

Nine-Dragon 891

Chapter 891: Yaomu's Relics

The tree men were unable to walk upright, but they could burrow and travel underground. There was a deep and wide underground passageway, and it was pitch-dark.

The tree men used the tendrils and roots below their bodies to attach to themselves to the stone wall of the passageway and slide across it like octopuses. Their seemingly enormous and clumsy bodies moved surprisingly fast in the passageway.

“This wasn’t dug by you tree men, right?” Su Yu’s eyes shone with a bright light. He caught a glimpse of the inner side of the stone wall, which was full of marks that had been chiseled with knives.

“We received help from the human Divine Masters,” the chief tree man answered, without turning its head.

Su Yu looked thoughtful as he asked, “Enslaved humans?”

The chief tree man snorted. “Inferior living creatures like humans have no worth if they are enslaved. The human Divine Masters offered their help willingly.”

Willingly? Su Yu was doubtful... Isn’t it a fact that the living creatures that enter the Desolate Evil Jungle can never leave again? How could it be possible that the human Divine Masters actually offered their help willingly?

Suddenly, a name occurred to Su Yu. “It must be Yaomu Daoren,” Su Yu muttered.

According to the rumors, he was the only one who could freely enter and leave the Desolate Evil Jungle. There was no other exception.

The chief tree man nodded. “Yes, he received a boon from the Tree God and offered his help willingly, excavating a passageway that enables us tree men to move around conveniently.”

The chief tree man paused, then said with pride, “Human, if you could really help the tree men, the Tree God will compensate you generously and give a good account of you in front of Lord Yinmu.”

About a few hundred miles in front of them, a faint light suddenly appeared in the pitch-black underground passageway. The place ahead resembled a bright sun, brilliant and dazzling. They had reached the exit!

Su Yu closed his eyes, feeling a shaft of warm sunlight fall on his cheek. He slowly opened his eyes, which were filled with awe. The misty world that had been saturated with a thick fog was gone, never to return.

The sky was cerulean and the emerald lakes stretched endlessly, while countless tree men, big and small, were growing skyward. Above the tall grasses, finches flew merrily and spring flowers were blossoming in full glory.

All kinds of living creatures roamed everywhere. The singing of birds and the sweet fragrance of flowers were also everywhere. The entire place was filled with peace.

“An Arcadia?” Su Yu murmured.

No one could have predicted that the inner part of the Desolate Evil Jungle, which was known for its evils and dangers, would be as beautiful and glorious as a bright pearl.

“We’ve arrived at the Holy Land! Come with me.” The chief tree man’s trunk glimmered with ancient bronze, and its colossal body was gradually diminishing, taking the form of a human.

It had a robust build that was entirely covered with tree patterns. Its facial features looked as if they had been chiseled by a knife. Even though its form and features resembled a human’s, there were great differences between the two.

“An adult ancient bronze tree man can transform into the form of a godly human, but it will only last for an hour. If the time doesn’t call for it, there’s no need for us to transform,” the tree man said.

The form of a godly human? Su Yu was stunned... Isn’t that the human form?

As if reading Su Yu’s mind, the chief tree man snorted. “This is not the human form! It’s the godly human form! For any living creatures, the ultimate evolutionary form will be the godly human form. You humans are just similar to the godly human form by nature. Don’t think that noble creatures like the tree men would take your form!”

The godly human form is the ultimate form of all living creatures? Su Yu thought that there were too many uncertainties in the world. The starry sky, the 10,000 races, godly humans... These were all unknown mysteries. It was even Su Yu’s first time seeing the tree men in person.

The chief tree man led them through the endless forests. Along the way, there were an incalculable number of ancient bronze tree men, at least 10,000 of them, in fact.

Based on their cultivations, with the lowest being the seventh-grade Almighty and the highest being the ninth-grade Almighty, if they charged out from the Desolate Evil Jungle, they could devastate the Blessed and Heavenly Lands ten times over. Despite its vastness, the Central Prefecture would not be able to defend itself from the tree men’s attack either.

However, the tree men’s weakness lay in their bodies. They could only move around in the godly human form for an hour above ground, and even then, they could easily be constrained by humans.

Fairy Ling’s pretty eyes were filled with fright. “There are so many tree men, occupying a single corner of the Jiuzhou Continent. They have absolutely no difficulty standing alongside Jiuzhou.”

“Ooh... So many tree men! It’ll be fun taming them...” Gongsun Wuxie’s eyes glimmered mischievously.

“Haha, your courage is admirable.” A light, crisp laughter sounded behind them suddenly. And... The voice had spoken in the human language!

At the end of the forest, a bright, mirror-like lake was embedded within the lush, green grassland. An elder clad in a green shirt was sitting by the lakeside. His back was facing them, and he had a fishing rod in his hand.

Gongsun Wuxie pouted her petite mouth. "Old man, you are playing tricks. I'm afraid of you."

Su Yu's and Fairy Ling's eyes shone as they stared at the elder's back and wondered... Is he a human?

"Haha..." The elder set down his fishing rod, turned around, and flashed a light smile.

The moment he turned around, they realized that the elder's complexion was silver white and his face was filled with wood patterns. Surprisingly, he was part of the Mu race.

"You know the human language?" Su Yu asked.

The silver-faced elder had a smile on his face. "Once, a human taught me some basics. Hence, I know a little."

"Lord Yinmu, they're here," the chief tree man said.

"Alright, you can go. Two other humans have broken in. They seem to have found the road leading right to the Fountain of Life. Go and capture them." The silver-faced elder was the Lord Yinmu, who the chief tree man had mentioned earlier. He was in control of all of the situations in the Desolate Evil Jungle.

Yinmu looked over to Su Yu and the others, his eyes casting a quick glance at Fairy Ling, while pausing momentarily on Gongsun Wuxie. He then laughed and said, "The Herb of Immortality! Little human, you're very lucky to have mistakenly consumed the Holy Herb of the race of spiritual herbs. You must have come here to cleanse the medicinal effect with the Fountain of Life."

Fairy Ling quietly kept Gongsun Wuxie behind her, while shock and terror rose in her heart. Yinmu could see right through the details in Gongsun Wuxie's body! Not even an All Creation Old Monster could do that!

"You've come to the wrong place. The Fountain of Life can degrade everything but the races of Mu, including the spiritual herbs and tree men, which belong to the Mu race. Hence, it is also hard for them to be degraded," Yinmu explained patiently.

Useless? Fairy Ling and Gongsun Wuxie did not believe it, and they remained unsatisfied with his words.

"If the Fountain of Life was useful, it wouldn't allow the corpses of our race in the outer circumference to be occupied by evil spirits that could not be gotten rid of even until now, thus forcing us to request help from you humans," Yinmu sighed, his eyes looking over to Su Yu, while shining with a shrewd light.

He then said, "You're the only living creature since Yaomu Daoren that is well-versed in ancient Mu words. We've been waiting for you for a long time."

Just as Su Yu had expected, the tree men needed his help.

"Please, tell me the whole course of matters first," Su Yu said.

Yinmu nodded, while lightly waving his palm. In that moment, countless tree roots sprouted from underground, winding around Fairy Ling and Gongsun Wuxie and dragging them down below.

“Don’t worry, young human, I don’t want those two extra people to hear what I’m about to say,” Yinmu said. “They’ve been brought to a safe place and will meet up with you later. Besides, I’ll present you with some small gifts.”

Su Yu slightly released the fingers that were pinching the silk after he heard this. The Yinmu before him was profound beyond measure, and his intuition told him that he was no weaker than any of the five Golden Light Guards.

“The story goes like this...10,000 years ago, the Tree God was plotted against by an old friend. He escaped the starry sky and accidentally fell into the Jiuzhou Continent. He was badly injured and was getting weaker by the day. Thus, he was trapped in this place, completely immobile,” Yinmu said.

Su Yu heard the Tree God being mentioned again, so he asked, “Who is the Tree God?”

“Our God,” Yinmu answered, his face reverent. “We ancient bronze tree men all relied upon the Tree God for survival. Once, our race proliferated and thrived, during the peak period, there were millions of tree men. But, ever since we fell into Jiuzhou, the Tree God fell dormant.”

Yinmu shook his head. “Losing his protection was like losing our spirit, and many tree men withered, shrunk, and gradually died. Besides, without the purification of the Tree God, they were eroded by evil spirits, becoming vicious, man-eating evil trees.”

He then added, “In the last several thousands of years, the conditions have become even worse. Without the nourishment from the Tree God, less tree men are being born. Now, only a couple of the tree men’s seeds can germinate successfully every year. If this carries on, all of us will be dead in less than a few hundred years.”

Su Yu said, “So... You do not want to just sit and wait for your death.”

Yinmu nodded. “Yes. We’ve been trying to figure out what to do. The Tree God’s injuries spring from the evil Seal Force. This seal was devised with ancient Mu words, which was attached inside the tree men’s body, feeding on their spirits, causing the Tree God to shrink and wither away, day by day.”

Judging from that, the so-called old friend who plotted against the Tree God was also from the Mu race, and he was proficient in the ancient Mu words that the ancient bronze tree men were unfamiliar with.

Yinmu said, “The seal itself isn’t the most terrifying part, as the Tree God could rely on the purifying ability to easily eliminate the seal. The problem is that the Tree God was unable to recognize all of the long-lost ancient Mu words that were used to devise the seal. If he could recognize them all, it would be much easier.”

He then added, “Therefore, we pinned our hopes on this bleak Jiuzhou Continent, hoping that one day, an expert who knows the ancient Mu words will appear. We’d been waiting for 5,000 years before Yaomu Daoren appeared. However, he only managed to decipher two-tenths of the ancient Mu words before he died. Although the tree men assisted him in training to the mortal fairy level,

enabling him to live through another 4,000 years, he still passed away, as ultimately, the humans' lifespan is too short."

Yinmu sighed, while lifting his head to look at Su Yu, agitation flickering in his eyes. "We thought that it was all over, worrying that the ancient bronze tree men would be buried in this bleak land. But, then you came!"

He then said to Su Yu with a glimmer in his eyes, "Even if you had not entered the Desolate Evil Jungle, I'd decided to step out of the jungle on my own to bring you inside."

After hearing the whole story, Su Yu drew in a light breath and thought... The Tree God sounds like an extremely terrifying existence! He could easily promote a human to the mortal fairy level! Thinking back on it, all nine of the Grand Prefecture Kings had already attained the mortal fairy level...

"I can't promise to be able to decipher all of the ancient Mu words, but I can promise that I'll try my best." Su Yu's eyes flickered as he asked, "But, what can you promise me in return?" Right now, their lives were still in the hands of the ancient bronze tree men.

"The ancient bronze tree men aren't a race that are fond of killing. We're forced to use the flesh and blood of living creatures to breed our offspring. If you could decipher the seal on the Tree God and help him recover, we would not need to kill anymore!" Yinmu said.

He then stared at Su Yu as he added, "Besides, you'll receive rewards from the Tree God. Think about it, Yaomu Daoren was only an average All Creation strong man among the humans, but with the help of the Tree God, he attained the mortal fairy level. If you could provide more help for the Tree God, the benefits you'll receive will be beyond your imagination!"

Su Yu definitely desired the benefits, but they were not a necessity. What mattered the most was preserving his life.

"Fine. I hope that you will keep your word," Su Yu said.

Yinmu smiled. "Come with me. Before you meet the Tree God, I'll bring you to Yaomu Daoren's place of tranquil demise. He had left behind a part of the ancient Mu words, which could be useful to you."

Yaomu Daoren's place of tranquil demise! Su Yu was eager to see it.

Chapter 892: Usurping the Godly Position

Swish!

As Yinmu waved his huge sleeves, Su Yu felt a surge of turns and shifts, and in a fleeting moment, they had arrived at a different place.

This is the power of All Creations... Su Yu wondered in amazement.

He appeared at a wooden house that had been kept in perfect condition. The yard was full of lush greenery and had been maintained in a very tidy way. In the yard, a lone grave was lying quietly, the wording “Yaomu” carved upon it.

Su Yu looked at it and felt sorrowful. A master of the era had met his tranquil demise at this place, yet there had not been a single person of the same race to pray for him when he was drawing his last breath.

He stepped forward and bowed, paying his respects. He then asked, “Elder Yinmu, before Yaomu Daoren passed away, was he in any pain?”

Yinmu shook his head. “He died of old age naturally, so you don’t have to feel too bad.”

Su Yu nodded and entered the house. The inside of the house was simple, and he saw no other items within it. It was uncertain if the home’s previous items had all been buried with Yaomu Daoren, or if he had been living in utter poverty and simply didn’t have anything.

The only things left in the house were two scrolls that had been preserved quite well by the ancient bronze tree men. The scroll on the left was rather thin, whereas the one on the right was thicker and much heavier. Su Yu soon discovered that the golden sands that he had lost while chasing them in the Desolate Evil Jungle were quietly lying beside the scroll on the right.

“All of the ancient Mu words on the seal were recorded on these two scrolls. The left scroll contains the ancient words deciphered by Yaomu Daoren, so you don’t have to study them anymore. The right scroll contains the words yet to be deciphered,” Yinmu said.

Su Yu nodded, stepping forward to unroll the right scroll, while the numerous, closely packed words entered his sight. There were notes written in red pen beside every ancient word, which was clearly Yaomu Daoren’s detailed research.

His notes occupied one-tenth of the space and ended abruptly. This must have been the time that he had passed away.

Su Yu was a little mournful as he observed his notes in detail, comparing them to the ancient Mu words. He nodded and shook his head from time to time.

After a while, Yinmu asked, “What do you think about his notes?”

Yaomu Daoren’s mastery of the ancient Mu words could clearly be seen. Su Yu said, “It’s excellent, but it has its limitations.”

Su Yu then commented, “As a human, being able to study up to such a level by depending on a limited amount of knowledge is considered to be a very great accomplishment. It’s just too bad that he could not take it to the next level in such an environment.”

Yinmu was delighted. “Does that mean that your mastery of the ancient Mu words is greater than his?”

Su Yu said, “You could say that, but give me half a day’s time to study this scroll. You mustn’t disturb me.”

“Alright, as long as you can salvage the Tree God, I can promise you anything!” Yinmu replied merrily, while immediately commanding two tree men to guard the yard’s entrance, prohibiting all disturbances.

Before leaving, Yinmu caught a glimpse of the golden sand on the right scroll and asked, “What is this?”

Su Yu quietly seized the golden sand and replied, “Perhaps some of Yaomu Daoren’s relics. Let me study them.”

Yinmu hesitated for a moment, then finally nodded. He then turned to leave Su Yu alone to study in the yard.

Su Yu closed the door and sat down with crossed legs. His eyes shone as he reopened the thick scroll and flipped to where Yaomu Daoren’s final red note was recorded.

Meanwhile, he gathered the golden sand in his palm, spreading the remaining amount in the bottle out on his palm. When these grains of golden sand fell on the red handwriting, they suddenly became lively, gliding across the scroll like scurrying ants!

At last, all of them quieted down. Su Yu squinted and gazed at the sand for a moment before he finally discovered the secret. He had deciphered the meaning of every word on the golden sand, but had failed to arrange the words into a complete paragraph.

Now, these golden grains of sand were divided into groups of ten, each group circling around an ancient word. Ten grains of golden sand combined with one ancient word, which then happened to translate into a sentence. The same thing happened to the other 19 groups!

The outcome was 19 sentences altogether, making up a paragraph of hidden, very mysterious code. Yaomu Daoren was trying to deliver some kind of message to Su Yu this way!

Su Yu’s heart raced. He translated the sentences of ancient words into the human language and arranged them into a complete paragraph, thus obtaining the enigmatic message that had been passed down by Yaomu Daoren.

A moment later, Su Yu’s face changed. Yaomu Daoren told Su Yu something extremely terrifying. It was so terrifying that Yaomu Daoren had to conceal the golden sand in the handbook and have Su Yu spread it out all this time later!

While he was sitting in silence in the house, Su Yu pondered what to do next for a long time. Gradually, his face regained its former calmness. He then entered the state of time-acceleration while studying the treasury of words that Yun Yazi had left behind in his mind. Half a day later, Yinmu came forward and asked expectantly, “How’s it going?”

Su Yu smiled. “I’ve finished deciphering these ancient words. They were exactly the same as those on the sacrificial altar, and I’ve been able to understand them all in half a day!”

“Wow! Eight-tenths of the words only took you half a day to understand? You’re even better than Yaomu Daoren! If the Tree God awakens, you’ll certainly be endowed with a great reward!” Yinmu said in surprise. “Please also translate these ancient words into modern Mu words. I’ll go inform the Tree God.”

Su Yu said, "I'm afraid I can't yet, as more than ten ancient words in it were written illegibly, greatly deviating from the ones in my memory. So, I'm not sure if my translation is precise. I'd like to see the words on the seal in person to decide."

Yinmu frowned. "The Tree God is the god of my race, and it's weak, so I'm afraid it can't meet with outsiders."

Su Yu said, "Fine, then I'll translate based on this scroll. But, if there are any mistakes, don't blame me."

Yinmu hesitated, then stared at Su Yu as he asked, "Are you sure it won't pose a threat to the Tree God?"

Su Yu pointed at himself. "I'm merely a fifth-grade fairy. I couldn't even harm you, let alone the Tree God!"

"Okay. Well, I'll break the rules for once and bring you to meet the Tree God. Remember not to touch the seal, as making contact with the seal will not only kill you, it'll also implicate the Tree God!" Yinmu's heart was full of concern for the Tree God.

"I understand." Su Yu nodded.

A while later, somewhere below the ground at an unknown depth, Su Yu felt as though he had almost penetrated the Jiuzhou Continent. Numerous boundless, robust wooden walls stretched out in all directions from the underground depths, forming a labyrinth-like web that was extremely intricate.

"To hide its traces and avoid being hunted down by enemies, the Tree God sank itself into the depths of the continent. The wooden walls you see now are actually ends of the roots that are extended from the Tree God. They belong to the thinnest part of it," Yinmu said.

Su Yu was shocked. "How many roots does the Tree God have?"

"Countless roots! They cover the entire underground of the Jiuzhou Continent! They're everywhere," Yinmu said.

The Tree God's build was overwhelmingly enormous. The vast Jiuzhou Continent was merely a patch of soil in its eyes.

A while later, layers of the terrestrial heat were turbulent, and its temperature was incredibly high. Su Yu had put on the fire essence, so he had resistance against such a high temperature.

Yinmu scowled slightly, a silver halo appearing on its surface. It was a mighty force that could only be condensed by those of the All Creations level.

"Irritating flames..." Yinmu muttered calmly. Since fire counteracted wood, the tree men naturally hated flames.

Another full hour passed before Su Yu and the others finally arrived at the underground depths, which was a world of flames. At first glance, it was nothing but a boundless sea of flames.

The flames contained within it were exceptionally terrifying, and their power was no weaker than the Heavenly Disaster's! Even if the All Creation Old Monster fell into it, he would have no chance of survival at all!

"This is the deepest part of the continent, the Glaze Ocean of Fire, which is also the energy source of the continent," Yinmu said.

This land contained an enormous terrestrial fire that maintained the entire continent's climate, enabling all kinds of living creatures to produce offspring. If the Glaze Ocean of Fire was extinguished, the entire continent would cool down rapidly, thus becoming an absolutely frozen region and sinking into a dead silence.

"The Tree God is right there." Yinmu pointed to the depths of the ocean of fire, where a 30-foot-tall golden tree with thick and thin arms was immersed in the Glaze Ocean of Fire. Amid the terrifying Glaze Ocean of Fire, the golden tree stood motionless, completely unaffected by the high temperature.

"Is that really the Tree God?" It was totally different from the towering gigantic tree in Su Yu's imagination.

Yinmu replied, "Once the Tree God attained the godly position, a godly state formed in its body. Its real body is kept within this godly state. Speaking of size, perhaps not even the Jiuzhou Continent could contain the Tree God's original form."

Su Yu was stunned to hear this... The godly position? What kind of state is that?

"Alright, stay here and don't go near. Work on deciphering all of those uncertain ancient Mu words." As Yinmu waved his large sleeves, a light breeze blew past and several golden chains instantly appeared on the surface of the golden tree, winding around it.

The iron chains had all been condensed from the golden Mu words, and there were about 10,000 of them in total. Each one of them was an extremely uncommon ancient Mu word, as even back then, not many Mu people could master them.

Su Yu figured that the chains must be the seals that Yinmu had mentioned. "Can I go nearer? I can't see clearly." Su Yu strained his eyes to see.

Yinmu stared at the Glaze Ocean of Fire below with disgust, then exhaled a mouthful of clear air that surrounded Su Yu, making his surroundings cool and refreshing. He then said, "The nearer you get to the Glaze Ocean of Fire, the higher the temperature gets. This breath of air can only last for ten breaths, so you must get back up before that."

Su Yu nodded.

"Remember, don't touch the seals. Otherwise, not even I can save you!" Yinmu warned him again.

"I understand," Su Yu said as he scurried to the side of the golden tree. The Glaze Ocean of Fire beneath his feet gave him an extreme sense of danger. If it was not for

Yinmu's mighty force protecting him, he would have been burned from the inside out!

Keeping in mind that he only had ten breaths' time, Su Yu's eyes turned very quickly, scanning the Mu words that were contained in the chains. After five breaths had passed, Su Yu nodded and said, "I've seen clearly."

Yinmu was delighted. "Come up fast and translate the last few words for me."

"Sorry, I'm not planning to come up," Su Yu said.

Yinmu's face turned stern. "Do you want to harm the Tree God?"

Su Yu looked at Yinmu, shook his head, and said, "No, the one who wants to harm the Tree God is not me, it's you, Lord Yinmu." While he was talking, Su Yu pressed his palm on the seal chains.

"No! Stop it! You'll be reduced to ashes by the seals!" Yinmu roared frantically, while teleporting to the other side in an instant. But, after crossing half the distance, he showed up within the space abruptly because at a close distance from the Glaze Ocean of Fire, the spaces were in a state of chaos and teleportation did not work.

As a result, Su Yu's hand was slammed against the chain. He wasn't killed by the seal, but instead, a gentle golden light enveloped him, pulling him to the side of the golden tree, where he was caught up amid the chains.

Yinmu stopped in midair, his eyes emitting an air of cruelty as he said, "You seem to know something..."

From within the seals, Su Yu nodded slightly and said, "Yes, I know two things. First, the golden seals weren't left behind by the enemies who plotted against the Tree God, they were released by the Tree God to protect itself. Once the protective seals are broken, its godly state will be opened, and its original form will be discovered. In its state of dormancy, its body will surely be destroyed and disappear from the world! The seals must be protecting it against you, Lord Yinmu!"

Yinmu's face was cold as he asked, "When did you start suspecting me? And... How do you know all of these things?"

Su Yu said, "When I was paying my respects to Yaomu Daoren, I asked you if he had experienced any pain or misery when he died. You said that he died naturally! But, I saw his broken skeleton from his grave! He was ruthlessly murdered by someone! You were lying, and after I realized this, it raised my suspicion of you."

He then added, "As for how I know, Yaomu Daoren left a coded message before his death, revealing your conspiracy to me. When he was killed at that time, it was because he had found out about your disloyal intentions, am I right?"

Yinmu said in a low voice, "It's impossible! I've destroyed all of his relics! He could not have delivered any message!"

"You're wrong. He had a book that he purposely left in the outside world when he left the Desolate Evil Jungle in the earlier years. The code was in the book," Su Yu said.

Yinmu laughed. His laughter was wild and furious. “Hahaha, Yaomu, you still bring me trouble, even after death!

“Right, the golden chains are not seals that harm the Tree God, but are here to defend it against me! After so many years, the Tree God’s injuries keep deteriorating, and one day, it’ll perish. We, the ancient bronze tree men will perish alongside it, too!” Yinmu shouted.

He then shook his head and yelled, “I can’t accept it! Thus, I might as well enter its godly state, obtain its godly spirit, and become the new Tree God, than let all of my people die alongside the Tree God! In that way, not only me, but everyone can be saved! It’s a win-win situation! Why shall we perish together?”

The look on his face implied a balanced mixture of madness and somberness as he said, “Human, whoever becomes the Tree God does not concern you. Help me remove the Tree God’s protection, and I’ll give you endless benefits. Why go against me for a dying god?”

Su Yu replied coldly, “Here’s the second thing that I know! I know that you’ll not keep your word and let me live.”

“Is there a need for me to kill you?” Yinmu asked with contempt.

Su Yu said, “No, you do not need to, but you need to kill all of the living creatures! The birth of the new generation’s Tree God requires endless energies, and the only ones that could supply these energies before your eyes are those in the Jiuzhou Continent! If you become a god, the first thing you’ll do is absorb all of the energies of Jiuzhou, then turn it into a dead region with eternal silence! All of the living creatures will perish.”

He then asked, “Hence, if all living creatures die, how could I be exempt?”

Yinmu asked coldly, “Did Yaomu tell you all of this?”

“Yes!” Su Yu said, while he was thinking... That was why he resisted even at the cost of his own life... And was then ruthlessly murdered by you!

Yinmu’s eyes were clouded with hatred and rage. “Death is too good for him! Back then, he found out about my intentions by accident. I wanted to give him an opportunity to get wealthy, but he couldn’t tell what was good from what was bad, so he insisted on telling the Tree God!”

He then said, “Human, I’m giving you one last chance. Help me become a god or perish with the Tree God! I couldn’t survive long in the Glaze Ocean of Fire, so you surely won’t!”

Su Yu replied calmly, “Just like what you said, since you can’t stay too long, why should I be scared of you?”

Then, with a move of his heart, the Fire Essence Jade in Su Yu’s body radiated an enormous fire essence force, resisting the oncoming high temperature from the outside Glaze Ocean of Fire. Whoever became the Tree God really did not concern Su Yu, but if Yinmu was to become the new Tree God, he would die, which meant that all living creatures of Jiuzhou would also die!

“Ignorant thing! Do you think that I can’t hurt you just because you’re hiding under the seals? Human, Yaomu surely didn’t tell you that back then, he was captured by

me because he ran into the seals!" The corner of Yinmu's mouth turned into a sarcastic curve as he spoke.

Chapter 893: The Remnant Soul of the Tree God

"The seals were indeed set up to protect the Tree God from me before he became dormant. It's true that I can't enter the sealed area, but extricating you from it isn't entirely impossible. I'd only have to waste a breath of the Mu Refined Spirit!" Whiffs of evil black air gradually appeared on Yinmu's silver face as he spoke.

His entire body was suffused with silver light, gradually inflating and increasing in thickness and height. Ten feet, twenty feet, thirty feet... Inflating right up to a hundred thousand feet!

The space above the Glaze Ocean of Fire was concealed by a colossal silver tree that blocked the sky and the sun. Silver light occupied the whole sky.

Su Yu was like a speck of dust in front of the silver tree. The powerful pressure of mad winds and stormy rains assaulted him, while the Glaze Ocean of Fire below him started to boil, raising endless gigantic waves in the sea of fire.

"This is the original form of Yinmu?" Su Yu was shocked.

Judging from the atmosphere displayed, any of the five Golden Light Guards were no match for this silver tree! This was all was much more terrifying than Su Yu had imagined.

Buzz...

As the air rushed around, the chains around the Tree God radiated a gentle golden light, protecting itself. Su Yu, who was amid the chains, also received this same protection. Not a bit of the powerful pressure could penetrate the chains.

Prrrr!

A light sound was heard all of a sudden. Yinmu's trunk had cracked, and a silver-colored eyeball had popped out from it! Su Yu noticed that half of the eyeball was pitch-black and looked extremely vicious.

"After capturing you, I have a hundred ways to make you surrender." Yinmu's black-silver eyeball stared coldly at Su Yu, sending chills down his body.

Whoosh!

All of a sudden, a branch shot out from Yinmu's gigantic tree, pummeling the seals like a silver thunderbolt. This blow sent tremors across the entire underground world, while emitting a frightening power that could destroy a vast city wall like the Blue Mountain Range. However, the power simply ricocheted off when it hit the seals.

Meanwhile, a shaft of golden light fell on the branch, making the branch burn with golden flames.

"Ah! The godda*n seals!" Yinmu inhaled a cold breath, while pain and frustration appeared in his black-silver eye.

Su Yu stared at the branch and was stunned. "Your branch..."

The branch had entirely wilted and turned yellow. It seemed no different from the branches of the evil trees on the outer circumference!

Looking at the evil black mist in the depths of Yinmu's eyes again, Su Yu began to understand... Could Yinmu's body have been invaded by evil spirits?

"Get in!" Yinmu bellowed in a low voice, unconcerned with the burning branch as he touched the seals by force. The closer he got, the more turbulent the golden flames became, burning the branch to ashes a little at a time.

Bearing with the excruciating pain and braving the danger of his whole body being ignited, Yinmu forcefully touched the seals with the branch and ventured inside, tangling them around Su Yu with the speed of lightning.

Back then, Yinmu had pulled out all the stops in order to capture Yaomu Daoren. Today would be no different!

"It's over!" Yinmu laughed viciously, and before the golden flames spread to their original form, he instantly whipped the branch and dragged Su Yu out of the seals.

With his All Creations mighty strength, a mere fairy brat could be easily dragged out in the blink of an eye. However, he only realized once he was applying force that Su Yu would not budge!

"What have you done?" Yinmu's eyes flickered with shock and uncertainty, and he wondered... Could there be some mechanisms in the seals that I do not know about?

Then, as Su Yu shook his sleeves, a round pearl that was about the size of a fist fell from them. It was half-blue and half-yellow, and it had a vague hint of ghost energy about it.

He held the round pearl in one hand, and regardless of how the branch tugged at him, he did not budge. The weight of the Underworld Pearl could kill even the All Creation Old Monster, so Su Yu felt secure in his current position.

At that moment, the golden flames intensified drastically, spreading to Yinmu's original form. Yinmu's face fell, and he was forced to break off the whole branch.

Pow!

The broken branch was reduced to ashes by the golden flames, while the part that wound around Su Yu perished alongside it. Yinmu was extremely frustrated by this, and he had a wild viciousness in his eyes as he asked, "Human brat, do you really want to go against me?"

"I just want to live," Su Yu answered.

Yinmu said coldly, "I can promise to let you live, and I can also release those two spouses of yours. As for the rest of the living creatures in the Jiuzhou Continent, why do they concern you?"

"What if I don't agree?" Su Yu held the Underworld Pearl, calm and composed.

Yinmu's eyes were filled with cruelty. "Then I'll let both of your spouses die first!"

"Do as you wish, as even if I lose those two spouses, I can find new ones," Su Yu answered nonchalantly.

In the tree men's eyes, humans were the same as animals. In this way, he assumed that all they knew was breeding. As an animal, whose lower part controlled the body, it was reasonable that Su Yu did not fear the threat.

On the contrary, the more Su Yu cared about Fairy Ling's and Gongsun Wuxie's lives, he knew that it would only make them more valuable bargaining chips. Hence, the faster they would die!

Yinmu's black-silver eyes were filled with rage. Initially, he intended to find a brat who could decipher the seals during the Tree God's dormancy, thus fulfilling his wish to become the new Tree God.

He never could have predicted that this brat would be so truly cunning and have such mysterious tricks! He had no clue about how to deal with him!

The seal was specifically set up to defend against him and the remaining tree men. The other living creatures could approach it unharmed, but if the tree men went near it, they would be reduced to ashes in a fleeting moment.

Right when both parties were caught up in the conflict, Yinmu's eyes turned suddenly, as if he had received some kind of message. Soon after, a ruthlessness appeared in his eyes as he laughed and said, "Haha, don't think that I can't do anything to you!"

Swish!

Yinmu then transformed into a silver-faced elder once again. With a sneer on his face, he dashed out of the Glaze Ocean of Fire.

Su Yu had an ominous feeling as he wondered... Could Yinmu have found something? Regardless, I can't just sit and wait for my death. The fire essence in the Fire Essence Jade has limits, after all, which means that it can't keep resisting the high temperature of the Glaze Ocean of Fire forever.

Once the fire essence was consumed, Su Yu knew that he would be dead and buried in the ocean of fire. Glancing around the vicinity, Su Yu finally fixed his gaze on the golden tree that was behind him.

Slightly squinting his eyes, Su Yu stared at the golden tree and said calmly, "Tree God, do you still want to keep pretending to be asleep at this point? You missed Yaomu Daoren, and if you miss again this time, you'll perish from the world for real!" The strange thing was that Su Yu was talking to the sleeping Tree God. However, the golden tree was motionless, as if it was sinking into an eternal silence.

"Yaomu Daoren told me everything. Back in the past, you were the one who reminded him to be on his guard with Yinmu," Su Yu said. Yaomu Daoren was completely manipulated by Yinmu, so how could he have known Yinmu's ulterior motives?"

The Tree God had secretly told Yaomu Daoren about these things when he was imprinting the ancient words on the seal.

"I think you're still awake, even now, and you're working hard at making Yinmu behave carelessly," Su Yu said.

The golden tree still kept silent. As Su Yu had the patience, he simply waited quietly.

Purr!

Finally, ten breaths later, a crack appeared on the trunk of the golden tree and a golden eyeball popped out from it. A deep, dull, ancient voice was heard from the inside the golden tree, "Human, I can't save you."

Then, there was a long sigh, filled with remorse and helplessness. "My dominant soul fell dormant when I was severely injured. I have only this wisp of soul left that has consciousness, which is always defending me against Yinmu. So, I'm helpless to save you," the Tree God said.

Su Yu said indifferently, "My summoning you wasn't to make you save me. I'm going to save you!"

Su Yu knew all about this situation, as the message that Yaomu Daoren had left behind, the injuries sustained by the Tree God were recorded in detail.

"You?" The Tree God was doubtful. "Back then, I promoted Yaomu Daoren to the mortal fairy level, yet he was helpless regarding my injuries. So, how could you help me?"

Su Yu replied, "That was him, but this is me. There is only one opportunity, and whether or not your injuries can be treated depends on whether or not your remnant soul has enough strength."

In Yaomu Daoren's records, the Tree God was indeed plotted against by an old friend, but its injuries weren't caused by the seals, but rather the Evil Fatal Godly Force that infiltrated its body.

Su Yu found this strange, and he had to wonder... Why were so many dead ancient bronze tree men in the Desolate Evil Jungle invaded by evil spirits? Where did the evil spirits come from?

In fact, they had broken out from the Evil Fatal Godly Force. Under normal circumstances, the tree men were actually a very kind-hearted and peace-loving race, not prone to simply killing for killing's sake.

Nonetheless, the tree men in the Desolate Evil Jungle turned into evil trees after death, and the living ones were gradually becoming brutal, breeding their offspring with the flesh and blood of humans. Even Yinmu was infiltrated with this evil without realizing it, the viciousness now raging throughout his whole body, causing him to eventually plot against the Tree God. All of this happened because of the residual Evil Fatal Godly Force in the Tree God's body!

After a long time spent pondering, the Tree God's remnant soul sighed. "There's barely any strength left. But, I must give a try..."

Swish!

An ancient word appeared on the golden tree. It had the shape of a heart, with a dot at its center. This ancient word had been mentioned by Junior Brother Qian before. They had thought that the word meant "intention," but only Su Yu knew that it really meant "passageway."

The Tree God's remnant soul said, "Come inside. Hopefully there really is still a cure like you said."

Su Yu nodded as his finger touched the word. All of a sudden, his surroundings plunged into darkness and his body entered a dark passageway.

After he moved a few steps forward, a gloomy sky appeared before his eyes. Dark clouds rolled across the sky. But, they weren't really clouds, but were actually turbulent evil energies!

Beneath the dark clouds, a youthful lady was lying against a wooden throne. Her eyes were closed and she had a delicate and gentle appearance. Her beauty wasn't stunning, but it was very natural and pleasing.

Clad in a dress that had been woven out of green leaves, her dark hair was adorned with colorful flowers, and her sleeping face looked very peaceful. As he looked at her, Su Yu felt peaceful inside, all of his chaotic thoughts vanishing immediately.

It was as if he was blending into the world's nature, and he felt relaxed and light-spirited. After just one glance at her, Su Yu put down his guard and felt an urge to step forward and worship her.

Buzz...

But, the tremendous tremor of the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron in his mind pulled Su Yu back to reality. Su Yu inhaled a breath of cold air, immediately shaking his head and not daring to look at the lady again.

He was utterly shocked at this power that she seemed to have over him, and he murmured, "How could this be? Looking at her once made me completely lose myself?"

Su Yu could not understand. Even if mortal fairies like the Jiuzhou King were before him now, he would not lose the slightest bit of composure. However, even though the lady before him was asleep, thus not applying any cultivation, Su Yu had still lost all rationality before her! If she was awake, she just might be able to make Su Yu surrender with a single thought!

"I see that you've seen my godly form, yet you still maintain your composure!" The remnant soul was stunned. "No one without the mortal fairy strength could resist the godly force in front of the godly form. You must have some extraordinary talents or possess an inherent godly form!"

Su Yu replied in a deep voice, "Now is not the time to talk about that, as we'd better treat those injuries as soon as we can."

The remnant soul nodded. It was uncertain what it had done, but the hidden black evil air gradually came out from the abdomen of the lady on the throne, condensing into a long halberd that then penetrated the lady's abdomen.

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Evil energy emanated unceasingly from the spear and invaded the woman's body. The rest of the evil energy dispersed and formed devilish black clouds in the sky.

"In the past, I was injured by this spear, and if I hadn't quickly sealed my body in a Divine Realm, the evil aura emanating from it would have been enough to turn the whole Jiuzhou Continent into an Evil Domain. Then, the evil energy would have assaulted all living beings, and turned them into Evil Spirits," the remnant soul said.

Su Yu raised his head and looked at the black clouds in the sky. He hadn't at all suspected that what the remnant soul had just said could have happened. How powerful and terrifying was the evil energy if it was capable of nailing a Goddess against her throne?

"If you can pull out this spear, my main body will awaken. But if you can't achieve it, everything will be just a futile effort," the remnant soul said. "However, I must still warn you. If you aren't confident, please don't touch the spear because it contains great evil energy, and you will surely die upon coming in touch with it."

Su Yu nodded. The devilish Yinmu was outside, and it was only through awakening the Tree Goddess that could he save himself.

As Su Yu strode forward, he discovered that with every step he took his body would shiver and he would get an intense impulse to prostrate himself in worship.

The Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron in his mind was also unceasingly shivering intensely. It had never been in such a state before.

Moreover, the body before him was still asleep. So, if she woke up, he wouldn't be even capable of approaching her.

However, Su Yu clenched his teeth and proceeded forward. There was just a short distance of thirty meters between them, but Su Yu was making very little progress with great difficulty. It was only after he had spent a whole hour moving that he managed to approach the spear.

Su Yu extended his right hand, and a silvery milk-white light emanated from his palm. He took a deep breath before grasping the spear with his right hand.

When Su Yu touched it, devastating evil energy surged into his body. His vision went black, and he felt like his soul would be torn apart. Everything in his consciousness was pitch-black, and he felt like he had just stepped into a death abyss.

Roar!

All of a sudden, three sonorous dragon roars echoed among the boundless darkness. They expelled the darkness, and let his word regain light once again.

Su Yu's hand was still holding onto the spear, yet he clearly felt like he had just visited the gates of hell.

When Su Yu looked once again at his palm, he witnessed that the Milky Way Star Sand was revolving quickly, and was expelling the evil energy trying to invade his body. A large amount of blood-red liquid was also flowing out of the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron, and helping Su Yu to keep his sobriety.

It was only thanks to those two divine objects that Su Yu had managed to avert such a disaster. If he didn't have them, Su Yu would have already died.

"Hiss! It seems like you have an extraordinary object," the remnant soul exclaimed in surprise. It had clearly seen that Su Yu's body was invaded by that evil energy, and his soul was devoured thoroughly by it.

However, just when it assumed that Su Yu would surely die, and was beginning its lament, he came back to life.

Su Yu's gaze became grave, and he didn't reply. He just shouted in a low voice and exerted his power on his five fingers to pull out the spear.

However, the spear didn't budge by even an inch, and it was still the case even after he tried it several times.

The remnant soul couldn't help but say, "Sure enough! This spear has a mysterious origin, and it's difficult for you to deal with it with your current power."

Disappointment appeared on Su Yu's face. Even though he had used the Milky Way Star Sand, and risked his life to give it a try, he had still failed. Hadn't he?

He wasn't willing to accept defeat, and he tried to use the Milky Way Star Sand to absorb the evil energy. However, he quickly discovered that it wasn't capable of absorbing it.

He had gotten the Milky Way Star Sand long ago, yet this was the first time he had run into an object it wasn't capable of disintegrating.

"Don't waste your energy in vain," the remnant soul sighed. "Your imperial saint artifact has just its body left, and it doesn't have an Artifact Spirit. It can't display even a tenth of its true power, and it could at most just absorb fairy power. As for divine power? It can't deal with it, and this evil energy is even more powerful than divine power. You can't deal with it."

It didn't have an Artifact Spirit? This was the first time Su Yu heard that the Milky Way Star Sand had lost its Artifact Spirit.

"I don't believe it." Su Yu wasn't willing to accept such an outcome, and he continued trying. However, regardless of how he used the Milky Way Star Sand, he still couldn't deal with even a tiny part of the evil energy.

The remnant soul said, "I'm sorry, human. You can't save me, and I also can't save you... Even if the Tree Goddess managed to regain just a little of her sobriety, it would have still been enough to save the Ancient Bronze Tree Men, but it's a pity that..." The remnant soul sighed again, and a tunnel-shaped character appeared before Su Yu.

"Leave. Allowing you to enter the divine realm had already consumed a large amount of my soul power..."

Su Yu was disappointed. This affair had developed toward the worst possible outcome. It seemed like he could only use the spatial vortex and large-scale teleportation to leave this land.

However, it was unknown where he would end up if he teleported, and the whole foundation he had laid for himself in the Red Blood Palace would be wasted. He would have to start anew.

"Wait!" Just as Su Yu stretched out his hand toward the character in front of him, the remnant soul spoke in surprise.

Su Yu raised his eyebrows. He suddenly felt an extremely powerful consciousness awakening from within the sleeping woman's body.

Rumble!

The devilish black clouds were churned up, while the spear in the woman's belly was shaken, and it was pulled out by an inch.

"Young... Man..." A grand, archaic, and faintly discernible voice, which seemed like it echoed from the end of time, reverberated through the Divine Realm.

Su Yu's body couldn't help but shiver, while dragon roars echoed unceasingly from the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron inside his body. It seemed like everything indicated that a certain mysterious existence would appear here.

The remnant soul became excited. "My main body woke up!"

Su Yu looked at the woman. She still sat there motionlessly, and it didn't seem like she had woken up at all.

"Young man, I'm the Tree Goddess." A voice transmitted from the sleeping woman's body. "When that evil energy just invaded your body, I detected that an Evil God in the deepest part of your soul had absorbed a part of the evil energy, hence why my suppressed consciousness managed to wake up for a short while."

It was the Evil God in the Soul Space! That cunning b*stard must have taken avail of the fact that my soul was assaulted, and that I was unable to quell him, to stealthily come out, and absorb a large amount of evil energy.

That guy was a remnant drop of the Evil God's blood essence. Evil energy must be important to him.

Su Yu's eyes flickered. If the Evil God became strong enough to tear open his soul space and escape, what should he do then? He didn't have any way to imprison that old b*stard once again.

Su Yu ignored such worries for the moment. He bowed and paid his respects. "Greeting, Tree Goddess. I'm really powerless and incapable of pulling out the spear."

"You don't need to blame yourself. Even I am incapable of pulling out, let alone you." The Tree Goddess's voice became softer and wasn't as archaic-sounding as before. "I can stay awake for just a short period. Young man, do you have any wishes?"

A Goddess wanted to grant Su Yu's wish!

Su Yu hesitated for a moment, before he spoke, "May I ask what's the price for it?"

"When you are powerful enough, you must pull out the spear," the Tree Goddess said.

Su Yu nodded after he mulled it over for a moment, and he agreed. "I can accept it, but I can't guarantee that I can manage to achieve it in this life."

Even this woman wasn't capable of achieving it. Would Su Yu ever be?

"It's fine as long as you promise it. State your wish," the Tree Goddess said.

Su Yu said, "The summit of the martial path."

Su Yu had gone through countless trials and hardships and was aware that it was power which determined everything. It was only when he was powerful enough to trample upon the whole world that he could protect his beloved people and objects.

"You want to become a god? I'm not able to help you become a new god, but I can provide you protection in your path to godhood," the Tree Goddess said.

Su Yu nodded. "Tree Goddess, many thanks for your help."

How could a goddess on the brink of death help him reach the summit of the martial path? Su Yu was already lucky to just get her protection.

Whoosh!

The long dress made from green leaves worn by the woman started fluttering, and three fresh green leaves broke free of the dress and fell on Su Yu's palm.

"These are the leaves which I had when I reached godhood. They are my vital leaves. Even though they don't contain any divine power, they can still help you avert many disasters, and none below the Mortal Fairy Realm can block them. They can disintegrate all enemies into their former state, and they are beneficial to you."

"However, they still have a flaw. They will consume a large amount of your Vital Energy, and cause you to lose all fighting prowess. In severe cases, they may even damage your Dantian, and cause your cultivation level to drop. You must remember to use one of them only when your life is in danger."

Su Yu nodded. He was greatly overjoyed! Since she stated that it was effective against anyone below the Mortal Fairy Realm, didn't this mean that even All Creation Old Monsters couldn't block the leaves' strike?

Those three leaves were enough for Su Yu to kill three All Creation Old Monsters.

"Tree Goddess, many thanks for your gift," Su Yu said. He was extremely grateful to her.

The Tree Goddess said, "When you advance into the Mortal Fairy Realm, I will offer you another gift if you can manage to help me awaken completely."

Su Yu was really grateful to her!

Swoosh!

A blue ray shot out of the Tree Goddess's forehead and went through Su Yu's forehead.

"This is our contract. It won't affect you, but it will let me know whether you are still alive," the Tree Goddess said.

Su Yu didn't resist it because he believed that a Tree Goddess didn't need to deceive an insignificant mortal.

“I already formed the contract, so you can leave now. I will use all the divine power remaining in the Divine Realm, and will once again refine all my clansmen while I’m still alive. If you stay in this Divine Realm, you will be affected by the divine power,” the Tree Goddess said.

The divine power was an extremely terrifying power, and if it touched Su Yu, he would be instantly annihilated by it.

Su Yu touched the tunnel-shaped character and teleported back once again. The three leaves were already hidden carefully by Su Yu inside the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl.

Swoosh!

When Su Yu reached the outside world, Yinmu’s terrifying aura quickly approached him. Moreover, he didn’t come back here alone. There were still two human captives next to him, and it just happened that Su Yu knew one of them.

“Bright Moon Householder!” Su Yu was surprised by this. He had unexpectedly ended up meeting Bright Moon Householder here.

There was a middle-aged woman next to Bright Moon Householder, whom Su Yu didn’t know, but both their faces were filled with panic and fright. It was obvious that they were greatly frightened.

However, why had they also entered the Desolate Evil Jungle?

“Su Yuxian? You are still alive?” Bright Moon Householder was surprised to see Su Yuxian here. He had obviously witnessed Su Yu and Hu Wangui being dragged by the branches, yet Su Yuxian was unexpectedly still alive.

Yinmu was taken aback by this, and he sneered coldly while looking at Su Yu. “Well, it’s really a coincidence. You all know each other.”

Mistress Qin rolled her eyes, and shouted in a sharp voice, “Su Yuxian, you have destroyed my Shizhen Bookyard, and I still haven’t made you pay for it.”

Su Yu cast a glance at her and thought back to Shizhen Bookyard. It was in Shizhen Bookyard that he found the letter and golden sand left by Venerable Yaomo.

“Hehe, interesting! It turns out that you have a feud between you. Handling this matter will be easier then.” Yinmu curled the corners of his mouth.

After Bright Moon Householder and Mistress Qin were captured, the Ancient Bronze Tree Men had wanted to use them as a container for cultivating seeds. However, they were taken away by this Silver-Faced Tree Man before they received such a punishment.

They were both nervous throughout the whole journey because they assumed that he would bring them to a more dangerous land.

However, after they witnessed what was before them, they understood Yinmu’s aims.

“Sir, I have an irreconcilable enmity with this guy, and I’m willing to help you, and kill him for you,” Bright Moon Householder volunteered.

Cutting his livelihood wasn't any different to Bright Moon Householder than murdering his parents. This was an irreconcilable enmity

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"Sir, I'm willing to serve you," Mistress Qin said.

Bright Moon Householder and Mistress Qin were both Level Two Divine Masters, and it would be easy for them to kill Su Yu.

"Just capture him, and don't kill him. I want him alive, and if you can achieve it, I will consider sparing your lives. I can even offer you two drops of the Life Spring," Yinmu promised.

Mistress Qin and Bright Moon Householder were overjoyed. Even though this Silver-Faced Tree Man wasn't trustworthy, this was still their only hope for survival.

They both laughed nastily and joined hands. They flew toward the seal, and, bypassing it without suffering any obstruction, entered it.

A cold smile appeared on Yinmu's face. The seal was effective against him, but it was useless against humans.

Bright Moon Householder stared at Su Yu and revealed a mocking smile. "Su Yuxian, Su Yuxian! You harmed me, and I lost everything because of you. If Lu Chuyi hadn't obstructed me, I would have already killed you. Now, let see whether you can still hide behind a woman's back."

Mistress Qin sneered coldly. They all had a feud between them, and destroying her library was no small matter to her.

Moreover, the Heavenly Knife Region had lost all its stores in the sacrificial ritual, and her library was among them. It had been taken back by the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' camp. Such an enmity was anything but small.

Su Yu was still composed. "It seems like you are both confident that you can detain me here."

There wasn't anyone else on this land, and Su Yu could use all his techniques without holding anything back. Two Level Two Divine Masters might not be able to match Su Yu.

"Well? You are really arrogant," Bright Moon Householder said while sneering coldly. "Mistress Qin, this lad must have one or two cards up his sleeve, so we mustn't care about fairness. Let's just charge at him together, and capture him."

Mistress Qin nodded and walked toward Su Yu. When she was just ten steps from him, her body shot forward. She left a fuzzy afterimage behind her, and Su Yu didn't even manage to react until Mistress Qin reached him. A wisp of vigorous Vital Energy surged out of her and flew toward Su Yu's forehead.

Su Yu tapped the ground with the tip of his foot and flew into the sky. It seemed like he wanted to retreat.

A cold glint flickered in Bright Moon Householder's eyes. Su Yu was now in the sky, and his body couldn't perform flexible and agile moves. This was the best chance of attacking him.

“Lad, offer your life to me!” Bright Moon Householder’s hands turned into eagle claws and went after Su Yu’s back and shoulder. Flames surged out of the claws, and they would burn and harm Su Yu before the claws even reached him. They would also prevent him from retaliating.

In any case, the Silver-Faced Tree Man had asked them to capture Su Yu but hadn’t forbidden them from harming him.

When Su Yu faced the two attacks, he struck the air with both hands and soared up. A pair of scarlet wings appeared on his back, and he left just an afterimage behind. He disappeared before Bright Moon Householder’s hands reached him.

Bright Moon Householder ended up pouncing at thin air. His expression became gloomy as he looked at the scarlet wings on Su Yu’s back.

Bright Moon Householder had already seen the wings when Hu Wangui was chasing Su Yu. Those wings possessed a flying speed rivaling a Level Five Divine Master.

“You don’t need to worry. He doesn’t dare to leave the seal which is why his motions and movements are restricted. So, you can just attack him as you like,” Yinmu said calmly. Capturing Su Yu was already a foregone conclusion.

Bright Moon Householder and Mistress Qin exchanged a glance before they started attacking Su Yu once again from the left side.

This time, Su Yu didn’t try dodging. He simply looked in pity at those two people. “Fine, I will just use you to try my new technique out.”

Su Yu started weaving hand signs with both hands, and three angry dragons’ roars echoed from Su Yu’s chest. Three malevolent black dragons flew out of Su Yu’s chest, and they charged toward the two people, roaring angrily all the while.

Bright Moon Householder and Mistress Qin both felt threatened by them.

“Use your Divine Seal quickly!” Bright Moon Householder was startled. How could Su Yu possess such a terrifying cultivation technique?

Bright Moon Householder’s Divine Seal was a pill, and it provided him with boundless energy. It let Bright Moon Householder’s cultivation level raise up. It quickly increased and reached the peak of the Level Two Divine Master Realm.

Even such a type of Divine Seal existed? Su Yu was really surprised by such a sight.

As for Mistress Qin’s Divine Seal, it was ordinary and mediocre. It was a book, and many characters were shooting unceasingly out of it. The characters attacked the demonic dragons and tried to prevent them from closing in on them.

However, the demonic dragons’ speed didn’t decrease. Instead, it rose further. They all roared at the same time and shattered a large number of characters. They penetrated Mistress Qin’s body.

Mistress Qin’s eyes were filled with fright and disbelief, and her expressions stiffened. Her body began to split apart from the inside, turning into fragments.

Bright Moon Householder witnessed the scene and was deeply shocked. "Boruo Diamond!" he shouted loudly.

A blue armor appeared on his body, and his fists were shrouded by blue light.

After the demonic dragons bypassed Mistress Qin, they roared loudly and charged toward Bright Moon Householder. They began to exchange moves with his blue fists.

Splutter!

Bright Moon Householder's eyes widened, and he spat out a mouthful of blood. His body drew back unceasingly and fell outside of the seal.

"What demonic technique are you cultivating? Why is it so tyrannical?" Bright Moon Householder couldn't believe what had just happened. A Level Five Fairy had managed to use a cultivation technique to kill a Level Two Divine Master and heavily injure another one.

Su Yu replied calmly, "You don't need to know it, but if you want to die, you can come at me once again."

Su Yu wondered whether the True Goddess had finished her preparations and whether he would manage to successfully control and use its divine power.

Black gas permeated out of Yinmu's body surface, and a cruel glint appeared in his eyes. "Human, you are exhausting my patience, and if you continue to resist, it won't end up with just capturing you. It's difficult for me to capture you, but it's easy for me to kill you, and even hiding in the seal won't help you."

Su Yu's skin flickered, and a black armor appeared on him. It was the Eternal Stone King Armor.

Su Yu used his action to demonstrate his resolution. He would surely not compromise.

"Humph! You are stupid and stubborn! Did you really assume that I can't deal with you?" Yinmu snorted coldly and glanced at Bright Moon Householder.

It seemed like Bright Moon Householder detected it, and he looked over his shoulder. Wearing a sincere and devoted look, he said, "Sir, please give me another opportunity. I will surely capture him alive."

"Just let it be. You are no match for him. I will just deal with him personally." Yinmu snorted coldly, while his whole body flickered in silver flight, and a small silver tree, which was engulfed by a black fog, came out from his forehead.

Half of the small tree's leaves were pitch-black, and they emitted an evil aura.

"His soul has left his body!" Su Yu immediately noticed what had happened.

Bright Moon Householder immediately realized that the turn of events was anything but reassuring. He tapped the ground with the tip of his foot and flew toward the seal. He spoke anxiously. "Su Yuxian, let's forget our differences temporarily. Can I hide inside for now?"

Someone as shrewd as Bright Moon Householder had already noticed that Yinmu couldn't enter the seal, or else, he wouldn't have needed to ask them to work for him.

Su Yu hesitated for a moment, but he still didn't obstruct him.

"Humph!" When Bright Moon Householder was just thirty meters from the seal, the pocket-sized small silver tree snorted coldly.

Bright Moon Householder's body stiffened, and couldn't budge by even an inch. It was like he was controlled by someone. Just after that, dense spatial power appeared in his surrounding.

Controlling spatial power was a special ability possessed by just All Creation Old Monsters.

Bright Moon Householder's face was filled with fright and panic, but he couldn't budge. It continued until Yinmu's soul, the small silver tree, flew over and entered Bright Moon Householder's body through his forehead.

Su Yu observed this scene from afar, and he could witness it clearly with his Soul Eyes. Bright Moon Householder's soul was now being crushed to pieces by the small silver tree, and just after that, his fleshly body was occupied by force by the small silver tree.

It was at that moment that Bright Moon Householder's soul was extinguished, and was replaced by another one. The current Bright Moon Householder had an All Creation Realm soul.

Buzz!

'Bright Moon Householder' opened his eyes. Shocking energy waves emanated from his shining silver eyes, and such waves would astonish this whole underground dimension.

The current 'Bright Moon Householder' had an aura at the All Creation Realm, and even though he wasn't as powerful as Yinmu's main body, he was still vastly stronger than Su Yu.

"Body Possession!" Su Yu sucked in a breath of cold air. He had already seen in ancient books records of such techniques of stealing fleshly bodies. It was rumored that once one cultivated to the All Creation Realm, his soul would be powerful enough to leave his own body, and occupy another body. This technique was called Body Possession.

However, using such a technique had a grave price, and according to the records, even if a late-stage All Creation Old Monster used it, his cultivation level would drop by a whole great realm. It seemed like Yinmu was doing his utmost to capture Su Yu.

However, if Yinmu succeeded, he would manage to kill the Tree Goddess, steal her Divine Essence, and become a new Tree God. What were his little sacrifices worth in comparison to this great achievement?

Yinmu's silver eyes penetrated space and looked at Su Yu. The seal shook then slightly, and a wisp of Yinmu's aura passed through it.

It seemed then like Su Yu had just suffered an electric shock. He groaned softly, while blood seeped out of the corner of his mouth. Just Yinmu's gaze alone was this terrifying, and if they stood facing each other, just his gaze alone would be enough to kill Su Yu.

"I made such a great sacrifice just because of you, so you can be proud of it. Even Venerable Yaomu didn't get to enjoy such a treatment," 'Bright Moon Householder' said coldly. His silver eyes shone brightly, and he strode forward while clasping his hands behind his back.

He appeared in front of the seal and stretched out his hand toward it at the same time.

When he came in contact with it, Bright Moon Householder's body shivered, and pain appeared in his silver eyes. Even though Yinmu's soul was hidden in a human's body, the seal still managed to detect him, and it burned his soul.

If he didn't leave in time, his soul would be surely extinguished. However, with his current cultivation realm, he would surely manage to capture Su Yu in just three seconds.

His finger didn't come to a stop. It continued and passed through the seal. The seal couldn't obstruct his human body.

"Come out!" A sinister look appeared on the face of 'Bright Moon Householder', and he waved his hand, which he stretched into the inside of the seal, toward Su Yu.

A powerful spatial power immediately engulfed Su Yu's surroundings and prevented his body from even budging. Bright Moon Householder would now need just a single thought to take out Su Yu from there, and what awaited Su Yu then would be unimaginably cruel torture.

Bang!

A golden tree trunk suddenly appeared in the tunnel-shaped ancient character. A white and fair hand stretched out from it and held Su Yu's shoulder. The spatial power surrounding Su Yu immediately collapsed, while a terrifying aura slowly seeped into the area.

The expression of Yinmu, who wore a sinister look, stiffened suddenly. His pupils contracted when he saw the white hand. He spoke in fright. "Tree Goddess!"

Impossible! Wasn't the Tree Goddess asleep? How had she managed to come here?

Boundless fright welled up in Yinmu's heart. This was an instinctual fright, and he couldn't help but desire to immediately escape.

However, he discovered that he was already incapable of budging by even an inch. It was like his body was confined by something, and he kept the same stance before, and couldn't budge at all.

The soul inside his body, the small silver tree, fled out of Bright Moon Householder's forehead in panic. But when it just left the body, it was also confined in space, and couldn't budge at all.

This was a soul at the late-stage of the All Creation Realm, yet the Tree Goddess still needed just a thought to confine it and prevent it from moving.

"Tree Goddess! Please spare my life..." The small silver tree begged forgiveness in fright, while a golden flame started burning its body, and let it suffer intense pain.

Swoosh!

The golden tree trunk flickered, and the hand's owner appeared here. It was a woman sitting on a throne, and sleeping peacefully on it. Her posture wasn't any different than before, and the only difference was that she raised her hand, and put it on Su Yu's shoulder.

"Yinmu, I haven't seen you for several thousand years, yet you have already weakened until your cultivation fell to the All Creation Realm? It's no wonder that evil energy was able to invade your body. It was because you are already on the brink of death." A sigh reverberated from inside the Tree Goddess's body.

Chapter 896: Yinmu's Gift

In the past, when the Tree Goddess was heavily injured and on the verge of losing consciousness, she had set a defensive seal around her. At that time, Yinmu was still a Mortal Fairy expert.

After countless years had passed, Yinmu's life force gradually weakened which allowed the evil energy to invade his body and turn him into an evil existence. It was then that he started planning to steal the Tree Goddess's godhood.

Yinmu was being burned. He pleaded for a while and shouted angrily several times, going out of control. However, as the golden light continued burning him, the black luster on the small silver tree started disappearing gradually and turned into a black smoke which dissipated in the sky.

Yinmu's tyrannical and brutal nature also disappeared along with it.

After several more seconds had passed, the black color on Yinmu's soul disappeared and his soul became wholly silver once again. It shone with a bright and splendid silver color. It was a dazzling yet gentle light, and it would give people peace and serenity.

After the golden radiance disappeared, the small silver tree changed beyond recognition, and it went back to its body.

When Yinmu opened his eyes once again, all the evil in his eyes had disappeared and he wore a calm and serene look.

Su Yu felt the same cordial aura emanating from Yinmu's body that he felt from the Tree Goddess.

"Tree Goddess..." Yinmu muttered and a blank look appeared on his face. It was like he had just been reborn, and after he passed a while recalling everything he had done in the past several thousand years, shame couldn't help but appear on his face. He knelt on the ground on one knee. "I'm really useless, and I couldn't protect you. Instead, I even let the evil energy invade my body, and I tried in vain to steal your godhood. Tree Goddess, please punish me!"

The Tree Goddess said amiably, "I don't blame you. After I fell asleep, you all lost my divine power nourishment, and you all gradually weakened with each passing day. Even you weren't an exception to this. It would have been difficult for you to manage to survive until now."

Yinmu lowered his head in shame.

“There are still many clansmen alive who have been plagued by the evil energy, and there are even more who have already died and been turned into Evil Spirits.” The Tree Goddess was aggrieved, and she pitied them all. “Yinmu, after I fall asleep once again, you must protect our clansmen, and wait for my next awakening.”

Rustle!

The sound of rustling leaves reverberated in all directions. Such a sound had a heavenly charm.

Su Yu was mesmerized by it upon hearing it, and he didn’t dare to speak and disrupt this world’s most beautiful music.

All Tree Men on lands where the sound echoed stopped in their tracks, and the wisps of the black gas in their bodies, as well as their negatives emotions, disappeared.

It was the case for all Tree Men in both the outer and inner regions of the Desolate Evil Jungle.

The thick layer of dust on the Desolate Evil Jungle, accumulated through countless years, had dissipated as the wind swept it, and the sun shone once again upon this forest after so long, and let the gloomy Desolate Evil Jungle have a special beauty.

All Ancient Bronze Tree Men, who returned to their senses, prostrated on worship toward the place where the sound echoed. They were all excited!

That beautiful sound of nature let the world descend into silence, and an auspicious and peaceful aura engulfed every place it echoed through.

It was only after that sound disappeared that Su Yu slowly opened his eyes. When he looked at the Tree Goddess, he felt that the imposing consciousness inside her was gradually weakening. It seemed like she would fall to sleep once again.

“Yinmu, protect our clansmen well,” the Tree Goddess said, while her body disappeared from the tunnel and went back to the Divine Realm.

When she was about to disappear completely, she spoke once again. “Please treat this human youngster well. If he asks for your help, please help him as much as you can.”

“Understood Tree Goddess,” Yinmu replied respectfully.

Even though the Tree Goddess disappeared, the seal was still present as ever.

Yinmu stood up. He wore a peaceful and serene expression. The serenity came from the deepest part of his heart.

“Youngster, thank you for obstructing me.” Yinmu was grateful to Su Yu, and shame filled his face as he sighing.

Upon witnessing this, Su Yu exclaimed inwardly. Yinmu was really purified.

“I have just done the best I can,” Su Yu said, “May I ask whether my friends are still safe?”

What Su Yu was most worried about was the two women’s safety.

Yinmu nodded. "They weren't injured and harmed, so you can set your mind at ease. Before leading you to meet them, I want to offer you a gift, and you can consider it a token of gratitude because you have saved all Ancient Bronze Tree Men."

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After two hours had passed, they managed to leave the underground world and returned to the lakeside where Su Yu had met Yinmu for the first time.

Su Yu looked at the peaceful lake, as curiosity welled up in his head. "What will your gift to me be?"

"The spring of life," Yinmu replied.

"The spring of life? Isn't it in another place?" Su Yu said in surprise.

Su Yu still clearly remembered that Yinmu had discovered Bright Moon Householder and Mistress Qin here trying to sneak toward the spring of life.

"That is also the spring of life, but it's the spring of life where ordinary Ancient Bronze Tree Men are born. It's used to just nurture our younger generation. What I want to offer you is the spring of life formed by me in the past when I was still in the Mortal Fairy Realm," Yinmu said.

Recently, Su Yu had gotten so many precious objects that he had started getting used to it. Hence, he didn't feel much joy or excitement.

Swoosh!

The lake split open, and a silver wooden box flew from the deepest part of the lake. A strong life force was emanating from the wooden box, and Su Yu felt it was as intense as the Fate Altering Pill's life force. However, it was still vastly inferior to that pill, but even though this was the case, it would be difficult to find another spiritual object with a life force rivaling the one before him.

"It's condensed by using the Mortal Fairy Realm's power, and this is my Wood Clan's rare and special ability. I have condensed nine drops in countless years, and each drop could let one live for another thousand years. It can also purify one's body, and bring one unimaginable benefits. In the past, Venerable Yaomo had an ordinary talent, and through cleansing his body with six drops he managed to successfully advance into the Mortal Fairy Realm."

"Now, I will gift to you all of the remaining drops, and it can be considered a token of apology and gratitude," Yinmu said.

It could increase one's lifespan by a thousand years? Su Yu licked his lips. How could he reject such great benefits?

Moreover, it could still purify one's body, and Su Yu couldn't help but think back of the curse on his chest. He could probably get rid of it now.

“It will be better to use this object while you are on the verge of advancing into the next Great Realm. Only then can you exhibit its effect to the fullest,” Yinmu instructed him.

Su Yu nodded and gave up on his impulse of consuming and refining it immediately.

“Senior Yinmu, many thanks.” Su Yu collected it and stored it along with the Tree Goddess’s three leaves. They were all peerless and precious treasures.

Yinmu revealed a warm smile. “It’s me who should thank you. The Tree Goddess has instructed me to take care of you, and I will offer you another gift on her behalf.”

As Yinmu spoke, his whole body flickered in silver light, and he turned into a thirty-thousand-meter-long silver tree. It obscured the sky and covered the earth, and was really a magnificent sight.

“Youngster. One can seek the truths of the Dao beneath a Bodhi Tree, and even though our Ancient Bronze Tree Men aren’t Bodhi Trees, we still have the same ancestors. If you have a moment of enlightenment beneath me while I’m in my Tree Form, you will surely succeed in comprehending many matters.”

He would supply him with an environment suitable for making him enlightened? Su Yu became overjoyed once again. Su Yu had always believed that he had a pretty good perception, and it was still becoming better as his body was nourished by the Divine Nine-Dragons Cauldron. However, his perception was still lacking in comparison to Xia Jingyu’s amazing perception.

Now, he suffered many issues in his techniques’ cultivation, so how could he give up on such a good opportunity? Su Yu’s body flickered, and he immediately sat cross-legged beneath the silver tree. He started using the time speeding power and studied all the cultivation techniques which he hadn’t managed to achieve any progress in for a long time.

Heaven’s Son Gazing At Air Technique, Heaven Extinguishing Divine Palm, and Five Elements Mysteries Art were all extremely complex cultivation techniques, and Su Yu started studying them while using the time speeding power beneath the silver tree.

Two hours passed. Four hours passed...

The sun started rising from the east, before setting and leaving just faint light shining upon Su Yu’s face.

While the sun was setting, Su Yu opened his eyes slowly, and as the sun shone upon his eyes, it seemed like two little flames were burning within them. They were burning peacefully and emitted a faint light.

Even though just half a day passed, it was tantamount to a whole year since Su Yu had used his time speeding power. Moreover, since he was studying beneath the silver tree, his comprehension power was ten times better than before, which meant that this session was tantamount to ten years of Su Yu’s usual arduous cultivation. It managed to help him advance by leaps and bounds in all his three cultivation techniques.

His Heaven’s Son Gazing at Air Technique’s cultivation had unknowingly passed through the entry-level, then the low tier, and had now reached the upper tier. He was only slightly short of great

mastery, and with his current tier, he would be capable of controlling four Divine Master experts at the same time.

Su Yu had never experienced such great progress in this technique cultivation, and if Yun Yazi learned of it, he would surely be astounded.

He had also made considerable progress in the Heaven Extinguishing Divine Palm Technique. In Zhenlong World, he had remained in its upper tier and hadn't been able to master it completely. However, now, he had achieved it. The mastery of the Heaven Extinguishing Divine Palm's first layer would mean he was able to easily kill Level Three Divine Masters with this technique.

The last one was the Five Elements Mysteries Arts. Before this, Su Yu had comprehended just seven Demon Clan's characters meaning, but now, he understood seventy.

As long as he continued and comprehended thirty more characters, he would manage to control the Five Elements Divine Prison. Moreover, his alchemy skill had also benefited from his mastery of the Five Elements Mysteries Art.

Previously, he had managed to just occasionally reach the Elixir Fire Fusion State, but with his current understanding of the fire element, he would easily manage to get into such a state. The next time he did, he would make elixirs and would surely manage to make a breakthrough.

Su Yu was quite excited because he had received many benefits after having a moment of enlightenment beneath the silver tree. However, he decided to stop for now. One mustn't try to run before he could walk, and he must first digest what he had just achieved before continuing further.

Swoosh!

Silver light flickered around the silver tree, and it took back its divine form as Yinmu.

"It seems like you benefited greatly from it," Yinmu said.

Su Yu nodded and paid his respects to him out of gratitude.

"However, I felt and detected time power. I really didn't expect that the ancient times' time power's inheritance hadn't disappeared," Yinmu said with a smile while looking at Su Yu.

Su Yu wasn't surprised by this. It would be possible for him to conceal such a matter from an All Creation Old Monster, but he couldn't conceal it from a former Mortal Fairy.

"You should be careful. Even gods will covet the time power's inheritance, and you mustn't let them get wind of it," Yinmu instructed him sternly.

Su Yu said, "I understand. Senior, many thanks for your warning."

"The Tree Goddess wants me to spare no effort in helping you, and I hope for you to stay here so that I can protect you, help you in your cultivation, and help you reach the Mortal Fairy Realm faster," Yinmu said.

Su Yu fell silent and hesitated. He was slightly tempted by such an offer.

“Senior, many thanks for your concern, but I still have many matters left for me in the outside world to handle, and I can’t stay here,” Su Yu said.

Yinmu tried to urge him to stay here for a while. Eventually, he gave up. “Fine, I will now accompany you and your friends out of here.”

Swoosh!

Yinmu waved his sleeves, and Su Yu was taken by him to a dead tree. The tree hadn’t been turned into an evil existence, but its body had still been altered, and it had been turned into a prison. It was the place where the human intruders were imprisoned.

Upon arriving, Su Yu witnessed Hu Wangui in the outer region of the prison. He was taking his last breath, and his spiritual energy was sucked dry. His fate was now to become a container for seeds.

“He came here along with you, and he’s also your friend. You can also take him out with you. After we were purified by the Tree Goddess, nurturing the young generation’s seeds became easier for us, and we don’t need any longer to use such a cruel method,” Yinmu said.

Su Yu’s eyes flickered. “He’s an enemy rather than a friend, but he will quickly become my servant.”

Su Yu entered the prison wearing a faint smile.

After a long while had passed, Hu Wangui followed Su Yu closely while wearing a respectful look. It seemed like he was his servant!

Su Yu was a Level Five Fairy, and it just happened that he was able to use Tianzi’s Soul Control Technique to control a Level Five Divine Master.

Hu Wangui, who was on the brink of death, gave up resistance without any hesitation. He was under Su Yu’s control.

Once Hu Wangui’s body recovered, it would also recover its former fighting prowess. A Level Five Divine Master Realm expert could provide considerable assistance to Su Yu in crucial moments.

Su Yu’s arm shone with a green light, as Hu Wangui was taken by him into the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl.

“There are still your two mating partners left.” Yinmu revealed a faint smile. “I had once said that I would offer you a gift the next time you all met again, and I will now fulfill such a promise.”

Chapter 897: Yearning Tree

A gift? Su Yu was curious about this.

Su Yu was led by Yinmu to the deepest part of the prison. Two beautiful women were bound there by branches. They couldn’t budge by even an inch. There were two green lifelike saplings on their forehead.

Yinmu smiled mysteriously. He took out two seeds from his sleeves and put them on Su Yu’s palm.

“What are those?” Su Yu asked in confusion.

Yinmu looked at Fairy Ling and Gongsun Wuxie, who stared back at him, and spoke in the human’s language. “Those are the Yearning Saplings and Yearning Seeds. The Yearning Saplings were planted in their bodies, while the seeds are in your hands. As long as you have the seeds, you can control both their bodies and hearts, and they will willingly satisfy all of your requests and desires.”

Su Yu became petrified, and black lines appeared on his forehead as he looked at those two beauties. Even though they were pretty and alluring, how had Yinmu come up with such an idea of helping Su Yu control them?

“Well? Are you worried that they will break free of them? You don’t need to worry about that. These objects are all from a Yearning Tree I planted personally in my early years. Even a Mortal Fairy can’t get rid of the Yearning Trees in their bodies,” Yinmu said.

Su Yu spoke, “Can you please take out the Yearning Trees in their bodies? There isn’t the need to take such measures.”

“Did I make a mistake? Yinmu said in surprise. “Humans and other similar living beings will constantly change their mating partners. So, shouldn’t you control them so that they don’t betray you?”

Su Yu blushed with shame. All Wood Clan’s members assumed that humans were the same as other animals, who easily got on heat.

If Yinmu hadn’t mentioned this, it would have still been fine. Once it was mentioned, the two beauties flew into a rage.

“Wait! Did you just say mating partners?” Gongsun Wuxie’s face became flushed, as did Fairy Ling’s. They had assumed that Yinmu set some sort of seals on their bodies, yet in the end, they were vulgar and contemptible objects.

Yinmu wore an odd look. “I have acted according to what the Bronze Tree Men reported back. You acknowledged personally that they were your mating partners. Have I misunderstood anything?” he asked Su Yu.

Awful! Su Yu wanted to stop Yinmu from talking, but it was already too late.

“Ah! Old Lecher, you... you... you are unexpectedly this shameless!” Gongsun Wuxie burst with rage. He had unexpectedly deceived the Tree Men and had stated that they had such a relationship between them. Now they had been harmed and had seals of shame on their bodies.

Fairy Ling’s eyes almost shot flames from anger. “Su Yuxian! Even if I have to die, I still will won’t let you touch me.”

Su Yu was embarrassed. “It’s the Tree Men’s leader who wanted to kill you, and I was forced to state that you are all important people to me, but they misunderstood it and assumed that we had

such a relationship between us. Did you both want me to just let them drag you away, and use you as a fertilizer?”

Upon hearing him, the two women couldn't help but recall what had occurred, and how the Tree Men's leader had strangely let go of them. They both realized what had really occurred at that time. It was no wonder that Su Yu was stammering.

“Why don't you then quickly ask them to get rid of our seals.” Fairy Ling felt uncomfortable all over. As she considered the fact that she was controlled by someone, and she might end up offering her body to him at any moment, she felt like dying.

Gongsun Wuxie couldn't help but hate Su Yu bitterly. As long as she had an interaction with this guy, nothing good would befall her.

Yinmu furrowed his brows. “Youngsters, these two females are rude, unreasonable, and aren't likable at all, regardless of whether they were your mating partners in the past. Now, you are their master, and you can discipline them as you wish any time.”

Su Yu blushed with shame once again. The two women both had outstanding statuses, and if Su Yu really dared to touch them, endless trouble would await him.

“Can you please take off the Yearning Trees? We are just friends,” Su Yu said.

Yinmu sighed and said, “I'm sorry. I'm incapable of doing it. Once a Yearning Tree has been planted, it can't be taken off. But the Yearning Seeds in your hand contain a poisonous substance, which can cause the Yearning Trees to dry out, die, and disappear from their bodies completely. You will need to just grind the seeds and have them consume it. However, it seems like these two females are hostile to you, and it will be better for you to not attempt it before reaching a safe place.”

Su Yu was of the same opinion as him.

“Fine, I will escort you out of the forest.” Yinmu waved his sleeves and brought them out with him. He traveled several thousand miles, and crossed the whole Desolate Evil Jungle, journeying to its edge.

Yinmu followed Su Yu with his gaze, and said, “If you suffer any trouble someday, you can come back any time to the Desolate Evil Jungle to seek our protection.”

“Senior, thank you,” Su Yu said.

They were now close to the outside world, and there wasn't any fog so they could easily reach it. They all traveled to the outside world, and after a short while, Su Yu could see the outside world for the first time in a long while.

“Fuu! We finally got out... What are you all doing?” Su Yu let out a long breath, but he suddenly felt a chill in his back. He turned around and evaded a strike directed at his back.

He looked behind him. Fairy Ling's face was filled with ice-cold killing intent, and Gongsun Wuxie was also looking at him coldly. She had her hands crossed in front of her chest.

"What do you think we are doing? Our purity mustn't be tarnished by you. Hand over the seeds, or else. Don't blame me for being ruthless." Fairy Ling wore an odd look, and her face became flushed for a moment as she spoke.

Su Yu stood up straight and sneered coldly. "You are just a middle-aged aunt, and that one is a little girl who hasn't grown up yet. I really don't understand where you got such confidence from, and why you assume that I'm interested in you. My tastes aren't like those Tree Men, who only knew male and female dissimilarity. You are thinking too highly of yourself."

Upon hearing this, the women were humiliated and both flew into a rage.

Gongsun Wuxie panted with rage, and said viciously, "You are disparaging my body once again. I will surely not forgive you."

Fairy Ling almost went insane from rage upon hearing him call her a middle-aged aunt. Even though she was really middle aged, her appearance seemed more youthful than most thirty-year-old women.

Su Yu had poked both those two women's sore spots with his words.

"I will tear you to shreds!" Fairy Ling shouted, before she raised her sword, and charged at him. Gongsun Wuxie took several pill bottles out of her pocket. She was ready to teach Su Yu a lesson at any time.

"It seems like you have both forgotten something." Su Yu just stood still, and leisurely held two seeds. He imbued his Vital Energy into them.

The seeds started emitting heat, while the sapling-shaped imprints on Fairy Ling and Gongsun Wuxie's foreheads started shining with a green light. Their movements started to slow down, while their struggle was apparent in their gazes.

"Dance for me!" Su Yu ordered.

The rebellious looks in their eyes immediately disappeared and were replaced by a warm look filled with affection toward Su Yu.

Upon witnessing their loving and caring looks, Su Yu's heart was slightly stirred for a moment as if he had just felt their heartfelt affection.

They both started dancing slowly. One of them was mature, curvaceous, and alluring. She had fair white skin, which was faintly discernible beneath her skirt as she danced around. As for Gongsun Wuxie, she was petite, lovely, and was like an adorable little rabbit, which anyone would desire to hold in their arms and caress lovingly.

Su Yu couldn't help but observe the alluring sights for several more seconds, while muttering softly, "Aren't you both better while being this gentle and warm. Why do you need to always bare your teeth?"

Su Yu collected the seeds, and the two women's bodies came to a stop. When they both realized what they had just done, they were both ashamed and indignant, and they clenched their silver teeth. They both wanted to pounce at Su Yu and tear him to shreds with their teeth.

It was really shameful, too shameful! It was also too terrifying! It was as the Silver-Faced Tree Man had said. It could control both their bodies and hearts.

Neither of them could resist such a matter from the deepest part of their hearts, and if Su Yu desired them, they would both offer themselves to him willingly.

They both realized how grave this matter was, hence why they didn't dare to rashly attack him again.

"I had already asked you to not act recklessly," Su Yu chuckled. "You can both set your minds at ease. Once I get to a safe place, I will give you back the seeds. I don't want to offer them to you now. I might then have to run away while you hunt me down."

"See you later. You will be on your own now." Su Yu waved his hand at them and swaggered off.

He went to a desolate plain on the edge of the forest, which had remaining traces of a battle. The Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands and the Red Blood Palace must have both been involved in chaotic warfare.

"Ah! Teacher!" A shout echoed from a distance place.

It was Master Gao, and he still had three Level Four Divine Masters following him closely. Moreover, from their movement techniques, it seemed like they were adept in escaping techniques. They were all following Master Gao.

Su Yu had already been missing for two whole days and nights in the Desolate Evil Jungle, and there shouldn't have been any chance for him to stay alive. Therefore, Master Gao had become the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' only Wood Clan's Language's master. So, why wouldn't they protect him closely?

"Teacher, it's great that you are safe. They have all stated that you won't come back." Master Gao's face was filled with delight. "I really didn't expect that you would leave the Desolate Evil Jungle alive. It's really a miraculous matter."

Su Yu waited for him to land next to him before he spoke, "I was lucky, and didn't suffer any harm. What happened after I left?"

"Shortly after you fell into the Desolate Evil Jungle, Stars Plucker Old Monster stopped attacking, led the Heavenly Knife Region's members, and left along with them. However, Monk Zhou and the Deputy General Manager weren't willing to let go of him, and after they went back to the city, they rallied all of the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands' members, and attacked the Heavenly Knife Region's members."

“Stars Plucker Old Monster didn’t try to fight them and just led the Heavenly Knife Region’s members away. They fought while retreating. They withdrew from Tianya City, and left all stores taken by them in the past years according to the agreement.”

After Stars Plucker Old Monster achieved his objective of killing Su Yu, he didn’t have any more reason to fight. They were probably still planning to make a comeback since Master Gao’s skill wasn’t on par with Qin Lin.

“Teacher, go back with me to Tianya City. Monk Zhou and the Deputy General Manager will surely be delighted to learn that you are still alive,” Master Gao said.

How couldn’t they rejoice if Su Yu was still alive? As long as Su Yu was alive, they wouldn’t need to worry about Tianya City’s industries.

“It’s out of the question!” Su Yu shook his head firmly. “Stars Plucker Old Monster left willingly just because he thought I was dead. If he discovers I managed to come out alive... What do you think he will do?”

It was obvious that he wouldn’t spare anything to hunt down Su Yu and kill him.

“This is why I mustn’t show myself in Tianya City before going back to the Red Blood Palace. You mustn’t divulge news that I’m still alive. Master Gao, please keep this matter a secret for now, and ask the seniors with you to do the same.” Su Yu cupped his fists at him.

Master Gao hit his head. “Just look at how silly I’m. Teacher, it’s always you who consider all matters properly.”

“Haha, Master Su, just be at ease. Your safety is linked with Tianya City’s future, so how can we take it lightly? Only after you return to the Red Blood Palace will we report this affair to the Deputy General Manager.”

“I must thank you all. I still have something to take care of, and I will wait here. You should all leave first.” Su Yu gestured at them with his hand.

Master Gao and the others bid farewell to Su Yu and left beaming in delight.

Su Yu’s eyes flickered, and he went once again into the Desolate Evil Jungle. He took a sound transmission jade ornament, and muttered to himself, “It’s really strange. Doesn’t Tianya Auction House want the demonic path’s supreme fairy artifact? Or have they not yet made a decision because Fairy Ling has been stranded in the Desolate Evil Jungle?”

Su Yu pondered this, while he waited patiently in the forest.

After a day had passed, a crisp sound transmitted from his sound transmission jade ornament. He had finally received it!

Chapter 898: The Severed Fairy Cliff’s Master

Su Yu lowered his head and looked at the transmission jade ornament. He discovered that a line of words appeared on it. "There is an elder willing to purchase it for a hundred million crystals. Are you willing to sell it to him?"

Su Yu was obviously willing to sell it!

The Flying guillotine was like a hot potato, and the sooner he could get rid of it, the better. As for a hundred million crystals, it could still be considered a fair price according to Su Yu's knowledge of the market price.

A hundred million wasn't an amount anyone could take out, and even the whole Tianya City's yearly income might not reach a hundred million crystals. Anyone capable of purchasing the Flying guillotine was surely a big tycoon.

"Come to the Desolate Evil Jungle to make the deal," Su Yu replied bluntly.

This was the safest place, as even if Tianya Auction House wasn't willing to abide by their agreement, he could still hide in the Ancient Bronze Tree Men's domain. There were more than ten thousand Ancient Bronze Tree Men there, as well as Yinmu, and even if an All Creation Old Monster would die if they chased after him.

After half a day had passed, three people flew through the sandstorm and landed before the Desolate Evil Jungle. They were Fairy Ling, Gongsun Wuxie, and a middle-aged man wearing magnificent clothes and a red mask.

The middle-aged man dressed in magnificent clothes would give people a baffling feeling. Even though he was right here, one would still feel like he was at the end of the world. It was a really strange feeling!

"Why all these coincidences? Why are we in this place once again?" Gongsun Wuxie crossed her arms in front of her chest. She was still angry, even now.

Fairy Ling was wearing an odd look. "Cliff Master, a seal was planted in the Young Cliff Mistress's body by a Silver-Faced Tree Man in the jungle. Please intervene, and force that Silver-Faced Tree Man to get rid of the seal."

The red-masked man was unexpectedly the Severed Fairy Cliff's Master, and he was also Gongsun Wuxie's father.

"It's useless! It's really like what that Silver-Faced Tree Man had stated. Even a Mortal Fairy's power can't get rid of it and looking for him will be just a futile effort. Moreover, this jungle's depths give me a restless feeling, and it's better to avoid rashly going in."

Gongsun Wuxie spoke angrily, "Are we just going to let that lecher manipulate us as he wants?"

"A lecher?" The middle-aged man shook his head. "If he is really a lecher, will both of you manage to preserve your purity and come back?"

"It seems to me like he's just a prudent person, and he didn't hand over the seeds simply because he had his own misgivings. After Wuxie goes back to the sanctum,

she will just have to try persuading him, and I believe that he will surely not make things difficult for you.” The middle-aged man didn’t take this matter seriously. “Fairy Ling, ask that person who will make a deal with us to show himself.”

Fairy Ling nodded, took out a jade ornament, and was just about to get in contact with Su Yu. However, the middle-aged man said calmly, “There isn’t any more need for it. He had already come.”

It was a youth wearing a conical bamboo hat, and he had long silver hair draped over his shoulders. He walked over slowly from the depths of the forest.

Fairy Ling found him slightly suspicious because she found the way he walked quite familiar-looking.

Gongsun Wuxie was taken aback for a moment before delight appeared on her face, which had been filled with pent-up frustration a moment ago. “It’s him! Father, aunt, it’s him!”

Fairy Ling looked in surprise at Gongsun Wuxie’s delighted look. As far as she remembered, her niece rarely forgot herself like this.

The middle-aged man looked at her, “Well? Who is he?”

“It’s the guy who saved me in the Three Murders Gang’s base.” Gongsun Wuxie’s face was filled with delight, and she took a deep look at Su Yu as if he were her long-lost friend.

Gongsun Wuxie had thought of him every day for the past month, and she couldn’t help but make guesses about this youth’s status. When she was in danger, he had borne the brunt of a curse for her, and such a scene had left a deep impression on her.

The middle-aged man’s gaze became grave, and surprise flickered in them for a moment. “It’s him!”

“Father, I will go to have a talk with him,” Gongsun Wuxie said.

The middle-aged man shook his head. “Don’t go over there, and just leave everything to me.”

“Sir, I have the crystals with me here, so where is the fairy artifact?” The middle-aged man threw out a spatial ring, and it landed between him and Su Yu.

Fairy Ling’s eyes flickered slightly.

Su Yu also took a spatial ring and threw it between them. Just after that, they both took the other’s spatial ring. The middle-aged man raised his hand, and the ring flew over to his palm, while a black ray flickered in Su Yu’s right eye, and the other ring was teleported into his palm.

Su Yu swept his gaze over the crystals in the ring. “There isn’t any issue with the amount,” he said calmly.

The middle-aged man also looked at the ring and saw the flying guillotine in it. He nodded slowly. “It really is the demonic path’s supreme fairy artifact. It isn’t fake.”

“Since that’s the case, I will take my leave.” Su Yu turned and strode back to the depths of the forest.

Gongsun Wuxie wanted to chase after him but was stopped by the middle-aged man. “Farewell!”

The middle-aged man followed Su Yu with his gaze, before he waved his sleeves, and brought the other two people with him. They all went into a desolate desert.

Fairy Ling furrowed her brows, and said, “Cliff Master, why did you let him off? Since he dared to seal Mo Tianxuan’s fairy artifact, we should have captured him, and handed him over to her. Why did you change your mind and make a business deal with him?”

The middle-aged man held the ring and smiled. “It’s because he’s the person who saved Wuxie.”

“It’s because of such a favor?” Fairy Ling understood the reason behind it.

“No, it’s because of who he is,” the middle-aged man said with a smile. “Interesting, I really didn’t expect to get to meet him in person.”

Gongsun Wuxie’s eyes lit up. She was more curious about this matter than Fairy Ling and seemed like a curious little baby. She pulled the middle-aged man’s sleeves, and asked, “Who is he? Father, who is he?”

The middle-aged man said, “Do you still remember the news of the Blood Emperor’s death, which had spread a year ago?”

Fairy Ling replied, “I obviously remember it. The Central Prefecture’s King’s greatest All Creation Expert was hunted down for three whole days and nights by a demonic path’s expert, and in the end, the Blood Emperor was erased from the world by him.”

“It’s rumored that he’s a demonic path’s expert with blood-red hair and eyes. He has a blood sea following him around and he emanates dreadful evil energy.” Gongsun Wuxie had also heard about this matter. “The Blood Emperor is an All Creation Expert, whose power is close to the Mortal Fairy Realm, and he doesn’t have a match in the whole Central Prefecture. None would be able to deal with him unless one of the Nine Prefecture’s Kings, or father, made a move.”

“The demonic path’s expert is surely a peerless expert who is approaching the Mortal Fairy Realm. It’s likely that he will become this continent’s new Mortal Fairy.”

The middle-aged man chuckled and said, “That’s right. It’s this person. The whole Jiuzhou Continent was investigated to try and find clues about his origins, but no one managed to find out anything about him.”

Gongsun Wuxie’s eyes were filled with longing. “He’s really a great senior but what relationship does he have with the person who saved me?”

“They obviously don’t have any relationship between them because they are the same person,” the middle-aged man said.

Upon hearing this, both Fairy Ling and Gongsun Wuxie felt like they had been struck by a bolt of lightning, and they both stiffened.

Gongsun Wuxie was dumbfounded, and she opened her small mouth so widely that even an egg could be stuffed in it. “Did you say that the person who saved me is the demonic path’s expert, who has blood-red hair and eyes, and who has a sea of blood following him around.”

Fairy Ling was surprised by this. “Cliff Master, it’s impossible! Even though I didn’t get to see this youth’s face, his hair should be silver. Moreover, his aura isn’t really powerful, so how is it possible for them to be the same person?”

“You don’t need to suspect this. The yellowish blue pearl in his hand is the proof. It’s one of the past Ghost Clan’s Great Emperor’s nine Underworld Pearls. One of them was struck by Shen Yichen, fell on Jiuzhou Continent, and went missing, which is why there is only one present on this land. Regardless of how his outward appearance or cultivation level has changed, we can still rely on that pearl to ascertain that they are the same person.”

“The person who saved you used a yellowish blue pearl. If your descriptions of it were correct, it must be the Underworld Pearl.”

Fairy Ling and Gongsun Wuxie were so shocked that they were at a loss for words.

The middle-aged man stated the reason behind his actions. “This is why I didn’t try to capture him. With my current projection’s power, he will likely manage to destroy this projection, and you may end up harmed by him.”

Fairy Ling said, “It’s no wonder that Mo Tianxuan’s fairy artifact fell in his hands. It’s only a person like the demonic path’s great expert who would be able to defeat Mo Tianxuan.”

Mo Tianxuan was also one of Jiuzhou Continent’s powerful existences, and she rarely met a match below the Mortal Fairy Realm. Now, it seemed like she was weaker than that demonic path’s great expert, who had killed the Blood Emperor.

“I must ask Mo Tianxuan about this matter when I give the fairy artifact back to her,” the middle-aged man said. It seemed from his tone that he had a close relationship with Mo Tianxuan.

Gongsun Wuxie lowered her head, while stars flickered in her bright eyes. She spoke in a soft voice. “It’s that demonic path’s great expert who had saved me.”

All women worshiped peerless experts, and it was especially the case for experts they interacted with.

It had been half a day after since they had left. Five golden suns streaked across the sky and illuminated the land. There were five people shining in the golden light. They were floating in the sky, and they all had a crown of suns and moons atop their heads.

They were the Golden Light Guards, the five apex All Creation Old Monsters who had been hunting Su Yu for more than half a year. Even Mo Tianxuan had been almost killed by them.

The five people were flying around in the altar's vicinity. The most youthful Bright Light Guard said, "Leader, we have discovered time power's traces."

Swoosh!

The other four Bright Light Guards rushed over to him and surrounded the area. It was unexpectedly the place where Su Yu had once used his time power to confine Hu Wangui for three seconds. They had unexpectedly traveled from far away and had found this place

"It seems like we aren't mistaken. That wanted criminal has been here," the Bright Light Guards' leader said coldly.

The most youthful Bright Light Guard said, "Leader, the man's position is constantly changing. There's no pattern to his movements. He left some traces behind in the Elegant Spirit Mountain, and now, he has also left traces in this land. We can't ascertain his current position, and it will be difficult to capture him by just depending upon the time power's traces."

Their technique for detecting time power's fluctuations had low efficacy, and it was only after a long time had passed that they would discover them. That was why they were always late.

"You don't need to worry about this. In half a month, I will master my Heart Tribulation Fire Technique, and then I will be able to sense and detect the Tribulation Fire inside his body. Regardless of how far away he flees, he still won't be able to escape the scope of my senses," the leader said.

Delight appeared on the faces of the other Bright Light Guards. "Fuu! Our leader will finally manage to master his marvelous cultivation technique. Now it will be impossible for that lad to escape from us, even if he has wings."

When Su Yu had made a breakthrough in the past, he had triggered Tribulation Fire. It would appear only when All Creation Old Monsters had also made a breakthrough, and Su Yu had once been almost killed by it. However, he got Zi Xuan's help and got rid of most of the Tribulation Fire. However, a little part of it had fused with Su Yu's body.

If the Bright Light Guards' leader was capable of sensing the Tribulation Fire inside Su Yu's body, it would be really difficult for Su Yu to escape such a crisis.

"We will get to see him in a month. He has already been fleeing from us for a long time," the Bright Light Guards' leader said coldly.

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After ten days had passed, Su Yu returned to the sanctum.

Everything which Su Yu had done in Tianya City had already been transmitted back to the sanctum before his return. In the past, the outer sanctum knew Su Yu just as the Supreme Central Demon, but now, they were all amazed and stunned by his great fame in Tianya City. and he ended up attracting people's attention upon his return.

Su Yu returned to the Demon Mountain and observed its familiar-looking terrain, which he hadn't seen for a long time. Su Yu had a baffling attachment to this place, and he had already ended up unknowingly considering it his own home. However, the Demon Mountain was empty now, and no

one was on it beside Bing Wuxin, who was in secluded cultivation. As for Bai Shanliang and Tian Renyao, they had both undertaken a mission and had left the sanctum.

Su Yu was bored, He pushed open the courtyard gate, and went back to his room.

“You came back.” A familiar-sounding voice drifted to Su Yu’s ears.

Su Yu raised his head suddenly and saw a pretty woman clad in a purple dress. She was standing gracefully in the room and smiling sweetly while looking at him.

“Zi Xuan!” Delight appeared on Su Yu’s face. “When did you come back?”

Chapter 899: Arriving One After Another

Zixuan had made a trip to Yuling Mountain to investigate the whereabouts of “Su Yu.” She had been away for a few months and wasn’t expected to return so soon.

“I’ve been searching for a long time, yet I couldn’t find him, so I came back,” Zixuan said, her expression casual. It seemed as if she regarded this place as her home.

Su Yu smiled. “It’s good that you’re back.”

“Will you help me to continue searching for Su Yu?” Zixuan tilted her head and asked with a smile.

For some unknown reason, Su Yu felt that Zixuan had changed, but he could not tell in what ways exactly. “Of course.” Su Yu stroked her head as usual.

Zixuan’s nose cringed, but she did not refuse his touch. After dinner, they engaged in friendly conversation and laughter, just like two friends that had not seen each other in a long time.

Suddenly, Shangguan Yunque entered in a hurry. “Junior Brother Su, you’ve come back!”

Shangguan Yunque came to find Su Yu the moment that he heard the news. Su Yu was quite fond of him, so he smiled and greeted him, “Senior Brother Yunque, come and sit with us!”

Shangguan Yunque cast a glance at Zixuan with an “I know it all” look in his eyes, then laughed and said, “Haha! How could I disturb Junior Brother Su’s sweet time? I came under the Great Palace Master’s order to invite you to come and meet him. Now that I’ve delivered the message, I won’t disturb your reunion after your short separation.”

Based on the rumors, Zixuan was undoubtedly Zhongyao Wushang’s woman. After talking a bit more, Shangguan Yunque ran off with a wicked smile.

Su Yu laughed awkwardly. “Zixuan, don’t mind him, he’s always been like that. Let’s carry on chatting...”

“No, you’d better go and meet the Great Palace Master now. Since he summoned you so soon, there must be some important matters to discuss,” Zixuan said.

Su Yu felt a strange feeling inside. They had not met for months, and he felt as if Zixuan was no longer as naive and adorable as she was before. Instead, she seemed much more mature.

“Oh, alright,” Su Yu replied.

Zixuan paused, then said, "By the way, someone delivered a message. It was asking you to make a trip to the Fairy Confining Forest as soon as you returned. Apparently, you're needed for something."

So mysterious! A figure appeared in Su Yu's mind. It was the silver-faced, middle-aged man from the Severed Fairy Cliff. And, speaking of the Severed Fairy Cliff, now that Su Yu had gathered enough crystals, it was time for him to start collecting the Real Spirit Dragon Veins via the Severed Fairy Cliff.

"Well, I'm going," Su Yu said as he headed for the main palace of the Great Palace Master.

When Su Yu arrived, there were already two people sitting there quietly. One of them Su Yu recognized as Wei Zheng from the Left Palace Master's camp. Wei Zheng used to invite Su Yu to join the camp, but was always rejected by him. Another one was a lady dressed in palace attire. Her fair neck was slightly raised, and she was surveying Su Yu with a measuring look, which seemed rather insolent.

The Great Palace Master, who was clad in a blue robe, was resting with his eyes closed, only opening them when Su Yu entered. He laughed when he saw him and said, "You're here! Come and sit."

Su Yu greeted him with cupped fists. "May I ask, what did the Great Palace summon me here for?" As he asked the question, he glanced at Wei Zheng and the lady in palace attire out of the corner of his eye.

"I did not summon you regarding my affairs, but theirs. You talk amongst each other! You can just ignore me." After saying that, the Great Palace Master closed his eyes to rest again.

Su Yu felt that this was quite bizarre, and he wondered... What is happening?

Wei Zheng smiled and said, "Junior Brother Su, I haven't seen you in a long time. I see that your cultivation has improved, as you broke through the fifth-grade fairy level really quickly!" Apparently, he intended to recover his former relationship with Su Yu.

"Yes, I was lucky," Su Yu answered. Even half a sentence felt too much when speaking to the wrong person. He felt the conversation was a bit forced.

When Wei Zheng failed to arouse Su Yu's interest, he looked at the lady in palace attire beside him and introduced her, "Ehem, Junior Brother Su, let me introduce Senior Sister Bi, the youngest daughter of the Left Palace Master."

"Junior Brother Su, I'm Bi Xueling. My father heard about your victory after fighting Jian Wusheng, so he gave me a special order to invite you to the inner sanctum for a meeting. Hence, you can be exempt from the standards for being an Almighty and enter the inner sanctum directly to further your training. It's a wonderful opportunity that doesn't come often." Bi Xueling's way of speaking was just like her personality,

arrogant and condescending. It was as if she was offering Su Yu something like charity.

Recruiting me into their camp again? Su Yu thought incredulously, but he actually said, "I'm grateful for the Left Palace Master's invitation, and thanks for coming all the way here from the inner faction, but I've made up my mind that I will not consider joining any camp right now."

Bi Xueling was clearly displeased by this. "Junior Brother Su, you'd better think about this carefully, as the Almighty level is not so easy to break through. Now, I'm offering you an opportunity to enter the inner sanctum, which can increase your probabilities. If you stay in the outer sanctum and have a single accident, you can get stuck in the ninth-grade fairy level forever, thus delaying your progress immensely."

Su Yu closed his eyes and remained firm. "Thanks for your concern, but I've made up my mind."

Rejected twice, Bi Xueling was frustrated. She felt like he was being very disrespectful to her!

As the Left Palace Master's youngest daughter, she got everything that she asked for in the inner sanctum. So, no matter who you were, you had to show her respect when you saw her.

At first, she thought that if she invited Su Yu in person, her distinguished identity could make Su Yu consider the offer. She never would have predicted that Su Yu would be so unbending!

"Su Yuxian, you'd better not be unreasonable! Yes, you defeated Jian Wusheng's virtual shadow, but that was merely at the third-grade fairy level. Whether or not you can break through the Almighty level in this lifetime is still uncertain, so it's too early for you to get arrogant!" Bi Xueling was still very angry..

Su Yu did not open his eyes as he replied calmly, "If Senior Sister has come for a fight, please forgive me for not engaging." As he was talking, he decided that he really wanted to leave.

"Humph! I'll go then! Wei Zheng, let's go! An ignorant student like him won't achieve any success in the future, even if he joins my father's camp! So, let's not waste time on him," Bi Xueling said as she got up, her pretty eyes still full of anger.

Wei Zheng grumbled inside... Why did they appoint this domineering young woman for this job?

Initially, the person appointed by the Left Palace Master was a composed, gentle, and reasonable senior sister, but somehow, Bi Xueling had heard that they were going to invite Su Yu, and so she had secretly followed them here without the Left Palace Master's consent, quickly replacing the senior sister to negotiate with Su Yu herself!

But, she wasn't negotiating at all! She was bullying him! Upon seeing this, even Wei Zheng was full of anger at the situation.

"Senior Sister Bi, don't let your emotions get in the way. The Left Palace Master regards him highly, and we can't report our mission as a success when we get back if we leave it like this!" Wei Zheng hurriedly delivered his message through telepathy.

It was too bad that Bi Xueling had already started throwing a temper tantrum right then and there, not showing Wei Zheng the slightest respect. "What is there to report? I don't believe that my

father's camp is lacking a fairy genius! Wait till he reaches the Almighty level, then I'll consider asking him again! Humph!"

After that, she flicked her sleeves and stomped off. Wei Zheng felt bitterness rise in his throat, but he could only tag along and try to calm her down.

After they left, Su Yu exhaled a deep breath. "Great Palace Master, if there's nothing else, can I leave now?"

Somehow, he understood the reason that the Great Palace Master had summoned him. If the ordinary people invited Su Yu into the inner sanctum, they could come negotiate by themselves, without needlessly bothering the Great Palace Master.

However, the one who had just come was the Left Palace Master's youngest daughter, who carried significant weight. So, he had to show his respect by summoning Su Yu on his own.

The Great Palace Master lifted his eyes and lightly snorted. "But... It's still early!"

Crash!

Suddenly, another two groups of people walked out from the back of the palace, each sitting on one of the Great Palace Master's sides. Su Yu recognized one of the groups, but those from the other group were complete strangers to him.

"Ehem, Junior Brother Su, congratulations on your improvement!" Lao Ai cleared his throat before speaking in order to break the silence.

Su Yu shot a glance at him. This person had tried to assassinate him more than twice, and Su Yu felt like he was like a venomous snake. "You must be disappointed right? I didn't die out there as I'm sure that you wish I would have."

Back then, the Deputy Hall Master Qi must have wanted to kill him because of Lao Ai's instructions behind the scene. Su Yu did not plan to simply forgive him and let go after such an offense.

"It's all in the past, so why do you bring it up, junior brother?" An alluring, gentle voice sounded in his ears at that moment.

When Su Yu turned to look where it came from, he saw a woman dressed in a thin blouse with a willowy body and a pair of fair legs that were long and slim. Although the fullness on her chest was concealed by thin muslin, her mesmerizing contours were still visible.

She also had a delicate face, and she looked enchanting and lovely. Su Yu never got good feelings when he was around women like her. But, he had to admit that she looked tempting.

"Whether or not it's in the past, I'm the one to decide about that, not you," Su Yu replied indifferently, while turning to glance at the duo on the other side, which consisted of a man and a woman.

"Have you two come to look for me as well?" Su Yu asked.

They nodded, then the man said, "Yes, we were dispatched by Junior Sister Bing to invite you for a meeting in the inner palace. Junior Sister Bing wants to see you on her own."

Su Yu then asked, "For what reason?"

Junior Sister He slightly scowled, as she did not like Su Yu's tone. "You defeated Jian Wusheng's virtual shadow, so Junior Sister Bing wants to challenge you."

"Then, ask her to come to me, not the other way around," Su Yu replied indifferently.

Junior Sister He raised her thin brows. "How rude of you to say such a thing, a mere student of the outer sanctum! Junior Sister Bing is in isolation all year, so the outsiders can't even meet her once, but we invited you out of respect! If not for your record of defeating Jian Wusheng, you wouldn't even be qualified to meet her!"

Hearing that, Su Yu became impatient. "If you like respect so much, you can save it for yourself. I don't think going to someone to be challenged is something to be proud of. If you have nothing else to say, you may go. I have something to discuss with these two..."

Junior Sister He was so angry that she laughed, and she was secretly stopped by Senior Brother Lu, who sat beside her, just when she was about to continue arguing with Su Yu.

He then smiled and said, "Don't be mad, Junior Brother Su, as junior sister is a straightforward person. Please don't be angry with her. I still hope to talk to you. If you have important matters to handle now, you can settle them first. I can wait."

Su Yu looked at him and nodded. He then looked over to Lao Ai and the flirtatious woman and said, "Fire away! What did you two come to find me for?"

Both of them belonged to the Right Palace Master's camp, so Su Yu was wondering if they had come here to recruit him to their camp. Even though after he defeated Jian Wusheng's virtual shadow, Su Yu had immediately left the faction to execute a mission in order to avoid troubles, he still had to face them! It was pretty crazy.

The flirtatious woman chuckled. "Do we have to say? The Right Palace Master is a person who appreciates talents, so we clearly want to recruit you. However, we would never behave like the bossy Miss Bi, who willfully tramples on talents like Junior Brother Su."

Lao Ai revealed a scornful look, while thinking... Will it make a difference? If Su Yuxian wanted to join, he would have entered the inner sanctum early on. Any advice we give him would be pointless now, especially because he would not join the Right Palace Master's camp.

"I can consider joining you..." Su Yu said calmly, surprising everyone.

Lao Ai was startled, and he couldn't believe his ears. Senior Brother Lu and Junior Sister He were also slightly stunned, and they both wondered... Su Yuxian is on the opposing side of some influences of the Right Palace Master's camp, so why would he join this camp?

Even the Great Palace Master slightly opened his eyes and looked at Su Yu with surprise.

The flirtatious woman was delighted. "Haha, I knew Junior Brother Su was a reasonable person..."

"Wait! Before I join the Right Palace Master's camp, I have a request," Su Yu said.

A request? The flirtatious woman instantly felt unsatisfied. Anyone who got invited to join the left and the right camps were usually beyond grateful, and no one ever dared to request anything!

Nonetheless, Su Yu had a unique identity. So, after giving it some thought, the flirtatious woman yielded. “You can voice your request, then I’ll deliver it to the Right Palace Master and have him decide.”

Chapter 900: Incapacitate Lao Ai

“My request is simple. Since he has invited me to join the Right Palace Master’s camp, then please first settle matters related to Lao Ai and all of the people in the Shao family. Once they get expelled from the Right Palace Master’s camp, I’ll join,” Su Yu said.

The flirtatious woman’s face froze, anger floating on her face. She felt that Su Yu was taunting her!

Pow!

Lao Ai slammed his fist down on the table as he stood up and shouted, “Su Yuxian, you’d better watch yourself! You may have defeated Jian Wusheng, but you just wait until you break through the Almighty level and have to fight me!” Regardless of Su Yu’s excellence, he was still only a fairy, and too many fairy geniuses failed to cross the Almighty’s threshold in their lifetimes.

Su Yu shot him a cold stare out of the corner of his eye. “Why wait till I break through? Dealing with you right now will be a breeze for me.”

If Su Yu had been acting proud before, now he was acting absurdly savage! Even the Great Palace Master could not help but give Su Yu a measuring look and think... This brat really has a lot of confidence!

Lao Ai was so mad that he laughed crazily! The conflict between him and Su Yu had eventually reached the Right Palace Master’s ears, and as he had also heard about Su Yu defeating Jian Wusheng’s virtual shadow, he held Su Yu in high regard.

Hence, the outcome was predictable. He was punished to leave the faction for the second half of the year and guard the faction’s border. This meant that he was removed from the faction’s center and would age and die at the border in the days to come.

This punishment was clearly given to vacant his position for Su Yu. In other words, in the Right Palace Master’s eyes, Su Yu had greater importance than Lao Ai!

That would have been alright, but then the Right Palace Master even commanded him to pay Su Yu a visit and apologize to him in person! He had to gain Su Yu’s forgiveness and be invited to return to the faction! Otherwise, there would be even more severe consequences.

This explained why he had so much pent-up anger and bitter resentment toward Su Yu, and if Su Yu carried on in this merciless way, he would gladly fight him to the death! Lao Ai simply could not tolerate such behavior!

“Su Yuxian! Do you really want to resolve your grudges with me in such a public way?” Lao Ai laughed furiously. “I will give you a chance here and now, if you have the guts!”

Su Yu stood up slowly, completely fearless of Lao Ai’s aura, then said calmly, “Say the word.”

Lao Ai laughed cunningly. “Okay! Let’s have a battle!”

After hearing this, the Great Palace Master's eyes radiated with a bright light as he said coldly, "Nonsense! The faction strictly prohibits students of both the inner and outer sanctums to compete with each other under! Otherwise, there will be serious punishments!"

Lao Ai laughed insanely. "Serious punishments? Is there any punishment worse than being exiled and forced to guard the border? My whole life is over! I can't return to the faction to further my training, and I can't receive cultivation from the Right Palace Master. If that is all that is left for me, why shall I keep on living?"

Lao Ai decided to finally vent his pent-up enmity before leaving. Upon hearing this, the Great Palace Master remarked indifferently, "The time you strike is the time that I will punish you."

Lao Ai chuckled. "I did not say that I would pick a fight by disobeying the faction's rules."

Swish!

Lao Ai flipped over a badge in his palm that was carved with patterns of sea dragons. It was the Sea Dragon Decree!

"This is the Sea Dragon Decree that I got by climbing 70 levels, so I have the privilege to challenge anyone with it, including the students of outer sanctum!" The corners of Lao Ai's mouth twitched into a sly smile as he said this.

The Carp Leaping Over Dragon Gate was a wonderful place, and the privileges obtained there usually overrode the factions' rules.

The cold light in the Great Palace Master's eyes shrunk, and then he asked, "Do you really want to do this?"

Lao Ai seemed intent on offending him, the Right and the Left Palace Masters, and every influence that ever cared about Su Yu! As Su Yu was coveted by all of the influences in the faction, if Lao Ai harmed Su Yu in the challenge, they would not forgive him easily.

"Humph, as things have already developed to this point, I have nothing left to lose. All of you have forced my hand!" Lao Ai almost appeared to be possessed by demons as he shot a cold look at Su Yu and yelled, "Su Yuxian, let me ask you one question... Do you have the courage to fight me in a battle?"

The Great Palace Master kept giving signals to Su Yu, wordlessly asking him to keep his cool. However, Su Yu did not seem to notice at all, and he said, "Name the venue!"

As soon as Su Yu agreed, Lao Ai could not help but smile. "At the outer sanctum plaza! You decide what time!"

"Now!" Su Yu answered simply. Once he finished speaking, he stood up to leave the main palace, walking toward the plaza.

Lao Ai followed him with long strides, a mocking smile dancing on his lips. Senior Brother Lu and Junior Sister He also stood up and followed.

"Humph! I can't believe this Su Yuxian is so arrogant and savage! I want to see how Lao Ai will humiliate him!" Junior Sister He said.

Senior Brother Lu furrowed his brows. “Humiliating Su Yu is fine, but I’m worried that Lao Ai will take the opportunity to savagely harm Su Yu, such as incapacitating his cultivation!”

Junior Sister He was shocked when she heard this, then she quickly turned indifferent. “He deserves it! Perhaps it’s even better if he was to be crippled by Lao Ai, as then Junior Sister Bing can focus on her training and not waste time.”

The Great Palace Master heaved a silent sigh, then followed the group with hands behind his back. At critical times like these, he would still lend Su Yu a helping hand in order to prevent him from being abused by Lao Ai.

As the group of people walked toward the plaza, everyone in the outside sanctum paid close attention. Many of them noticed that something important was happening, so they followed along. Thus, when they arrived at the outer sanctum plaza, thousands of people had already gathered there, all of them conversing amongst themselves...

“What’s going on?”

“I don’t know, but let’s just watch.”

As Lao Ai and Su Yu walked to the center of the plaza, the people who had followed them automatically emptied out a zone for them. They had finally understood what all the commotion was about.

“Is it true that they’re going to have a battle?”

“A student from the inner sanctum and one from the outside sanctum... A fifth-grade fairy and an Almighty Divine Master! This is...”

The crowd immediately fell into a state of confusion, as a competition with such a significant mismatch in power was something that just didn’t make sense to them.

Lao Ai held his arms across his chest and sneered at Su Yu. “I’m curious as to how you really agreed to this? You must be looking for your own death, as you even dare to rush into it like this!”

He did not conceal his vicious intentions at all. Even if he did not kill Su Yu, he was determined to at least cripple him.

Su Yu stood 5,000 feet away from him, calm and at ease. He then said indifferently, “We’ll find out after the battle who’s really looking for death.”

His behavior made the onlookers curse inwardly. It was really too shameless.

“It’s over, Su Yu!” In a flash, Lao Ai charged toward Su Yu with the swift body movement of a first-grade Almighty. His fingers were curled into a claw and were surging toward Su Yu’s abdomen. He was indeed planning to cripple Su Yu!

However, Lao Ai’s confident strike landed in the air!

“Oh?” Suddenly, a cool voice sounded from above his head. Upon hearing it, Lao Ai’s whole body shuddered.

When he raised his head to look, he saw that a pair of wings that had been condensed from flames were flapping behind Su Yu's back. Those wings radiated an intense heat that could reduce Lao Ai into ashes!

The Great Palace Master's face changed, and he bellowed in a low voice, "All students from the outside sanctum, step back!"

If a random spark spluttered out from the flames, it could kill any of the fairy strong men! Lao Ai's heart sank when he saw this, and an unspeakable terror filled his heart. The flames were too dreadful!

The anger in his heart felt like it was instantly doused by a tank of ice water. He shuddered, struggling to completely regain his composure.

"The competition ends here. I admit defeat..." While he was talking, Lao Ai inched toward the crowd.

He was shocked and terrified, and he wondered... When did Su Yu master such a dreadful technique?

It seemed like Lao Ai had underestimated Su Yu and needed to investigate him more thoroughly before dealing with him again. After all, Lao Ai was one to act only after careful planning, and he was extremely cunning. So, once he had calmed down, he decided to plan for the future, still not letting go of his resentment.

Nonetheless, before he could finish his sentence, a wave of intense heat came surging forth. Before he could react, a sharp pain erupted from his abdomen. An enormous mighty force had blown Lao Ai away, causing him to fly backwards into the center of the plaza and form a deep dent in it.

"Ahh! My Dantian!" Lao Ai covered his abdomen, while blood was gushing out of it like a stream.

The Dantian inside it was thoroughly penetrated, and without the panacea, he would be a cripple who had lost his cultivation for the rest of his life!

None of the outside sanctum students present saw what had happened clearly, except the Great Palace Master, whose eyes were filled with solemnity. He saw how Su Yu flew toward Lao Ai with the speed of a fifth-grade Almighty, then simply shoved a golden short sword into his abdomen! From the beginning to the end, Lao Ai did not even notice, and his cultivation was incapacitated in exactly this way!

Swish!

As Su Yu gathered up the strings of the scarlet remnant shadows, the wings on his back were gradually drawn inward. He then asked indifferently, "What did you say just now... Admit defeat? Oh, why didn't you say it earlier? I couldn't withdraw in time! So sorry."

Once he finished speaking, he turned to leave through the crowd. When he passed by Senior Brother Lu and Junior Sister He, he cast a cool look at them and said, "Both of you, let us find a place and carry on with our discussion."

Junior Sister He's face was extremely stiff, and her delicate body was lightly shuddering. Her eyes were flickering to and fro quickly, as she dared not look Su Yu in the eye and answer his question.

Her combat power was similar to Lao Ai's, but Lao Ai did not even stand a chance against Su Yu before his cultivation was incapacitated! So, when she recalled her quarrel with Su Yu, she felt chills run down her back.

Senior Brother Lu's expression was also unnatural as he forced a smile and said, "Su... Junior Brother Su, we have other important matters to report to Junior Sister Bing, so we must leave."

He then pulled Junior Sister He away and left in a hurry. After all, they had just witnessed a fifth-grade fairy from the outer sanctum crippling a first-grade Almighty with a few strikes. This ground-breaking news must be immediately delivered to the inner sanctum!

The Great Palace Master's eyes shone with a bright light. Su Yu had given him too many shocking surprises thus far! At the level of third-grade fairy, he defeated the eighth-grade fairy Shao Qingfeng. At the level of fifth-grade fairy, he crippled the first-grade Almighty Lao Ai. The speed at which his combat power had escalated was mind-boggling!

"Lao Ai's techniques were ruthless and intense. At first, he wanted to cripple Su Yuxian's cultivation, but Su Yuxian defended himself. He deserved what he got! Su Yuxian is innocent," the Great Palace Master announced.

Self-defense? Everyone shuddered when they heard this. Lao Ai had admitted defeat, so Su Yu chased after him and crippled his cultivation. As the crowd recalled this, they couldn't help but wonder... How could that be counted as self-defense?

However, no one would dare argue with the Great Palace Master. Besides, Lao Ai was a narrow-minded, petty, cunning and ruthless person. With his cultivation crippled, the majority of the people would applaud and rejoice! So, there was no dissention nor anyone who was willing to risk their necks in order to speak up on his behalf.

"Su Yuxian has overridden the Four Great Demons, hasn't he?" One of the students exhaled a deep breath, his eyes full of envy. "He's irrefutably the first among the outside sanctum!"

The battle of the day had shaken both the inside and the outside of the Red Blood Palace. Su Yu's terrifying strength that could cripple a first-grade Almighty with a few moves had reinforced his title of being the "first among the outside sanctum."

As the first among the outside sanctum, Su Yu stealthily left the faction and headed straight for the Fairy Confining Forest. At the entrance of the Hundred Beast Valley, Su Yu glanced at his surroundings.

He then called out, "Senior, I am here. Why don't you show yourself?"

"Haha, I thought you'd forgotten about me." A light laughter sounded from the inside of the valley, while a middle-aged man wearing a silver mask strode out. He was the holder of the Blue Tianya Decree, and he managed the members of the nearby purple Severed Fairy Cliff.

"Greetings Senior, I was on a mission, so I only received your message upon my return recently." Su Yu greeted him with cupped hands.

The silver-faced man had both of his hands kept in the sleeves as he asked, “How have you been? Have you made up your mind to purchase the Real Spirit Dragon Veins?”

Su Yu nodded. “How’s the market price?”

The silver-faced man looked surprised, and he wondered... Is this brat really financially capable of purchasing it?

“The price isn’t fixed, as there’s almost no flow of the Real Spirit Dragon Veins on the market. No one will sell it. I’ll release the mission, and whoever is willing to sell it will surely contact me. They’ll decide the price,” the silver-faced man explained.

Su Yu nodded, then took out a space ring and hurled it at the silver-faced man. “Here’s 10,000,000 crystals. Please help me release the mission. The highest price is 2,000,000 crystals per vein, and anything above that can be ignored.”

“Ten... Million?” The silver-faced man’s pupils constricted intensely, while he gripped the ring and scanned it.

The shock he felt at that moment could not be put into words. In one short month, this brat had managed to gather such a massive amount of crystals! It was incredible!

“Aren’t you afraid that I’ll steal the crystals?” The man’s eyes shone.

Su Yu said indifferently, “You won’t! Besides, if you are hunted by the Severed Fairy Cliff, you’ll lose a big employer, so it’s not a smart move!”

The Severed Fairy Cliff was very strict about the management of their members, and if situations like the embezzlement of crystals occurred often, the Severed Fairy Cliff would have lost its reputation already. Hence, it kept a close watch on such things.

The man laughed. “It’s indeed a bad deal. I’ve received the crystals, so I’ll release the mission right away. In three months’ time, there’ll probably be some news. As for how much will be received, I can’t guarantee an exact number.”

“Thank you for your trouble.” Su Yu cupped hands once more.

“It’s my job,” the man said. “See you next time, you interesting fellow.”

Once he finished speaking, he levitated and left. After Su Yu watched him leave, he turned and prepared to head for the faction. But, just when Su Yu stepped forward, he recoiled and suddenly turned to look back.

After taking just one look, Su Yu’s pupils shrunk to the size of needles! A bright golden sun was reflected in his pupils, and amid the sun, a figure was vaguely visible! Above the figure’s head was the Sun Moon Crown!

Su Yu drew in a light breath and spoke with pauses between his words, “Golden... Light... Guard!”

Before he turned around, there was no one on the rock, but after he turned around, there was a Golden Light Guard! It was so enigmatic that he had appeared without any warning! After all, this was his enemy of life and death, the Golden Light Guard!

“So, brat, you’ve been hiding in Red Blood Palace! It was so exhausting looking for you!” As the Golden Light Guard spoke, the sound that came out reverberated among the leaves, making them all fall to the ground. At the same time, whiffs of dreadful energies were emitted from the Golden Light Guard’s eyes.

Su Yu’s heart raced, and he wondered... How did the Golden Light Guard find me? And, when did he come here? There were no traces of him at all!

Was it the silver-faced man? Otherwise, how could it be so coincidental that the Golden Light Guard showed up right after he left!

However, he didn’t have time to overthink all of this, as the Golden Light Guard was an entity that had been hot on his heels, wanting to kill him ever since he came to the Jiuzhou Continent! If he didn’t die, that would surely be the death of Su Yu!