... Why didn't I add several months? It seems like this new shopkeeper is spineless, as he didn't even get when Qin Ze mocked him several times earlier!

Su Yu nodded, then threw a bag to him that contained twenty crystals within it. However, he didn't get a spatial ring, which meant that his wage was short of Ying Luan's by a great deal.

Regardless, Qing Luan became overjoyed when he had the crystals in his hands. He couldn't believe that he had unexpectedly ended up getting such a great profit.

He couldn't help but lick his lips, and his gaze flickered as he said, "In fact, I am still owed..."

#### Chapter 844: You Are Fired

Su Yu was looking at the playful youth, Qin Ze.

"This is your wage for two months." Su Yu took out a worn pouch from his pocket, then threw it at Qin Ze casually.

Qin Ze was delighted, as he thought of 40 crystals, which was normally a wage for two years! However, when he held the light pouch in his hand, his heart couldn't help but sink, as when he opened it and took a look, he saw that there were just four crystals in it, and not 40.

He was angered, and he threw the pouch at the ground instantly. As he raised his head, he wore a ferocious look.

While looking at Su Yu like a wild beast, he rebuked him. "What the heck? Where is my wage?"

Su Yu replied calmly, "Isn't your wage four crystals?"

Qin Ze was so infuriated that he laughed maniacally. "Are you trying to cheat me? Didn't you just say that the store's employees wages would be 20 crystals a month? Why did you grant that amount to them, then pay me according to the past rate?"

Su Yu was calm and composed, as he asked him in reply, "Well... The 20 crystals is my employees' wage, but didn't you just say that you are going to resign? If so, you are no longer one of my employees, so why should you get the same treatment as them?"

Su Yu looked at the pouch on the ground, then added expressionlessly, "It was only because you still worked hard, even though you didn't make any real contribution, that I even paid you your wage for the past two months. However, since you feel like it's too low, then you should just ask for more from the headquarters in the inner city."

After he spoke, he waved his sleeves and took back the pouch that contained the four crystals. He then put them into his spatial ring.

Qin Ze was infuriated, and he pointed at Su Yu as he said angrily, "How dare you try to bully me? Since you want me to leave, then I will surely not leave, and you should give me each 20 crystals each month from now on, unless I feel like leaving this job one day! As of now, I will stay here and never leave!"

The idea of him leaving really seemed like a joke! After all, no one would be stupid enough to leave behind such a cushy job with such a high wage!

Su Yu turned around, and examined him. "What if I drive you away?"

Qin Ze laughed when he heard his words. "All of the people from sanctums, like you, are really just fools! Shouldn't you have at least made inquiries about me before coming here? Let me inform you who I am... I'm a member of the Outer City Three Murders Gang, and the gang's boss is my close relative, so if you dared to try to drive me out, then we will destroy this worn-out store! Don't assume that the Red Blood Palace is something great, as no matter who comes at the Outer City, he will be forced to lower his head to me!"

He was also a gangster. This made sense, as the poorer a place was, the easier it would descend into chaos, and places of chaos always gave birth to gangs.

"The Three Fools Gang?" Su Yu repeated as he stroked his chin.

"It's the Three Murders Gang, you idiot." Qin Ze raised his head proudly.

Su Yu nodded. "The Three Murders Gang... Okay, I'll keep that in mind."

Qin Ze snorted coldly after he saw Su Yu giving in. "All of the past shopkeepers were like you, arrogant and haughty at first. But in the end, they all lowered their heads to me. Let's stop talking now. Just give me my wage, 40 crystals and no less."

Su Yu clasped his hands behind his back, then asked calmly, "Have you finished your speech now? If so, then get out! You are officially fired, and you have just three breaths' time to leave!"

Qin Ze was startled, and he looked at Su Yu incredulously. He was stunned speechless for a moment before he replied, "I will say it once again... If I don't want to leave, then even the heavenly emperor couldn't force me to leave!"

Su Yu replied calmly, "Three breaths' time has passed, so now I will drive you out by myself."

He then waved his right arm, while a great power bombarded Qin Ze's chest and sent him flying away before he even managed to respond.

Crack! Crack!

Cracking sounds echoed from all of Qin Ze's bones as he flew through the air and spouted blood. His miserable wails were like those of slaughtered pigs, resounding throughout the whole area.

His body streaked a graceful arc in the air as he flew out of the courtyard and slammed against the ground with a loud thud. Just like that, a casual attack had almost crippled his whole body!

"It's finally somewhat peaceful again," Su Yu said as he took back his hand. He didn't have any reason to be lenient in the face of such a local ruffian, who had tarnished his store's image and reputation.

Upon seeing this scene, shock appeared on Qing Liu's face. He then murmured, "A Fairy expert..."

The past shopkeepers were, at most, just Half Fairies, yet this time, a Fairy expert had unexpectedly come! He became somewhat apprehensive, and the former arrogance that was in his eyes disappeared. Now, he wore a respectful look and didn't dare defy Su Yu.

Su Yu looked at him when he heard his murmur. "What did you just say? Did you say that you still owed me something? Do you owe me some wages?"

Qing Liu's whole body shuddered, while beads of sweat appeared on his forehead and his heart rose up to his throat. He then spoke hurriedly, "No... I don't owe you anything."

What kind of cruel joke was this? How could he dare defy him, especially while Qin Ze's awful state was just before his eyes?

Su Yu nodded. "Okay, it's fine, as long as you don't owe me anything."

Qing Liu's knees let out a breath of relief. He rejoiced secretly in the fact that Qin Ze had attracted Su Yu's attention. If it was not for him, then he would have had the same fate!

"Senior, I'm Qing Liu, and she's Ying Luan. May I ask what instructions you have for us?" Qing Liu's attitude had just undergone a drastic change.

Su Yu waved his hand at him. "I can't really be considered your senior, so you can just call me Shopkeeper Su, and as for instructions... You need just to do what you usually do."

Qing Liu was quite bewildered, as he had assumed that their new shopkeeper would assign them some difficult work, since he was giving them such high salaries. He didn't expect that it would be this easy!

"Just do your job, while I go get some rest," Su Yu added.

Qing Liu immediately went forward to guide him to his room. “The middle room was the past shopkeeper’s room. Let me clean it for you.”

“There is no need.” Su Yu waved his hand at him in dismissal, then went into the room, closed the door, and sat down in a cross-legged position.

Then, Su Yu’s soul entered the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl, and he appeared before the plant nursery. The Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid’s ingredients’ seeds, which had been found by Elder Liao, had already been planted in the nursery by Su Yu earlier that day.

Thanks to the Supreme Growing Soil’s miraculous effects, as long as it wasn’t a worldly treasure like the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo, then everything that was planted within it would become ripe within five days. They were eight types of ingredients, the most precious of which was the Heartbroken Zither Grass seed, which was an extinct spiritual plant from ancient times, and only its seeds were left in the world.

It was quite precious now, while in ancient times, it was just a commonly seen ingredient, which was vastly inferior to rare objects like Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboos, which were difficult to cultivate. Su Yu was currently staring at two three-inch-long purple blades of grass, which were perfectly straight and looked like two chopsticks that were stuck in the ground.

There was a flower bud at the end of the blades of grass, and it was filled to the brim with black seeds, many of which had already fallen on the ground and landed in the Supreme Growing Soil. When he observed the ground carefully, he saw that some of the seeds had already germinated, and in five days, they would grow into thriving Heartbroken Zither Grass!

Su Yu revealed a faint smile, while he used a magical treasure made of jade to dig out the seeds. After he counted them, he found that they were 30 seeds. He then buried them deeper in the Supreme Growing Soil.

As for the other ingredients, they were much more ordinary than the Heartbroken Zither Grass, and even if he didn’t have their seeds, he could still find them easily in Tianya City. However, since Su Yu could save a large sum of money, which he could then use to purchase more ingredients, he was still happy to have them.

Su Yu then gathered two batches of ingredients to make the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid, so he could start making it. Before leaving, Su Yu teleported to the bottom of the valley.

At the moment, Sheng Ge had put a Ghost Envoy Badge on both of her knees and was cultivating the inherited cultivation technique in the Ghost Envoy Badges quietly. Upon seeing her, Su Yu nodded contentedly, and as his eyes flickered, he looked to the side.

There, he saw the small kylin. It was imitating Sheng Ge, sitting cross-legged. It had put a black scroll on its knees, as was studying it earnestly, while its whole body was emitting a faint purple light.

Its current appearance would make most people burst out laughing. It was striving hard to learn the Mysterious Heavenly Crafting Secret Technique, as once it succeeded in doing this, it could help Su Yu with refining his silver swords.

Su Yu could then use the Nine Suns Cosmos Sword Formation’s Nine Suns Sword Formation, which was a Sword Formation that Su Yu was greatly looking forward to mastering! Su Yu smiled,

but didn't disturb them. Instead, he returned to the outside world and prepared to start making the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid.

He had two batches of ingredients, and he also had the spiritual grade Elixir Furnace that had been brought by Elder Liao from the Soul Seizing Palace. Now, he just needed one thing... A flame!

In the Red Blood Palace, Su Yu had access to the Raging Flame Cabinet's cultivation room. As such, he could use its earth flame to make the elixirs.

As for Tianya City, Su Yu wasn't familiar with it, and he needed to find a safe and reliable place within it to work. Otherwise, he might be forced to take a trip back to the Inner City and look for a place that was suitable for elixir production.

"Shopkeeper Su, there is someone here... They are looking for you." A faint stuttering voice came from outside. It was Ying Luan.

Su Yu opened the door, and asked in a mild tone, "Who is it?" He had just arrived in Tianya City, and he didn't know anyone in it, so he wondered who would come to look for him...

"It's the gr... Great shopkeeper," Ying Luan said, while stuttering.

The great shopkeeper? The elixir industries' great shopkeeper?

Su Yu suddenly recalled the middle-aged man, who wore a gloomy look, who he had seen earlier today in the hall. That middle-aged man was the shopkeeper of the greatest elixir store that was owned by the Red Blood Palace. According to what the middle-aged man, surnamed Jue, had said, he had great authority, which meant that all of the low-grade and middle-grade elixir industries' shopkeepers had to obey his orders.

Su Yu was puzzled by this, and when he went to the front of the store, he saw a boy in colorful clothes. He was waiting there impatiently, while chatting with Qing Liu, who had accompanied Su Yu to the store.

The boy curled his mouth when he noticed Su Yu approaching. He then said, "What took you so long to come out? I'm an employee of the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store, and I received an order from the great shopkeeper to come here to notify you to go to there to participate in the Elixir Meeting. You mustn't miss it."

After he finished speaking, he immediately turned around, and said as he walked away, "I must notify the other stores, so I don't have time to keep you company on the road. You must go there by yourself."

Qing Liu watched him as he left, then said resentfully, "He's really arrogant! He's just a third grade employee, yet he dared to talk to you in such a way!"

The Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store had many employees, and they were divided into several grades. High grade employees would stay in the store to welcome customers, while only the third grade ones would be sent around to run errands.

Su Yu replied calmly, "Stay here and look after the elixir store, while I go to participate in the Elixir Meeting."

Chapter 845: Participating in the Elixir Meet

It just so happened that Su Yu also wanted to go to the Inner City to look for an elixir production ground, and he could just conveniently participate in the Elixir Meet along the way.

The Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store was situated in the Inner City's most prosperous region. It was packed with people, and both the sky and the land were filled with a great mass of people.

Su Yu managed to easily find the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store without wasting any time looking for it. This was because it was imposing, and it looked like a palace! In fact, because of its tremendous size, it would be difficult for someone to miss it!

The Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store occupied around ten thousand square-meters, and it was a rarely seen great elixir store in Tianya City, where each piece of land was worth its size in gold!

After he entered the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store, he saw that its inside was also quite luxurious, and it had elixirs' fragrances permeating throughout it. It was divided into ten areas, with each area housing spirit elixirs of different grades.

These spirit elixirs' grades ranged from the lowest to the highest, as they had every single grade available! Moreover, they even had Divine Master Realm's elixirs, but those were all expensive elixirs, which cost fifty thousand crystals apiece!

Su Yu couldn't help but click his tongue as he looked at all of this exorbitance! That alone was fifty thousand crystals' worth, and the profit they could get from such should be insanely high. It was clear that the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store didn't manage to become a high-grade elixir store through any shady means, as they obviously had the goods!

Su Yu showed his shopkeeper badge and was allowed to go to the second floor. The second floor wasn't open for business, but only contained the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store's employees lodgings and a place where they all dined. Moreover, it was most importantly the place where the store's official meetings were held.

There were already a hundred shopkeepers who had come into the main hall. They were all sitting here restlessly, whispering to each other as they waited...

"Hehe, that guy surnamed Fei started a meeting once again, just like I expected. He was just scolded by the Deputy General Manager, yet he quickly looked for us and started a meeting. It seems like he was so anxious that he forgot himself!"

"However, since he's this anxious, then our current elixir industries' situation should be quite grave. I have a bad feeling about this upcoming Elixir Meet..."

"Let's hope that Fei won't go overboard! Otherwise, I won't mind sacrificing some of my connections just to fight against him!"

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As the crowd was discussing these matters spiritedly, Su Yu just listened to them and waited quietly for the meeting to start. In the end, they ended up waiting for two hours.

All of shopkeepers had already come here early on, yet the Great Shopkeeper Fei still hadn't shown himself. It was only when everyone became impatient that two pretty maids came out from a side chamber. They both just stood at the entrance and lowered their heads respectfully.

Upon seeing them, the noisy hall immediately calmed down. All of the shopkeepers hid their resentful expressions and became solemn.

Thump! Thump!

A steady sound of footsteps echoed from the side chamber, while a middle-aged man, clothed in a long robe that was adorned with gold and silk, walked in. He was clasping his hands behind his back and his face was expressionless.

His footsteps were steady, his gaze was ice-cold, and his aura was extremely powerful. At this moment, the hall calmed down completely, and all whispering ceased.

Su Yu looked at this man. He already had an impression of him from the past. He was one of the three Great Shopkeepers, the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store's Great Shopkeeper.

As Su Yu witnessed the reactions of the people in the surroundings, it seemed like the Great Shopkeeper Fei came late on purpose, just to put on airs because of his status as a Great Shopkeeper. Great Shopkeeper Fei sat on the main seat and swept his gaze over everyone present.

It seemed like he was examining the crowd, trying to see whether someone was not accounted for among the crowd. It was only after sweeping his gaze over them completely that he verified that they were all present, then said, "My dear colleagues, you surely all have an understanding of the current state of the Red Blood Palace's elixir business..."

He paused, then continued, "The Central Prefecture's factions recently released several new elixirs, each having great effects and a suitable price. This caused our Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' business to go downhill. It's now time to put you all to the test. At such a critical juncture, we must all unite and resist the Central Prefecture's attack together."

Great Shopkeeper Fei stopped for a moment, before he continued once more, "I held this meeting to strengthen our advantage and gather us together in order to face the Central Prefecture as one. I will now announce a plan to remedy this situation."

The crowd looked in confusion at Great Shopkeeper Fei upon hearing his words.

He then said, "My plan is as follows... We must unite all of the elixir stores with the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store as their core, then concentrate on selling three main elixirs, which are the Pure Blood Pills, Spiritual Nourishment Pills, and Exquisite Powder. "

He paused, then added, "Recently, the Central Prefecture's most popular elixirs were elixirs like these three. So, if we can lower the price of these three elixirs in all of our combined elixir stores, we will surely manage to snatch a large number of customers and sell a large number of elixirs. This will be a grave blow to all of the Central Prefecture's elixir stores! So, how do you feel about that?"

The crowd quickly started whispering to each other and discussing this matter excitedly. Su Yu was not necessarily surprised by this plan.

He was quite familiar with such a tactic, and it was simply referred to as joint marketing. They would give up focusing on their profits in the short-term by lowering their prices, just to attract more customers for the long-term.

Tianya City had more than a hundred elixir stores, and if they all carried out this plan at the same time, they would surely cause a sensation and attract a large number of customers. If they do this for a long time, the Central Prefecture's sales of similar elixirs would surely decrease.

However, they still couldn't use this tactic for long, as it was tantamount to drinking poison in order to quench one's thirst. But, if they used it for just a short while, it would still be temporarily effective.

One couldn't deny that Great Shopkeeper Fei's suggestion was quite logical. However, Su Yu still couldn't help but smile because Great Shopkeeper Fei didn't explain an important matter clearly. After five minutes had passed, the crowd finished discussing this matter.

"So... What do you all think? If you have any questions, you can raise them now, as once we started carrying this plan out, there's no going back! Any person who dares to go against me in secret will become my enemy!" Great Shopkeeper Fei said.

Several shrewd shopkeepers exchanged glances, then they pushed forward an ordinary low-grade store's shopkeeper, who said, "Great Shopkeeper, may I ask you where can we get those three elixirs? Should we look by ourselves for elixir dealers to provide them to us?"

Most of their elixir stores had alchemists making elixirs, but the elixirs produced by them were far from being good enough. This why they still needed to depend on elixir dealers and purchase elixirs at a low-price from them.

Great Shopkeeper Fei revealed a faint smile as he replied, "You don't need to worry about this, as my Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store will provide you all with the necessary elixirs."

Since there wasn't an issue with the supply of goods, it was time to discuss the true issue...

"Great Shopkeeper Fei, since you will provide them, we can set our mind at ease about that matter. However, I wonder at what price we will purchase them?" that former shopkeeper asked the question that all of the people cared about most.

Great Shopkeeper Fei replied, "I will give you all a good offer. If you purchase those three elixirs from me, you can get them for just nine crystals apiece. You must all be aware that those elixirs are usually sold for ten crystals apiece in the market."

Upon hearing this, shock and anger appeared on everyone's faces. Great Shopkeeper Fei was really bullying them and taking advantage of them!

In fact, if they purchased those three elixirs from elixir dealers, they would usually pay just five crystals apiece. Yet, if they purchased them from Great Shopkeeper Fei, they would unexpectedly pay nine crystals!

In that case, even if they sold them all, they would just earn a crystal from each sale. That wouldn't even be enough to cover the costs of their business's expenses!

Great Shopkeeper Fei was obviously using the guise of resisting the Central Prefecture's attack as an excuse to rip them all off and compensate for his Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store's severe losses! Before the start of the meeting, they were all worried whether Great Shopkeeper Fei would go overboard, and at this moment, it seemed like their fears had been logical!



However, strangely enough, even though they all wished to skin Great Shopkeeper Fei alive at this moment, none of them dared to oppose him. They didn't even dare to reveal infuriated expressions on their faces.

The face of the low-grade shopkeeper, who had just asked this question, turned pale, and his body swayed.

“Do you have any more questions?” Great Shopkeeper Fei asked.

All of the low-grade shopkeepers shook their heads and quickly sat down. They didn't dare to object.

Great Shopkeeper Fei revealed a faint smile. “Sirs, to ensure the products' quality, you must all buy those three elixirs from the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store. Moreover, if you dare to buy them from other elixir dealers, don't blame me for turning against you if I discover it!”

It was obvious that what he meant was that he wanted them all of them to purchase the elixirs only from his Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store at a high price. The Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store could then depend upon this business deal to increase its monthly profits. As for the other stores, it was obvious that their profits would go downhill drastically.

Great Shopkeeper Fei would surely manage to bypass this crisis, while the other elixir stores would end in terrible states. All of the low-grade and middle-grade elixir stores' shopkeepers ended up choosing to submit to him because they were worried that Great Shopkeeper Fei would use his connections to suppress them and make trouble for them if they didn't.

Before Great Shopkeeper Fei came here, they all spoke indignantly and declared that if Great Shopkeeper Fei went overboard, they would rather give up on their businesses than submit to him and compromise. However, even though Great Shopkeeper Fei treated them all like sacrificial animals, none of them dared oppose him in the end.

Upon witnessing this, Su Yu couldn't help but shake his head. He then stood up and asked, “Great Shopkeeper Fei, do you have any other matters to raise? If you don't have anything else to say, I will take my leave now.”

At such a critical juncture, when the whole hall had descended into absolute silence, Su Yu was actually deciding to leave! They were all shocked by this, and they all turned their heads to see this fearless elixir store's shopkeeper.

Upon witnessing him, many people were surprised. This person had stayed for a long while in the Deputy General Manager's side chamber on this day, and as such, he had left an impression on many people.

However, most of them were still at a loss because they had never seen Su Yu before now. But, they still couldn't help but click their tongues in awe because of how daring he was.

Leaving before this matter was settled was tantamount to giving Great Shopkeeper Fei a sharp slap in the face! It must be known that he was then just forcing all of the shopkeepers to lower their heads, yet it was then that Su Yu jumped up to leave. It was like he was challenging Great Shopkeeper Fei's authority!

Great Shopkeeper Fei still wore a faint smile on his face as usual, but all of the people noticed that a gloomy look appeared on his face for a moment as he asked, “May I ask who you are?”

Su Yu glance at him and replied nonchalantly, “I’m the Tonglin Elixir Store’s new shopkeeper. I won’t participate in your plan. Moreover, I’m busy now, so just continue without me.”

All of the shopkeepers were dumbfounded upon hearing this! They couldn’t believe that he had unexpectedly dared to talk back to Great Shopkeeper Fei!

“This lad is done for, and so is his Tonglin Elixir Store!” Great Shopkeeper Fei’s expression stiffened. He already forgotten the last time someone dared to talk back to him during an Elixir Meet, as it had been so long ago!

He then asked, “You are the Tonglin Store’s shopkeeper? This plan is related to the fate of the Red Blood Palace’s elixir industries in Tianya City. If you don’t participate in it, and it ends up failing, who will take responsibility for it?”

Su Yu wore an odd look as he replied, “I’m just in charge of a small elixir store, which is burdened by debts, so even if I don’t participate in your plan, it won’t affect anything. Besides, if your plan fails, it’s your responsibility alone. Is it possible that you can still blame another shopkeeper for such a thing?”

Su Yu then added, “As this plan is being proposed by you, you should be the one who will assume full responsibility for it. I really don’t know why you can’t figure out such a simple thing.”

Su Yu shook his head. It was obvious that he was cursing him for how stupid he was. All of the people present couldn’t help but suck in a breath of cold air as they wondered... Has this lad gone crazy? Or... Doesn’t he want to continue making a living in Tianya City?

Great Shopkeeper Fei’s expression became gloomy, and he slapped the table, stood up, and glared at him angrily. “How impudent! I was just sincerely thinking of the Red Blood Palace’s industries, yet you are trying to sow dissension between us! What do you mean by this? It seems to me like you are just a spy, sent here by the Central Prefecture’s factions!”

Su Yu shrugged his shoulders. “You can believe what you want, and you can also go report it to the Deputy General Manager! Inform him that I’m a spy if you want! As long as the Deputy General Manager agrees to punish me, I can only accept it. In any case, I won’t let your Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store rip off my Tonglin Elixir Store!”

In the end, Su Yu stood his grand, and Great Shopkeeper Fei was so infuriated that his face became flushed and his whole body shivered. He then pointed at Su Yu and said angrily, “You are really daring!”

Su Yu replied calmly, “I’m daring... So what? Great Shopkeeper Fei, what do you plan to do about it? You are just a trifling shopkeeper! We should have been on an equal footing here, and it isn’t up to you to criticize me!”

#### Chapter 846: Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid

Great Shopkeeper Fei’s authority was limited to convening the Elixir Meeting. Thus, he could only depend on his connections to deter people.

As long as he gave the word, then all of the elixir dealers related to the Red Blood Palace wouldn’t dare to sell any elixirs to specific stores. This was because the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store was their biggest financial backer, and no one was willing to offend it.

Great Shopkeeper Fei's expression became gloomy. "Newcomer, if you take a single step out of here, I can ensure that your store won't continue doing business."

Great Shopkeeper Fei flew into a rage when he saw that Su Yu wore an indifferent and aloof expression as he replied, "Is that so? Then, let's just wait and see."

After Su Yu spoke, he left the main palace grandly, strolling out under the gazes of all. The whole place descended into silence, as no one dared to say even a single word. They could feel Great Shopkeeper Fei's fury.

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After Su Yu left the Heavenly Fragrance Elixir Store, he started strolling around and soon forgot all about Great Shopkeeper Fei's threats. This region was flourishing, and it had all kind of stores.

When he walked by a grandiose and vast plaza, which was second only to the nine-story attic and the sky island, a pretty young girl passed him a flyer, which had several sentences written on it...

Tianya Auction House has a secret treasure, and if you apply now and participate in the auction, then you can get the opportunity to win a Spirit Benefit Elixir, which is worth 10 crystals!

As he looked at the flyer, Su Yu was lost in thought. Then, the pretty young girl broke into his reverie. "Old mister, will you participate in the auction?"

The pretty young girl wore a warm smile as she spoke. Su Yu shook his head, then asked, "I don't have any interest in the auction for now, but later, I may need to sell some objects through your Auction House. Would that be possible?"

The pretty young girl's eyes lit up. "That would be possible, as long as the treasure meets Tianya Auction House's criteria. You can perhaps sell your items during our next auction, which will occur in half a month."

As one of the Auction House's personnel, if she could bring in people who wanted to auction their treasures, then she would get a percentage of the sale, similar to a commission. As Su Yu wore the Red Blood Palace's disciple uniform and was so old, great age, she assumed that he had some wealth. So, the young girl became quite eager.

"Okay, I will come later on and find you." Su Yu nodded.

The pretty young girl took a stone that was the size of a thumb from her sleeves and passed it to him. Then, with a faint smile, she said, "I'm Shaer, and if you want to sell some of your treasure through the Auction House, you just need to crush this object in front of the Auction House, then I will promptly come to you."

Su Yu took the stone and smiled at her, then turned around and left. After that, Su Yu managed to easily find an appropriate elixir production place. In fact, he found that there were more than 10 places nearby that allowed alchemists to make elixirs within them.

Su Yu chose a fairly well-known elixir production place, which was famous for the stability of its earth flames. This impressive characteristic caused many novice alchemists to take a liking to it, and even some experienced alchemists chose this place while they were making their extremely important elixirs.

“Purple Flame Mountain,” Su Yu read aloud as he stood in front of a mountain that had three words carved on it.

They were many evenly-sized caves that had been dug into the mountain, and there were turbulent flames that were suitable for alchemy within each of them. However, the price to use them wasn't low, and after one gained entry into them, they still had to pay a fee of one crystal for every two hours.

Su Yu paid four crystals and chose a cave that was situated in a secluded portion of the mountain. After he entered it, the seals on it started working all by themselves. Such seals possessed great sound-isolation effects, and regardless of what happened inside, no sound would be transmitted out.

As for the refined pills, they were also incapable of flying out of the cave. As such, it could be said that such seals were specially set for the alchemists.

There was adequate lighting in the cave, and there was a fire hole in its center, which had raging flames within it, which were quite stable and steady. There was even a refined device that could be used to control the flames, which was even more professional than the one in the Red Blood Palace's Raging Flame Cabinet! This made sense though, as the Raging Flame Cabinet was set for cultivation only, not for alchemy.

Su Yu calmed his mind as he took the furnace and two batches of Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid's ingredients, then placed them in front of him. Once everything was ready, Su Yu became somewhat excited as he wondered...

What will be the effects of these ancient elixirs? How great will its strengthening effects be on one's soul?

Su Yu cast away such distracting thoughts as he started processing the ingredients. The most difficult one to handle was obviously the Heartbroken Zither Grass, as it had an acute poison within it, which would pollute the medicine if Su Yu made just a slight mistake. Then, the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid would turn into a deadly poison, which even Divine Masters would die by consuming!

According to the elixir recipe's instructions, Su Yu needed to get rid of just three-tenths of its poison in order to avoid such a catastrophe, no more and no less. If the grass had more poison left in it, then the liquid would become a deadly poison, and if it was overly purified and the poison that was left was quite low, then the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid's refining attempt would fail.

It was because of such a matter that even the ancient times' alchemists had needed to be extremely careful while handling the Heartbroken Zither Grass. After all, such a task was extremely difficult. However, it was a quite easy task to Su Yu!

As the Milky Way's radiance shone in his right palm, the poison inside the Heartbroken Zither Grass started being absorbed, wisp by wisp. It was only when seven-tenths of the poison was left that Su Yu stopped.

At that time, the Heartbroken Zither Grass's color turned from a deep purple into a light purple color. As he had already finished purifying it, taking care of the other ingredients was much easier. After the time that it would take to brew a half a cup of tea had passed, the two batches of ingredients were completely processed, which meant that Su Yu could now start to refine the elixir.

He took the furnace and put the ingredients in it, according to the instructions. He then covered the concoction with a lid and started to control the flames.

When Su Yu started controlling the flames, he was amazed to discover that he had a greater awareness of the flames' intensity, and his senses became more keen and sharp than the last time he had made elixirs.

“What’s going on?” Su Yu was astonished.

It was only after he observed the fire element aura, which was revolving around him, that he understood what was happening. He wondered... Is it because I comprehended the five elements' concept?

The fire was, after all, one of the fire elements, so that should surely be the case! Su Yu was really amazed by this, as he didn't expect that cultivating the Five Elements Mysteries Arts would be of such a great help to him in alchemy!

The delighted Su Yu started making the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid, which he had looked forward to for such a long time. The flames control process was quite easy for Su Yu, as he had a great affinity with the flames. In fact, he had almost reached the step of fusing with them, which caused his refining to go smoothly and without incident.

The flames control process was the one that had the greatest chance of mishaps, yet he had still managed to complete it effortlessly, thus reaching the last step of elixir fusion. Since Su Yu didn't have much experience in this process, it caused the fusion process to come to end after he had completed just three fusions.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

The furnace started shaking and trembling, as if it had some powerful spiritual object within it that wanted to break free from its constraints. Seeing this, Su Yu licked his lips and prepared a jade box, while he tapped the furnace's lid with his hand.

Bang!

A loud sound echoed out as the furnace was opened, and a powerful spiritual pressure surged out of it, as well as a mist, which permeated the surroundings. The elixir didn't take a solid pill form, but turned into a mist that was close to a liquid-state instead.

Su Yu was caught off guard by it, and as he waved his sleeves, he drew the mist towards him, then swept it inside the jade box. However, he was slightly late, so a third of the mist sprayed onto the wall and was wasted. Moreover, because the rest of the mist was exposed to the air, six-tenths of its medicinal energy was lost!

He had refined the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid successfully, but had failed while collecting it! When he gazed at the jade box in his hand, he noticed that the mist within it was turning into a liquid and had taken on a beautiful light purple color.

A faint fragrance, which would refresh anyone, surged out of it. This object was clearly effective for souls, but it was a pity that he had made a mistake while collecting it. Now, it could be considered as just a defective product!

However, Su Yu wasn't discouraged, and as he calmed his mind, he started refining the other batch of ingredients. Since he already had experience now, making it was much easier this time, and after just four hours had passed, he had reached the moment for collecting the elixir.

He had already gone through this once, so he knew that he could not make the same mistake again. When the furnace was opened, Su Yu revolved his whole body's Vital Energy and enveloped the stream of air, as well as the mist, which surged out and prevented them from coming in contact with the air.

When the stream of air scattered, Su Yu used his Vital Energy to wrap the mist and lead all of it into the jade box. This time, the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid was even more sparkling than the last batch, and as the sunlight shone on it, it emitted a mesmerizing purple radiance.

Wisps of a fragrance, which would stimulate anyone's soul, passed through the small cracks in the jade box and assaulted his nostrils. Su Yu couldn't help but groan with pleasure at such a time, as sheer delight appeared in his eyes.

He then exclaimed, "What strong medicinal energy! Just its fragrance alone is this beneficial! I can't imagine what great benefits it would bring to one's soul if it was consumed directly!"

Su Yu suppressed the impulse to consume it himself as he collected the jade boxes and the furnace. He then left the mountain. Before leaving, he cleaned away all of the traces of the elixir's production, and he even scattered the sweet fragrance that was still lingering in the air in order to avoid being discovered by anyone.

After Su Yu left the Purple Flame Mountain, he didn't return to the Tonglin Store, but went directly to the Auction House. After all, if he wanted to redeem the Tonglin Store's losses and earn a large number of merit points, then the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid would be an indispensable treasure for achieving this!

After he reached the Tianya Auction House, Su Yu crushed Shaer's stone, and after a short while, she came rushing towards him, wearing an apologetic look on her face. "Old mister, I'm sorry, but the great appraiser just came back, and all of the personnel had to go and listen to his lecture. That is why I am so late in coming to you! Please forgive me."

Su Yu didn't mind the wait, so he replied calmly, "It's fine. Just take me inside, as I have two treasures that I want to sell."

Shaer's eyes lit up. "May I ask you what kind of treasures?"

"A type of spiritual liquid," Su Yu replied.

Shaer furrowed her brows. "It's an elixir, then? That might be troubling, as most of the objects that are received by Tianya Auction House are elixirs, and few of them can manage to catch the appraiser's eye. However, since you have already come here, then you can still try it. Let's hope that you succeed."

Shaer smiled and encouraged him, despite feeling like it was hopeless for Su Yu, as Tianya City had an abundance of elixirs, and apart from extremely rare and precious ones, it would be difficult for another one to be chosen by the appraiser. This was especially true because the number of objects that the Auction House sold each auction was limited, and only a few objects were deemed as qualified.

Su Yu smiled mysteriously and said, "Rest at ease, as my items will surely satisfy your appraiser."

#### Chapter 847: Thousand Hands Old Xian

Even though Shaer didn't think too highly of Su Yu, she still kept an amicable attitude towards him. She held quite a low position in Tianya Auction House, so she was only qualified to distribute flyers in the street and to invite martial artists to consign their treasures for sale.

As it was the greatest auction house in the city, many martial artists had come here to consign their goods for sale. As such a large crowd saturated the market, all of these treasures were rarely approved by Tianya Auction House.

As such, it was rare that Shaer would get a commission from the auction house, and even when she did, it was no more than a single crystal. However, Shaer still didn't give up, as even a single crystal was considered a great deal of wealth to poor people like her.

"Old mister, it's ideal that you are confident, but even if your items don't manage to satisfy the appraiser, you shouldn't lose heart, as there are three other auction smaller houses in the city, where you could try your luck." Shaer revealed a faint smile.

As Tianya city was vast, it made sense that it would not have just a single auction house. Su Yu was glad to know that there were three other ones, which were owned by the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands and the central prefecture. Moreover, they were all first-class auction houses.

As for Tianya Auction House's backer? He was quite mysterious, and there wasn't anyone who clearly knew his identity. However, he must be someone very powerful and important!

"Hehe." Su Yu chuckled, as he had great confidence in his Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid and believed that it wouldn't disappoint him.

After an hour passed, Shaer led Su Yu to the rear of the palace, where there was a row of stone rooms. There was a long line of people before each room, each of whom had personnel like Shaer. As the line inched along, they entered the rooms one by one.

"Each room has an appraiser, who has appraised countless treasures in their lives and will rarely misjudge objects. After the martial artists enter, they state the reasons behind their visit before giving the appraisers their goods that they want to sell, so that they can be appraised by them," Shaer explained.

She then added, "As long the items are approved, then the items will then be passed to the great appraiser, and if the great appraiser also approves, then the items will be sold in the auction."

Shaer chose a room that had just a few people in line in front of it and waited calmly, while speaking to him in a low voice, "We will now let this appraiser appraise your items, but as most appraisers have bad tempers, after entering, you shouldn't anger him! Otherwise, you will bring troubles upon yourself."

Appraisers were usually arrogant and haughty because they had knowledge that was far above ordinary people's reach. Hence, they felt like they were a cut above all others. Moreover, their

positions in Tianya Auction House gave them more prestige, which caused them to become quite proud and conceited.

“Understood.” Su Yu expressed his understanding.

They waited in line for another hour. Although this room’s appraisal was going fairly quickly, Su Yu noticed that there weren’t any martial artists who, as they left the room, didn’t have an unsightly expression on their faces. There was even anger on many of their faces, as if they had been infuriated by the appraisal process.

“It seems like this appraiser gets along with people well...” Su Yu revealed a faint smile as he cracked a joke.

Shaer furrowed her brows and said, “Such quick appraisal skills! Did we run into Thousand Hands Old Xian?”

Su Yu looked at Shaer and noticed that her expression was somewhat odd, so he couldn’t help but ask her, “Is there something wrong with this Thousand Hands Old Xian?”

Shaer shook her head, then said, “There isn’t anything wrong with him, but he is well-known for his high standards, and he rarely approves the treasures that he appraises. Because of this, many martial artists hate him. I don’t have a good feeling about him, so let’s switch to another one.” Shaer bit her lips nervously.

Even though she felt like Su Yu’s elixir-like treasure wouldn’t be chosen by any of the other appraisers, she still felt that their best shot would be to try another appraiser.

“Hehe, Miss Shaer, you are really considerate, but let’s take our chances.” Su Yu revealed a faint smile as he shook his head.

“Next...” As the door to the room was opened, a youth, whose face was filled with resentment and anger, came out of it in a huff.

Su Yu smiled at Shaer, then said, “Wait for me.”

After he spoke, he entered the room, and the room door closed by itself, while a layer of seals appeared on it. This prevented people on the outside from knowing what was happening inside the room, and it was done to maintain secrecy for the martial artists.

The room was brightly lit, making it even more resplendent than outside. A sharp-faced old man was sitting in front of a chair casually, looking at Su Yu coldly.

He then said in a mechanical voice, “Take out the goods, that you want to sell.”

He had an apathetic attitude. As Su Yu looked at the stone table, he saw several elixirs and ingredients, many of which were quite precious. Some of them appeared to have been thrown, as there were some broken bottles and spilled contents as well.

Su Yu nodded as he took a jade box from his pocket. This contained the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid, which had failed in its manufacturing process. Hence, it could be considered a defective product, which didn’t possess even two-thirds of a proper one’s medicinal energy.



“This is what I want to sell. It’s a medicinal liquid, so please have a look at it.” Su Yu put it on the table lightly.

Thousand Hands Old Xian furrowed his brows before he even examined it. This was because he had heard that it was a medicinal liquid.

He rolled his eyes as he asked, “You dare to bring a medicinal liquid that isn’t precious or rare to Tianya Auction House? The people I most despise are those who just come to try their luck!”

Su Yu was angered by his condescending words, and he stood beside him calmly, but turned a deaf ear to his grumbling. Although Thousand Hands Old Xian grumbled such words, he still did his job and opened the jade box to examine its medicinal energy.

The moment he opened it, a refreshing fragrance assaulted his nostrils, and he couldn’t help but furrow his brows slightly as he asked, “Is it a medicinal liquid, which calm one’s heart and refreshes one’s mind?”

Without waiting for a response, Thousand Hands Old Xian took a drop of the liquid expressionlessly and put it over a refined device to examine it. After a long while, he spoke once again, “It still is capable of increasing middle-stage Fairies’ cultivations! It’s a hybrid elixir, which could increase one’s cultivation, calm one’s heart, and refresh one’s mind.”

He managed to discern two of its effects in just a short moment, which showed that his skill was really not mediocre. However, he had inspected it hastily and didn’t examine its fragrance carefully, which caused him to make a mistake...

“In summary, it’s just a middle-grade spirit elixir. It’s a spirit liquid, which could increase one’s cultivation, and it could be considered quite good among other elixirs of the same grade,” Thousand Hands Old Xian announced as he raised his head.

He then added, “However, it’s still a defective product, which was the fruit of a failed manufacturing process. So, I can’t believe that you still dared to bring it here for me to appraise it! Take your object and get lost!”

Thousand Hands Old Xian snorted disdainfully as he waved his sleeves, then swept the jade box off of the table! Anger flickered in Su Yu’s eyes as he went to catch the falling jade box, and even though he managed to catch it, two drops still sprayed out of it and dripped on some of the items on the table.

Su Yu understood now why there were all kinds of precious materials and elixirs sprinkled around the table, and he also understood why so many people had left the room in fits of anger. It was because Thousand Hands Old Xian didn’t have just an arrogant temper, but he was obviously an overbearing bully, who treated people very poorly!

#### Chapter 848: The Great Appraiser

The price of even a defective Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid was still quite high, and Thousand Hands Old Xian’s behavior was really quite infuriating, so after Su Yu grabbed the jade box, he took just a single look at him before turning around and leaving, without saying a single word!

He wasn't worried that the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid would end up unknown, as any person who had any experience and examined it patiently would discover its true effect, which was the tempering of the soul! It was a spirit elixir, which would make people go crazy over it!

However, since Tianya Auction's people didn't have discerning eyes, then Su Yu would just give it to the other three auction houses, as it really didn't matter to him which place he put it up for sale in. All he cared about was getting its name spread throughout the whole region!

Su Yu wore a calm expression as he left the room. When Shaer, who was waiting for him outside, saw him, her eyes lit up. She then asked, "Old mister, did your spirit elixir get through the appraisal?"

Her voice was filled with hope, as no other martial artist had left Thousand Hands Old Xian's room with such a calm and composed look on his face! But, Su Yu shook his head and said, "Thousand Hands Old Xian's has high standards, and he didn't approve the spirit liquid."

Upon hearing him, Shaer's pretty face fell. However, she quickly forced herself to smile as she comforted Su Yu, "It's my fault. If I had taken you to get it appraised by another appraiser, then it would probably have yielded better results."

Su Yu had a good impression of this young girl, and he threw a pouch at her casually as he said, "You did you best. I will go to take a look at the other auction houses."

Shaer caught the pouch, and when she opened it, she found that it had 10 gleaming crystals in it!

"Ahh! Old mister, this is..." Shaer was astonished, and her lovely body trembled with excitement.

"It's a reward for all of your hard work." Su Yu waved his hand at her as he strode forward and left the auction house.

She was quite delighted, as she knew that she had run into a very generous rich person, so she immediately chased after him. "Old mister, many thanks for your reward! I will never forget your kindness." Shaer's eyes were filled with gratitude.

Su Yu wore a smile as he nodded at her. "Crystals are just mere worldly possessions, so you shouldn't care too much about them. Oh, by the way, is one of the other three auction houses owned by the Red Blood Palace?"

He was, after all, a disciple of the Red Blood Palace, and if he went to one of their own auction houses, then he wouldn't be pushed around.

Shaer replied hurriedly, "Yes! The Red Blood Auction House... It isn't far from here! I will lead you to it."

Su Yu revealed a faint smile as he pointed at the flyers in her hands, which she still hadn't finished distributing. "You should just complete your task. I hope to see you again!"

After he said that, he joined the boundless sea of people that were bustling about, soon disappearing among them.

At the rear palace of Tianya Auction House.

It was now noon, and all of appraisers were taking a rest, having momentarily stopped appraising objects. However, the appraisers were incapable of relaxing at such a time, as the great appraiser would soon come and examine their work.

The great appraiser would enter their rooms and question each of them personally. For this reason, they became extremely nervous around this time. After all, if the great appraiser was dissatisfied, then he had enough authority to fire any appraisers he deemed as unqualified.

The great appraiser had a good reputation, so the appraisers he fired would rarely be employed by any other auction houses. In fact, it could be said that just a single word from him could destroy an ordinary appraiser's entire livelihood!

The appraisers were awaiting his arrival nervously, acting as if they were about to face a great enemy. That was even the case for Thousand Hands Old Xian too, and he was now sitting upright and completely still, while striving hard to put an earnest and devoted look on his face.

Creak!

Thousand Hands Old Xian's heart shuddered when the room's door opened and the patrolling great appraiser entered. "Thousand Hands Old Xian, did you discover any valuable goods to auction?" An old man, with white hair and a ruddy face, who wore a long robe that had a moon and stars depicted on it, asked.

Thousand Hands Old Xian stood up straightly and answered solemnly, "Great appraiser, I didn't find any valuable products. I'm really incompetent and useless."

The old man shook his head. "I know that you have high standards and don't care much about ordinary objects, however, if they are good objects, then you must still approve them, as our auction house has recently been in a slump and we are short of good products."

Thousand Hands Old Xian replied firmly, "Great appraiser, I still feel like ordinary products aren't qualified to be displayed in our auction house, as it's a great disgrace to all of us. So, I feel like it's better to have nothing than to accept shoddy goods. Moreover, I believe that it's impossible for truly valuable objects to fool my eyes!"

The old man nodded faintly as he stared at Thousand Hands Old Xian. He seemed to approve of his viewpoint. Although he was haughty and arrogant, he still had real expertise. However, he was really too obstinate!

The old man didn't feel like trying to persuade him any longer, so he nodded at him before he clasped his hands behind his back and left. The door was now open, and a light breeze passed by it, sweeping the room's odors towards the door.

The great appraiser, who was just about to leave from the gate, came to a stop suddenly and twitched his nose, while surprise flickered in his eyes. He then stared at Thousand Hands Old Xian as he revealed a faint smile and asked, "Thousand Hands Old Xian, did you want to wait until the evening's patrol before informing me of such good news?"

Thousand Hands Old Xian was startled, and he asked in confusion, "Great appraiser, what do you mean?"

The great appraiser couldn't help but laugh heartily. "Did you assume that you could conceal from me that there is a strange elixir fragrance in the room? Moreover, it's a completely new elixir's

fragrance, which I have never smelled before! I have just sense that it has a weak strengthening effect on souls.”

He then added, “Take it out quickly, as I appraised elixirs for dozens of years, and it isn’t like I never saw elixirs that could strengthen souls, but I saw them no more than two times, and they were both extremely precious top-notch elixirs, which even All Creation Old Monster would covet!”

As the great appraiser’s eyes shone in a resplendent glow, Thousand Hands Old Xian jumped in fright. After all, soul strengthening elixirs were elixirs that he had only read about in ancient books. So, he had to wonder... How could they appear in my room?

“Great appraiser, are you cracking a joke? If I really discovered such an elixir, then I would have already presented it to you!” Thousand Hands Old Xian was baffled.

The great appraiser’s smile stiffened as he looked at Thousand Hands Old Xian and asked, “Did you embezzle this elixir?”

It wasn’t like similar matters hadn’t occurred in the past, as when appraisers discovered that a martial artist’s treasure was extremely precious, they would often get greedy and take it for themselves. When such a matter was discovered, the appraiser would end up being executed by Tianya Auction House!

Thinking of this, Thousand Hands Old Xian jumped in fright, then knelt down on one knee and replied, “I wouldn’t dare! Great appraiser, I’m willing to even let you search my body!”

His actions startled the great appraiser, and it didn’t seem like Thousand Hands Old Xian was putting on an act. He suddenly looked at the junk that was piled on the table, then quickly strode towards it, as if he had just noticed something. His gaze immediately fell on two drops of dried purple liquid, which were covered up by other objects.

His gaze lit up as he exclaimed, “It’s this!”

Thousand Hands Old Xian followed his gaze. As he looked at it, he was confused, shocked, then bewildered.

The great appraiser took a dried drop with his finger, then placed it before his nose and sniffed it. As he did so, he felt a refreshing feeling from the deepest part of his soul, and his soul became even more stable.

“It’s the ancient times’ elixir, the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid! It strengthens one’s soul and increases one’s cultivation!” The great appraiser’s shining eyes were filled with shock, and he was clearly moved.

He looked as if he had just discovered some peerless treasure! Although he didn’t have such an elixir’s recipe, he still had knowledge about it and could recognize it easily.

“The Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid!” Thousand Hands Old Xian also knew about it, and he was overwhelmed with shock.

The great appraiser wore a cold look as he turned his head and said, “Speak! Where is the medicinal liquid? If you don’t hand it over, then I will immediately send you to the punishment division!”

Thump!

Thousand Hands Old Xian was so scared that his knees went soft and his face became deathly pale, while beads of sweat seeped out of his forehead. He knelt on the ground and entreated him hurriedly, "Great appraiser, spare me! I really didn't hide the medicinal liquid!"

He then added, "I already returned it because I felt like the medicinal liquid wasn't eligible, so the guest already took his medicinal liquid and left!"

"What?" The great appraiser was shocked, and he started suspecting that Thousand Hands Old Xian was lying to him.

Thousand Hands Old Xian spoke hurriedly, "I'm telling the truth! He was brought here by a female servant, and after he failed in auctioning it, he left with it. Ask the female servant, as she could testify to it!"

The great appraiser was both astonished and angered. "You misjudged an elixir from ancient times? Your skill must once again be put to the test!"

Thousand Hands Old Xian was haughty and proud, and he had become overly confident in his appraisal skills. It was because of this that he had become careless while appraising products.

He couldn't believe that he had misjudged an elixir from the ancient times! As he thought of such a fact, he greatly regretted it. Now, a black spot would be left upon his record in Tianya Auction House. Although Tianya Auction House wouldn't fire an appraiser just because of a single mistake, he would be still left with a very bad reputation.

"When did that person leave?" Since the great appraiser already knew that it was the astonishing Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid, then he would surely not give up on finding it!

Thousand Hands Old Xian's eyes lit up as he replied hurriedly, "Just an hour ago!"

"Where did he go?" The great appraiser wore a threatening gaze.

Thousand Hands Old Xian wore a bitter expression, as he had no idea! However, just after that, he thought of something, and said, "Oh right... The female servant who brought him here must know!"

The great appraiser's eyes lit up, "Which female servant? Do you remember?"

Thousand Hands Old Xian nodded repeatedly. "I remember, as that female servant was quite diligent, and she constantly brought people here. I think her name was Shaer!"

Anxiety appeared on the great appraiser's face as he gave the order, "Quick! Immediately call Shaer to come here!"

While they were looking for Su Yu, he had already reached the Red Blood Palace's Auction House.

Chapter 849: Central Prefecture's Elixir Store

"Senior brother, may I ask why you came to our auction house?" A shrewd twenty-year-old attendant revealed an amiable smile after he realized from Su Yu's outfit that Su Yu was from the Red Blood Palace.

The reason why he had called Su Yu “senior brother” was because of his aged appearance. He was oblivious to that fact that Su Yu’s true age was even younger than his own!

Su Yu revealed a faint smile as he said, “I want to auction something in my sanctum’s auction house. So, I will trouble you with showing me the way.”

“Okay, senior brother, please come here.” The attendant didn’t neglect him because they were both members of the Red Blood Palace, and since they were now outside, he figured that they all needed to take care of each other.

They went to the auction house’s backroom, which was similar to the Tianya Auction House’s backroom. Several strict guards were present here, along with groups of martial artists, all of whom were lining up to sell their goods.

They were all waiting patiently in order for the appraisers inside to appraise their goods. However, the number of people lining up didn’t even reach half of the amount usually present at the Tianya Auction House.

The more famous an auction house, the more capable it would be of auctioning goods for a high price. All of the martial artists understood this principle, so they knew what types of things they should choose.

Many of them had already tried to auction their goods at the Tianya Auction House, but were rejected. Thus, they could only take these same goods and try their luck at the Blood Red Palace’s auction house.

This was the reason why the Blood Red Palace’s auction house rarely had good products, as most of what they received were substandard products. Regardless, the Blood Red Palace’s auction house didn’t have a choice or a better alternative because if they refused such a group of people, they would be short of enough goods to choose among at the auction.

Su Yu waited calmly at the end of the line, and it was only an hour had passed that it was his turn. When he entered the private room, it was immediately engulfed by a powerful seal, which would prevent anyone outside from peeping in and seeing what was going on inside of the room.

Su Yu was immediately surprised to discover that they were two appraisers in the room, not just a single one as he had expected. The pair were of similar ages and were both elderly men. They had steady and calm temperaments and weren’t fretful like the Tianya Auction House’s appraisers.

When Su Yu entered the room, he found the pair chatting with each other...

“Ah! I wonder whether the other appraisal rooms got any good products today. Our appraisal room only got a meager harvest! I hope that it won’t affect the auction, which will be held in three days!”

“Let’s hope it won’t! In three days, the Deputy General Manager will come to make an investigation, and he will participate personally in that auction. If we don’t have excellent goods, we will surely be reprimanded by him!”

“I wouldn’t mind if it was just this matter, as auction houses aren’t capable of auctioning precious treasures at all times and the Deputy General Manager shouldn’t

take out his anger on us because of it. But, the real issue is that the Central Prefecture's factions greatest demonic beasts' material store, restaurant, and elixir store sold three fine treasures here..."

"They all belonged to the Central Prefecture and were antagonistic to us, yet they still chose to come here and didn't auction their things off at the Tianya Auction House. They surely didn't harbor any good intentions in doing this, and this is actually the reason why the Deputy General Manager decided to attend the auction that will be held in three days!"

"That's right, those three Central Prefecture's factions suppressed most of our industries recently, yet they still came to auction off their goods here. It's obvious that they wanted to show off their power. I heard that those three products' qualities and prices greatly surpassed all of our Red Blood Palace's similar products. So, it's obvious that they wanted to use them to shame us! They will use us to spread the name of their newly developed products before continuing to occupy more of the market!"

"It's really hateful of them! Our Red Blood Palace's resources are limited, and we can't compete with the Central Prefecture, which has a vast territory that is filled with abundant resources. We can't fight them, so we can only hope to quickly get an equally impressive similar product, which we can use to lessen their advantage over us!"

"But, we have just three days before our time is up! So, how will it be possible? Our Red Blood Palace's three industries' Great Shopkeepers are disappointing and haven't lived up to our expectations! Thank goodness our restaurants and demonic beast material stores are still in good states because they are all trying to find new goods to remedy our situation."

"As for the elixir stores' Great Shopkeeper Fei, I heard that he started a meeting just after he was reprimanded by the Deputy General Manager, where he tried to rip off all of the middle-grade and low-grade elixir stores. He didn't try to fight against the Central Prefecture's elixir stores, but just bullied the people on our side. Sadly, because of this, I feel like our Red Blood Palace's elixir stores will be the ones that collapse first."

"News of this matter already has already spread among all of the Red Blood Palace's elixir stores. Great Shopkeeper Fei's actions aren't any different from drinking poison to quench one's thirst, and in the end, he will harm our whole elixir industry because of them!"

Those two old men let out long sighs simultaneously and finished their discussion with that. It was only then that they looked at Su Yu, who had just come in. The three of them then sat down altogether.

When they noticed Su Yu's long robe adorned with blue patterns, which was the Red Blood Palace's official outfit, their expressions eased slightly. They revealed faint smiles, while one of them asked in surprise, "Are you a Red Blood Palace disciple?"

Su Yu cupped his fists at them, took out his identity badge, and said, "That's right. I'm an outer sanctum's disciple. My name is Su Yuxian, and I have some products that I want to auction."

They glanced at Su Yu's identity badge, and after they confirmed that it wasn't fake, they became more cordial, with one of them saying, "Well, since you are our sanctum's disciple, we will properly appraise them for you, but don't count on us to go easy on you."

Su Yu smiled. "I wouldn't dare to ask this of you. So, please appraise them for me fairly." As Su Yu spoke, he took out a jade box, which was filled with the defective Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid.

"A new kind of liquid elixir?" one of the men asked, while both of their gazes lit up slightly.

The current Red Blood Palace's auction house was shouldering a heavy responsibility, so it required good elixirs. So, they surely valued such type of goods! If they couldn't find any new excellent elixirs, the Red Blood Palace would surely be shamed in the auction that was going to be held in three days.

"That's right." Su Yu revealed a faint smile.

He was confident that as long as they weren't as arrogant as Thousand Hands Old Xian, they would surely manage to discover how amazing the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid truly was. Those two men were clearly interested in it.

At that moment, the appraiser on the left side raised his head and revealed a faint smile as he asked, "Lad, did you hear any particular rumors, which would explain why you took out a new kind of liquid elixir?"

After all, he knew that many shrewd Red Blood Palace's members would try everything to get new kinds of liquid elixirs to face the Central Prefecture's elixir stores' newly developed elixir in three days. Once someone succeeded in doing this, he would surely be rewarded generously by the Red Blood Palace.

Su Yu shook his head in confusion. "I don't know what you are talking about."

The pair was still skeptical, but they didn't press him further on the matter. Instead, the appraiser on the left side said, "We will both separately appraise your items, as it's only through two appraisals that we can ensure recognizing good products and be sure that we don't end up missing anything because of a mistake from one appraiser. If you are sure about leaving these appraisals to us, we will start now."

Su Yu nodded, while thinking... The Red Blood Palace's auction house is much more responsible than Tianya Auction House!



“You can start now.” Su Yu revealed a faint smile.

They both looked at him, while the appraiser on the left side opened the jade box. An invigorating fragrance immediately fluttered out of it, assaulting their nostrils

The appraiser was slightly surprised. “An invigorating effect?”

After he mulled it over for a moment, he decided to take a drop of the liquid elixir out in order to examine it more carefully. After a long while, he uttered in surprise, “Huh? Its main effect seems to be increasing one’s cultivation. It has a good effect regarding this aspect, and it rivals the finest middle-grade spirit elixirs on the market! Not bad! It’s an excellent product.”

Although he evaluated it favorably, a glint of disappointment still flickered in his pupils for a moment. He was thinking that if Su Yu had brought this object before, they might have even displayed it in the auction because it was quite appealing. However, it still wasn’t capable of rivaling the Central Prefecture’s elixir store’s new elixir, which would be displayed in the auction in three days.

The appraiser on the left side spoke with regret, “The appraisal’s results are as follows... It’s a middle-grade liquid elixir, and its medicinal energy is capable of increasing one’s cultivation level. Its effects are at the top of the middle grade, and it still only has a secondary invigorating effect.”

After he said this, he pushed the jade box to the appraiser on the right side and urged him, “Old Yu, you appraise it now!”

As a matter of fact, his experience was higher than Old Yu’s, and usually, once he appraised something, Old Yu would get the same results. Old Yu also usually appraised goods casually, so he wasn’t really used to doing it on a routine basis. One could say that he was a little rusty!

However, this time was an exception, and Old Yu got lost in his thoughts while staring at the jade box. Because of this, he didn’t start appraising it for a long while.

After he hesitated for a long while, Old Yu asked in an uncertain tone, “Old Sun, do you remember that you mentioned a month ago a type of ancient elixir’s recipe? It seems like that elixir’s color and effects are slightly similar to this one.”

Old Sun was taken aback by this, and he revealed a pensive look. He then peered at the jade box once again, his pupils contracting as he did so.

He then asked, “Are you implying that it’s the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid that went extinct?”

Old Yu shook his head. “I’m not sure exactly, but it’s similar to it. After all, it’s an ancient product that went extinct, and even though its recipe didn’t disappear completely, one of its ingredients, the Heartbroken Zither Grass, is now an extinct plant. So, how would it be possible for someone to make it in this era?”

Old Sun grabbed the jade box once again after he mulled it over, then said, “Let’s appraise it once again. We mustn’t ignore any possibility. This is a basic rule for all appraisers.”

As an appraiser, he must be always strict and careful. So, he started examining it once again, not focusing on its cultivation strengthening effect this time, but focusing solely on its invigorating fragrance.

This time, he took a daring action. He actually swallowed a drop of it! It was extraordinary that he dared to take such an action, even though he was oblivious to whether or not it contained any poisonous substances! This showed just how dedicated he was to his work!

Once he swallowed the drop of the liquid elixir, its pure energy pervaded his limbs and bones, and it even made his Dantian's Vital Energy become more pure. However, its effects weren't limited to this alone.

At the same time, his soul became slightly hot and horror appeared on his face. This was because the influx of heat had caused him to quickly assume that it was a harmful substance!

However, just after that, delight appeared on his face. This was because he clearly felt that after the medical energy had dissipated, his soul became more spirited and slightly stronger than before!

His body started shivering, and ecstasy filled his face. He stared at the jade box with his bright eyes, which were filled with shock, as he exclaimed, "We weren't mistaken! It's really the ancient liquid elixir, the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid! It has a purple color and is in a liquid state. It's also capable of strengthening one's cultivation! What's more important is that after consumption for a long period, it will greatly strengthen one's soul. This truly is the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid!"

Shock appeared on Old Yu's face. "Is this really true?"

At that moment, he also took a drop of it and swallowed it. After a short while, he opened his eyes, which were filled with delight and shock, and said, "My soul power has been strengthened! It's really the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid!"

These appraisers had both seem countless treasures during their lives. In fact, they had seen even more treasures than most Divine Master experts, and they also had broad experience in such matters. This was why they would rarely get this excited and stirred.

They only arrived at such a state because of this ancient elixir, which should have already disappeared from the world. It was a fine spirit elixir, capable of strengthening one's soul power!

Even though it was just a middle-grade spirit elixir and was only effective for Fairy Realm experts, if news about it spread, even Divine Master experts would go crazy over it! Even if it was capable of only slightly increasing a Divine Master expert's soul power, they still wouldn't hesitate to pay any price for it!

The two appraisers couldn't get over their shock, even after a long while, and they couldn't help but look at Su Yu with their shining gazes as one of them asked for confirmation, "What is this liquid elixir's name?"

Su Yu revealed a faint smile. "It's the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid."

They couldn't help but take in deep breaths after they confirmed this matter. They exchanged a glance with each other and both saw the delight in each other's eyes. They were both thinking that they would surely get to watch a good show at this upcoming auction!

"Su Yuxian, may I ask you something... Did you make this liquid elixir by yourself?"  
Old Sun stared at Su Yu with his ardent gaze.

If the Red Blood Palace's elixir stores could get the chance to sell such a heaven-defying elixir, they would finally be able to put an end to the Central Prefecture's elixir stores dominance over them!

#### Chapter 850: The Dispute over the Elixir

Su Yu shook his head and asked, "Elder, are you cracking a joke? How could an outer sanctum's disciple like me manage to make such a liquid elixir?"

Upon hearing him, the appraisers exchanged a glance. They were both disappointed to hear this, and they did have to admit as they thought to themselves... If an outer sanctum's disciple possessed such a skill, would he still be in the outer sanctum? He would have already been invited to the inner sanctum, where he would be fostered and protected.

"Elders, I recently accepted a mission of taking charge of one of the Red Blood Palace's elixir's stores. A mysterious old man came to my store yesterday and asked me to auction this item. If this object can be auctioned for the price that he desires and get enough attention, he will be willing to provide more Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid and sell it in my store."

What? The disappointment in their eyes disappeared and was replaced by delight upon hearing this. "Is that really true?" the appraisers asked in unison.

Su Yu cupped his fists at them and said, "It's indeed true!"

"Haha, good! Heaven is surely helping our Red Blood Palace's elixir stores! I will report this matter to the upper members, and you should also come with me to meet them. They will surely be interested in meeting you!" Old Sun said.

He and Old Yu were very excited. They couldn't believe that they had managed to get such a liquid elixir at the last minute before the auction! They could surely use it to put the Central Prefecture's elixirs stores to shame at the upcoming auction!

Su Yu's eyes flickered. "It will be better for me to abstain from such a meeting. I don't know much about that mysterious old man, and even if I did meet the upper members, I couldn't explain anything to them. As long as the Red Blood Palace's auction can make this product famous, I believe then that the old man will surely fulfill his promise."

Su Yu then took the other complete Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid and said, "I still have another one. This is a complete Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid. The one that I just handed you is considered a defective product. But, you can still auction them both in the auction."

The two old men's eyes lit up as they both thought... Is there still another greater complete product? Even a defective product was quite amazing, so won't a complete product be much better?

They were both pleasantly surprised to hear this, and they accepted the second liquid elixir with glee. Old Sun then asked, "Since you aren't willing to meet the upper members, we won't try to force you to do so. This is our auction house's VIP Card... You should hand it to that old man when you see him. He can use it to watch the auction in our VIP lounge in three days. I hope that the old man can honor us with his presence."

After they handed the VIP Card to Su Yu, they quickly left the private room, carrying the two boxes of Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid with them as they went. They then hurried away to meet the auction house's manager.

They went directly to a plain-looking hall in the deepest part of the auction house. There were two groups of people outside the hall, one of which was the Red Blood Palace's guards. As for the other group, Old Sun and Old Yu were quite shocked when they caught sight of them.

"Old Yu, what happened today? I am told that even the Tianya Auction House's Great Appraiser came here. The person next to him seems to be the renowned Thousand Hands Old Xian!" Old Sun was quite startled.

This was because, all around them, they saw their foes, and this was quite strange, as they didn't usually have any dealings with each other. And... Even if such dealings happened, they would usually just occur between low-ranking members, and the Great Appraiser was anything but a low-ranking member!

The leader of the guards' team, who before the hall's gate, asked the appraisers upon seeing them arrive, "Sirs, did you come here to meet Palace Master Xiao?"

Old Sun averted his gaze from the other group and nodded. He then said, "That's right. Please notify the Palace Master that we have an urgent matter to report to him."

They were both aware that the Palace Master was hard-pressed at the moment, so they knew that he would surely be delighted to hear that they had gotten ahold of such a treasure.

The team leader spoke after hesitating for a moment, "Okay, just wait for a while here. I will go and notify him. However, don't hold out much hope for gaining an audience with him today, as the Palace Master is now having a meeting with the Tianya Auction House's Owner."

The owner? Old Sun's and Old Yu's bodies shivered and shock appeared in their gazes upon hearing this. The Tianya Auction House's Owner was a very prestigious person, who one would rarely get to see. Both his status and origin were unsolvable riddles to everyone.

He rarely showed himself, and even the Tianya Auction House's core members didn't get to see him regularly. However, all of the people were completely aware that he was the person in control of the Tianya Auction House. The two old men were both shocked that he had come here personally.

The guard team's leader went inside the hall, where a woman and a man were sitting opposite each other, discussing something. They were both middle-aged.

The man had sword-like sharp brows, star-like bright eyes, and handsome features. He also had a quite profound gaze. He was the Red Blood Palace Auction House's Palace Master, Xiao Yao.

The pretty middle-aged woman, who sat opposite to him, wore a long, black dress and a gentle expression on her face. She seemed graceful and well-mannered.

"Palace Master Xiao, we have already spoken for quite a long time now, so please give us back the auctioned product." The woman spoke leisurely and calmly, but her words still seemed like a firm command.

Ordinary people wouldn't even dare to gasp for breath loudly in front of her, but Xiao Yao replied calmly, while wearing a faint smile at the corners of his mouth, "Fairy Ling, are you cracking a joke? We didn't get any Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid this time around, and even if we had we would have no reason for handing it over to your Tianya Auction House. Aren't you afraid of disgracing your auction house by dropping in to demand goods from us in this way?"

Fairy Ling didn't get angry upon hearing this, but simply replied calmly, "That product first appeared in our auction house, so it ought to be managed by our Tianya Auction House! Doesn't this make sense?"

Xiao Yao had been oblivious to this matter until now, so he couldn't help but furrow his brows and ask, "Why would such a product leave your auction house? Regardless, I'm still sure that it isn't in my Red Blood Palace's Auction House!"

After she chatted with him for a while and ascertained that Red Blood Palace's Auction House didn't get Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid. Fairy Ling furrowed her brows and wondered... Did that maid named Shaer lie about this? Or... Did the old man she mentioned go to the Red Blood Palace's Auction House with his product, or some other auction house?

It was at this moment that the guard team's leader came over and transmitted his voice to Palace Master Xiao, "Palace Master, the appraisers Old Sun and Old Yu want to meet with you."

Xiao Yao's eyes flickered. "They must have noticed that I'm having a meeting with a distinguished guest, yet they still want to meet me? What for?" Xiao Yao knew his subordinates well, and so he knew that they weren't dense.

The guard team's leader said, "They stated that they wanted to report an urgent matter to you."

An urgent matter? Xiao Yao nodded. "Okay, bring them to the side palace hall. I will go and meet them there after a while..."

"Palace Master Xiao, if you have anything to discuss with them, why don't you just do it here?" Fairy Ling's pretty eyes flickered as she asked. After all, it really seemed like the two appraisers had to discuss an urgent matter.

Xiao Yao replied calmly, "Last time I checked, it wasn't up to your Tianya Auction House to meddle in our Red Blood Palace's Auction House's internal affairs!"

Upon hearing him, Fairy Ling revealed a faint smile. "I don't care about your Red Blood Palace's Auction House's internal affairs! I just care about whether my Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid is in your hands or not! If the matter mentioned by the two appraisers isn't related to this, I will step back and be quiet!"

Xiao Yao furrowed his brows. He was quite baffled by this woman. After all, she had dropped in here just because of a Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid, which he didn't know anything about!

"Okay. Ask them to come in here." Xiao Yao gestured an invitation with his hands, and the two people were quickly invited inside.

Old Sun and Old Yu glanced at Fairy Ling out of the corners of their eyes. They were shocked to learn that she was the Tianya Auction House's Owner. They didn't expect that its owner would be a woman!

“What did you come here for?” Xiao Yao asked.

The two old men exchanged a glance with each other before Old Sun looked hesitatingly at Fairy Ling. Then, he said carefully, “Palace Master, we just received two products. Please, have a look at them.”

Xiao Yao was startled by this and his eyes lit up. “Huh? What are they?”

“The Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid,” Old Sun replied slowly, speaking in a clear tone.

Whoosh!

After he spoke, he felt like two pairs of eyes penetrated his whole body. Both Fairy Ling and Xiao Yao were staring at him with their sharp gazes!

Fairy Ling squinted her eyes and wore a smile as she said, “It seems like your Red Blood Palace’s Auction House really does have that object that I was asking about!”

Xiao Yao was also surprised by this, and his eyes shone brightly. He still didn’t know what this Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid was, or why the Tianya Auction House’s Owner had dropped in personally just to ask for it.

“Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid? What is it? Can you please describe it to me?”

Xiao Yao looked at Fairy Ling out of the corner of his eye as he asked the two men to elaborate.

Old Sun described it to him in detail, not omitting anything. After he finished listening to him, Xiao Yao’s pupils contracted. He was really shocked by this ancient elixir, which was capable of strengthening one’s soul power!

He finally understood why Fairy Ling had come here personally. If they could get the elixir recipe and find the person capable of making it, it would be tantamount to opening a road of boundless wealth for them!

If a faction managed to get an extinct elixir, as well as the recipe of an ancient elixir that was capable of strengthening one’s soul power, everyone would go crazy over it. Then, the astronomical wealth that they could earn would be unfathomable! Even if they sold each piece for a sky-high price, people would still fight over it crazily!

At this moment, even Xiao Yao was tempted by it! But he restrained himself as he asked, “Can you share with me in detail how this object appeared in our auction house?”

The two old men were bewildered by this question, and Old Sun said, “It was an outer sanctum’s disciple named Su Yuxian. He consigned it for sale here. Palace Master, is there some issue with this?”

Palace Master Xiao wore a pensive look as he glanced at Fairy Ling, then asked, “Fairy Ling, can you please tell me how your Tianya Auction House lost it?”

Fairy Ling’s expression became awkward for a moment, but she quickly recovered, then said, “Nothing serious occurred. It’s just that my subordinates neglected that guest, which caused him to leave...”

Upon hearing this, Xiao Yao was both infuriated and amused. “So, it’s just your Tianya Auction House’s appraiser who’s useless and missed a great opportunity! Fairy Ling, It’s really laughable that you had the nerve to come here to demand it from us!”

If that product was stolen by someone from the Tianya Auction House and sent to the Red Blood Palace’s Auction House, he would surely have given it back to them. However, the fact of the matter was that they had just misjudged the product and missed an opportunity to get it for themselves! Yet, they still had the gall to come here to demand it, while claiming that it is rightfully theirs!

Xiao Yao would surely not accept this, as if he did, it would be tantamount to lowering his head to the Tianya Auction House, which would make him seem cowardly. Their opponent obviously came here to bully them and take the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid by force. So, anyone who had at least an ounce of dignity wouldn’t accept this treatment.

Moreover, the Red Blood Palace’s Auction House was now facing the central prefecture’s factions show of power, and they were just looking for an appropriate treasure to face them with. The Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid could play a crucial role in this affair! So, of course they would be unwilling to give it up!

After Xiao Yao made a firm decision, he felt more at ease. The Tianya Auction House had Tianya City’s best appraisers, and in the past, it was only after a product was rejected by them that their smaller auction house could get a chance at having said object.

But, no one would have expected that they would make such a horrendous error of judgment one day, thus missing out on an extinct ancient elixir! If news of this matter spread, they would surely become a laughingstock! Palace Master Xiao, who had been suppressed by them for a long time, felt elated at this moment.

Fairy Ling then asked calmly, “Palace Master Xiao, does this mean that you won’t give it back to us?”

Xiao Yao chuckled. “Fairy Ling, if you really want that product, it isn’t like we can’t give back to you...”

Fairy Ling’s eyes lit up slightly. “Palace Master Xiao, please continue your line of thinking. If you need any compensation for it, we will surely consider it.” Her unspoken implication was that she might just consider compensating the Red Blood Palace’s Auction House for the item.

“Fairy Ling, are you cracking a joke? We are both living in the same city, so I will still do you a favor...” Xiao Yao shook his head. “I don’t want any compensation right now.”

Fairy Ling revealed a faint smile. “Palace Master Xiao, many thanks for helping us!”

Palace Master Xiao chuckled, took a black card from his pocket, then slapped it against the table. “Fairy Ling, there will be an auction held here in three days. You can just use this VIP Card and buy back the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid during the auction!”

Fairy Ling’s expression stiffened, while anger appeared in her previously apathetic gaze. “What do you mean by this?” she demanded to know.