

Nine-Dragon 901

Chapter 901: A Fright Without a Mishap

Sensing the strong oppressive force in the other person's eyes, Su Yu activated the Power of Time without hesitation. This caused the surrounding time to accelerate by several folds.

Swish!

Before the rays in his eyes shot toward him, Su Yu managed to dodge in time and flip his palm at the same time, tightly holding the Underworld Pearl in his left hand and a leaf in his right hand. The opponent was an All Creation Old Monster, so any reservation of techniques meant death!

It was very likely that Su Yu could have been killed by the All Creation Old Monster before even retrieving the treasures, which is why Su Yu had decided to initiate the attack. The Underworld Pearl was used for shielding himself, whereas the leaf was meant to be used to kill the Golden Light Guard.

The Golden Light Guard looked at Su Yu from afar, while standing on the rock. He did not attack, but simply stood looking puzzled for a long while.

"It really is you..." The Golden Light Guard murmured in a confused voice that was barely audible.

Su Yu got an idea and quickly took the opportunity to instill Vital Energy into the leaf. However, he became doubtful when the Golden Light Guard did not launch his attack. After standing for a few breaths on his same spot, he broke open the Void and left.

Su Yu was startled, and he wondered... What happened? Could he have noticed the danger of the Tree God's Original Life Leaf and then chosen to escape?

After waiting on his spot for a long time and ensuring the Golden Light Guard had left and was not lying in ambush nearby, only then did Su Yu tuck away both of his treasures. His heart was flooded with doubts at that moment.

He thought that it was going to be a battle to the death, yet it had ended so quickly. He was expecting a huge blowout fight with the Golden Light Guard, but surprisingly, it had passed with such ease.

Still feeling doubtful, Su Yu quickly returned to the Demon Mountain. Once he was back in the house, Su Yu became immersed in deep thoughts. Although the encounter just now was merely a fright without any mishaps, Su Yu still felt insecure about it somehow.

Since the Golden Light Guard had already discovered that he was hiding in the Red Blood Palace, the threat had become even greater. Perhaps this was why Su Yu felt so uneasy.

Creak...

Zixuan pushed open the door and came inside. Upon seeing Su Yu, she said, "That mysterious person came looking for you. Are you alright?"

Su Yu answered, "Yes, I'm alright..."

After collecting his thoughts, Su Yu could not help but lift his gaze and ask, "How did you know I've met the person?"

"When you fought Lao Ai, I was nearby. When I got back home, you hadn't returned, so I guessed that you must have gone to meet the mysterious man," Zixuan blinked her eyes and answered as she replied.

That was it... Su Yu thought.

He then said, "Lately, I've decided to train in isolation in the Virtual Shadow Combat Chamber. The first reason for this is that there's something to be refined, while the second reason is to avoid some meaningless bothers."

After such stimulation by the Golden Light Guard just now, Su Yu had decided to comprehend the "Five Elements Profound Meaning Art" and master the Five Elements Divine Prison. After all, the more techniques he acquired, the more capable he would be of protecting himself. Plus, his never-ending troubles could be avoided, as the impacts of defeating Jian Wusheng were still ongoing.

Zixuan nodded obediently. "Yes, I'm planning to search the faction again to ascertain if there's any news of Su Yu. If there really isn't any, I'm prepared to give up."

"Yes. Give up. It would be better, as you've spent too long on the matter already. Don't delay your training any longer," Su Yu remarked. It was strange that, although he could be relieved at last, he felt oddly guilty.

He immediately wondered... Is it really a good idea to keep lying? Zixuan is such an innocent and gullible girl.

"I heard from sister Bing that you want to take part in the Glittering Jewel Wonderland, and you're collecting merit points, right?" Zixuan asked.

Su Yu nodded. He had attained 200,000 merit points by being the shopkeeper of Tonglin Elixir Store and had gotten 100,000 from participating in the sacrificial offering at the Desolate Evil Jungle. That meant that he had 300,000 merit points in total. It was still a far cry from his goal of obtaining 4,000,000 merit points.

"Still not enough? After you go into isolation, I'll help you take note of the Hall of Missions for missions with high merit points. I hope that will help," Zixuan said. "After all, when I was alone out there, you were the only one who helped me."

"Silly girl, what are you saying?" Su Yu stroked her head. "Back then, you saved my life! Doesn't it go without saying that I should take care of you?"

Zixuan did not refute this. Not long after that, Su Yu entered the Virtual Shadow Combat Chamber, headed straight into the secret chamber, and started training in silence.

After he entered isolation, even the alluring cabinet master, Xueqi, had come to look for Su Yu, but returned without any meeting after learning that he was in isolation. Every day, students from the inner sanctum came with the hope of meeting Su Yu. Among them were numerous challengers.

In the inner sanctum.

At the Left Palace Master's dwelling place, in the study room, a middle-aged man clad in pristine clothing was holding a thick scroll and quietly reading it.

"Left Palace Master, Wei Zheng is back," the servant came in to report.

The middle-aged man set down the scroll and said, "Ask him to come and see me."

Before long, Wei Zheng and Bi Xueling came to the study room together. Wei Zheng's face was full of anxiety as he bowed and said, "Wei Zheng, greeting the Left Palace Master."

Bi Xueling giggled and obediently massaged the middle-aged man's shoulders. The man cast a look at Wei Zheng and Bi Xueling, then asked, "Wei Zheng, I am assuming that Su Yuxian did not agree to it?"

He was observant, and Wei Zheng's facial expression had given him the answer without saying a word. Wei Zheng's face was bitter, and he stole a look at Bi Xueling, feeling aggrieved. "It's because of my uselessness. I failed to persuade Su Yuxian."

He was totally being Bi Xueling's scapegoat! The man turned to look at Bi Xueling. He had already speculated about most of how everything happened. He was certain that his daughter had followed the group and ruined the matter.

"Dad, that Su Yuxian, I think he is unacceptable! He's merely a fifth-grade fairy, yet he's extremely arrogant and headstrong! So, how could he move far along the path of martial arts with such an attitude?" Bi Xueling glowered at Wei Zheng as she spoke.

She then added, "If he'd defeated Jian Wusheng's virtual shadow with Almighty cultivation, his arrogance would be reasonable. But, he merely defeated Jian Wusheng while he was a third-grade fairy. So, what's there to be proud of? It's uncertain whether he could break through the Almighty in this lifetime! Hence, we're not short of such an insignificant genius."

The middle-aged man's face darkened upon hearing this, and he said, "Don't be silly!" His light yell made Wei Zheng hold his breath, and Bi Xueling was so startled that she shuddered.

He then said, "Despite his noteworthy potential, his performance in Tianya City is what really matters to me!" The man then turned and glared at Bi Xueling. "Defeating Jian Wusheng at his third-grade fairy level was nothing, but his proficiency in Mu words is compatible to the master of the era. Where can you find someone else like that?"

He paused, then added, "It's said that the General Manager of Tianya City, who's in isolation, admires Su Yu and has the intention of recommending him to the Skyscraping Palace Master to become a documented student, thus giving Su Yuxian an identity and safeguarding him!"

He took a deep breath. "Then, in the future, after the Deputy General Manager retires, Su Yu will be promoted to the position of Deputy General Manager! I don't need to explain to you how a Deputy General Manager of Tianya City could help our camp in gaining benefits in Tianya City, do I?"

These were the secrets that were unknown to the outsiders, and a cold sweat broke out on Wei Zheng's forehead when he heard them. Bi Xueling also realized the severity of the matter, while thinking... It seems like that fellow is really important!

“Ling-er, it was you who behaved arrogantly, making him unhappy, wasn’t it?” The man berated her. He was clear about his daughter’s character.

Bi Xueling felt aggrieved, and she muttered. “I didn’t know! Besides, who asked him to be so insolent? His aptitude is only mediocre, yet he thinks he is so great!”

“Of course he is great! At least, his aptitude is better than yours,” the man said angrily. He was upset over her uselessness and her argument.

Bi Xueling felt even worse. Her dad usually doted on her, but he had repeatedly chastised her because of an outsider today. “It’s just mastering Mu words, which isn’t that remarkable! He still needs the faction’s protection, doesn’t he? If any real danger comes, he’d still need us to rescue him!”

“Ha, are you sure? He needs the faction’s protection indeed, but not yours! If any danger really comes, he’ll be protecting you, not the other way round!” the man said.

Bi Xueling retorted furiously, “I have the cultivation of a first-grade Almighty, so I don’t need the protection of a fifth-grade fairy! Dad, it’s fine if you’re attracted to his worth, but do you have to insult your daughter about the path of martial arts?” Her anger kept rising.

“On your way back, people from the outside sanctum sent me the news that Lao Ai used his privileges to challenge Su Yu. What do you think the outcome was?” The man asked coldly.

Wei Zheng shuddered. Since the Left Palace Master had been mentioned, the outcome must have been unusual.

“Could he have sustained many strikes?” Wei Zheng guessed. He was stunned... Only... How long has it been? I can’t believe that he could even fight the Almighty?

Bi Xueling was nonchalant. “Well, he could have sustained more if he was really that great! If it had been me, humph, just one strike and he’d be sprawling on the floor, looking for his lost teeth!”

“Yes, the victory was decided after just one strike indeed, but he was the one who incapacitated Lao Ai’s cultivation! Ling-er, how much higher is your cultivation than Lao Ai’s?” the man asked.

“What? Crippling Lao Ai with one strike? How is that possible? Could Lao Ai’s ability have been restricted by something?” Wei Zheng took in a cold breath, clearly surprised.

The man replied, “Lao Ai wanted to incapacitate his cultivation, but failed. He was crippled with one strike instead. There wasn’t any restriction, as it was an open competition.”

Bi Xueling was dumbfounded, and she muttered, “Impossible! A fifth-grade fairy, crippling a first-grade Almighty with one strike... How could that...”

“That’s why I said you ruined a big deal! Whether it’s regarding his potential in martial arts or his future worth, he’s a rare genius!”

Wei Zheng pondered this for a moment, then said, "I'm willing to head for the outside sanctum again and repent by making a contribution. I promise to try to persuade Su Yuxian to agree to join us."

The man sighed and said, "It's too late! Before he defeated Lao Ai, we still had a chance. Now, all of the elders of the inner sanctum have heard about it, and those who want to take Su Yuxian as an apprentice are many."

After hearing that, Bi Xueling couldn't even speak.

Also at the inner palace, in the Right Palace Master's camp, a burly middle-aged man, whose face was gold-black, asked, "This Su Yuxian, he doesn't have much respect for me, does he?"

The gold-black middle-aged man was the Right Palace Master, and he was very displeased at the moment. He had asked Lao Ai to go and invite Su Yu in person and had even exiled Lao Ai to the border, which was showing adequate respect and honor to Su Yu. But, in the end, not only did Su Yu not accept his goodwill, he even crippled Lao Ai, thus embarrassing him!

"Palace Master, allow me to go and meet this insolent person. He has brought countless troubles to my Shao family!" a young man with a head full of white hair said, his entire being emanating an air of viciousness.

He was the prodigy student that the Shao family took the most pride in. He had entered the inner palace many years ago and was renowned. In the inner sanctum, he was among the top ten absolute best experts, his cultivation having already reached the eighth-grade Almighty level!

"Chunguang, you just focus on preparing for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland that will be held five months from now. You don't have to deal with Su Yuxian yourself," the gold-black man said.

He then added, "Besides, the weight that Su Yuxian carries now is unlike before, as it concerns the rivalry between the Blessed and Heavenly Lands and the Heavenly Knife Region for benefits and honor. Hence, he can't be touched."

"Yes!" Shao Chunguang said, but murderous intention and a cold light still flickered in the depths of his eyes.

In Tianya City.

On this day, the Elixir Alliance was embellished with vibrant colors and festive vibes were widespread. This was because Alliance Master Zhao, one of the two alliance masters who had long been in isolation, had come out.

He had convened a large meeting and had just arrived at the headquarters of the Red Blood Palace, where he met up with the Deputy General Manager.

"Oh? Alliance Master Zhao has paid us a distinguished visit, thus adding glamor to this place," the Deputy General Manager welcomed him with a smile, displaying his best manners.

He dared not take the Elixir Alliance lightly, as these elixir-refining masters had broad networks. Hence, they couldn't afford to offend them.

After some friendly chatter, Master Zhao explained the purpose of his visit, "There's a shopkeeper named Su Yuxian, who is under your jurisdiction. I'm unsure which elixir store he's working for, but months ago, he saved some mischievous granddaughters of mine, and I haven't thanked him yet. So, today, I'd like to thank him in person."

The Deputy General Manager had heard about this matter, and he thought about how remarkably fortunate Su Yuxian was to have built such a rapport with figures like Alliance Master Zhao.

"Master Zhao has come at a wrong time, as half a month ago, Su Yuxian completed his term of office and has already returned to the faction," the Deputy General Manager said.

Master Zhao kneaded his beard as he said, "Fine. I'll make a trip to the Red Blood Palace. I owe him a kindness, and until it is paid, I am distracted and unable to focus on refining elixirs. By the way, there are also some old fellows in your faction that I haven't seen in years, so I'll visit and exchange some elixir-refining skills with them, as well as deliver some news about the traitor!"

Red Blood Palace.

Mo Tianxuan surprisingly came out of isolation to meet a valuable guest...

Chapter 902: The Five Pulse Dominant Wave

"Tianxuan, the original fairy artifact has been returned." A middle-aged man in fine clothing stood in front of Mo Tianxuan.

Mo Tianxuan said with a cold face, "Here's 100,000,000 crystals! Now, I don't owe you any debt!"

The man did not refute this, and after laughing lightly and catching the space ring, he turned and said, "I see that you still have a prejudice against me."

"Stop talking nonsense! Where's the old man who stole my fairy artifact? Hand him over to me," Mo Tianxuan said, a bright light shining in the depths of her pupils. That old man was the mysterious person who could resolve the extreme ghost energy!

"Old man?" The man was thoughtful. "Isn't the one who stole your fairy artifact actually the demonic ruthless man who killed Xue Di? I thought you lost your fairy artifact while you were fighting him? So, how could it have been stolen by an old man?"

Mo Tianxuan's pretty face reddened slightly, but she covered it up quickly. She then squinted her eyes and asked, "You said that my fairy artifact was put on sale by the demonic ruthless man..."

The man in fine clothing nodded.

She then said, "That's weird. Could the demonic ruthless man have stolen the treasure from the old man? If so, is the old man still alive?"

Mo Tianxuan's brows were creased, and she was frowning deeply. The mysterious old man was her only hope for recovery.

The man seemed to be brooding over her words. "You keep mentioning the old man! Why?"

"It's nothing..." Mo Tianxuan shook her head, then said, "I've accepted your kindness in returning the demon artifact. I'll repay you in the future. If there's nothing else, I'd like to go and meet a student from the outside sanctum now that I've come out of isolation."

The man's eyes shone. "Haha, is it the rare expert, who's proficient in Mu words? He earned back the shops that the Blessed and Heavenly Lands had lost for ten years, and he even expelled the influences of the Heavenly Knife Region from Tianya City! He is indeed a talented person. I'd like to meet him as well! Perhaps he'll be interested in joining my Severed Fairy Cliff faction."

Mo Tianxuan cast a look at the man and felt unhappy, but she couldn't say much due to his identity. So, she simply ordered the people outside, "Call Su Yuxian from the outside sanctum. I want to reward him in person."

The servant at the door replied, "Palace Master, Su Yuxian had gone into isolation, but I'll go get him right away."

"Isolation?" Mo Tianxuan wondered aloud, quickly deciding to let the matter go.

"Fine. Since he's gone into isolation to avoid any disturbances, just wait till he comes out."

Once she was finished talking, she glanced back at the man. "You don't have any more reason to stay here now, do you?"

The man laughed. "Haha, I guess not. So, I'll say farewell. But, just to remind you, anything done in excess results in undesirable outcomes, and since the Heavenly Knife Region has lost all of its shops this time, it has lost all of its respect as well. I'm afraid they'll be angered by this shame and initiate a war. Thus, the Blessed and Heavenly Lands must stay alert."

"You're in no position to worry about that!" Mo Tianxuan snorted coldly.

Su Yu, who was deep in isolation, had not the slightest idea of how great a danger he had avoided by staying in isolation. Once Mo Tianxuan found out that he was the old perverted thief who had molested her and had stolen her flying guillotine, the scenario would be hard to imagine!

Su Yu remained in isolation for half a month, which meant that he had been in Tianya City a month already. As he was training rigorously, Su Yu concentrated all of his efforts on understanding the demonic words in the Five Elements Profound Meaning Art.

After half a month of strenuous learning, he was both satisfied and unsatisfied at the same time. Half a month in time acceleration was equivalent to dozens of years, and Su Yu had only comprehended twenty demonic words in that time.

Back when he was learning under Yinmu's tree, he was aided by a strong comprehending nature, thus everything had happened naturally and any existing problems were not identified. But, they were all being revealed now.

The difficulty of demonic words in the Five Elements Profound Meaning Art increased as it progressed toward the end. The difficulty in comprehending the artistic conception that was contained at the back exceeded that of the front by several times. Thus, Su Yu's speed was far slower than he had expected.

"I've been too optimistic! An emperor-based saint artifact with Holy Spirit is so much harder than I imagined!" Su Yu could not help but mutter.

Swish!

At that moment, a petite black-green water dragon flew out from the Five Elements Divine Prison and asked him arrogantly, "Human, how could our demonic emperor-based saint artifact be refined so easily?"

What it hadn't said was that none of the rare demonic prodigies in the past had managed to refine ninety words in two short months like Su Yu had. Even the first-generation master had spent 500 years to refine only one-tenth! But, the black-green water dragon did not express its shock at all.

Su Yu cast an indifferent glance at it. He was instinctively cautious toward this black-green water dragon.

"Before I comprehend a hundred words, you don't have to show up, wasting your soul's strength," Su Yu said.

The black-green water dragon snickered. "If I didn't come out to inform you, would you have known that the Five Elements Divine Prison could unleash the additional power already?"

"Wait, didn't you say that would only happen after one exceeded a hundred demonic words?" Su Yu's eyes shone with a cold light.

The water dragon said, "Listen carefully, it's the additional power, not the real power! Only the power that suppresses all things in the universe has the real ability of the Five Elements Divine Prison. But, you can activate the additional power after refining ninety words."

"What is it?" Su Yu asked, while holding the Five-colored Exquisite Tower in his palm.

The black-green water dragon smiled. "The Five Pulse Dominant Wave!"

It then added, "There's only one usage for it... Defense! You'll only need to adjust the five elements that you mastered, then activate the Five Elements Divine Prison to release the wave-like defense. It's hard for it to be broken by anyone below the sixth-grade Almighty. It can save your life in critical times, but because you haven't mastered enough elements, you can only use it once a month. And... It can only protect one person at a time! But, if you break through a hundred words, there'll no longer be limitations."

Being able to resist the attacks by anyone below the sixth-grade Almighty was phenomenal! Such a strong defense was far greater than even the Eternal Stone Armor! But, if the Eternal Stone Armor could be repaired, that would be a different story!

"Human brat, just focus on comprehension. The Five Elements Divine Prison can give you more and more surprises as time goes on!" The black-green water dragon smiled mysteriously.

After spending half a month in isolation, Su Yu's gains had gradually lessened. Hence, he naturally decided to leave.

After coming out of isolation this time, I can't stay for long in the faction. There's too much trouble. I need to leave the faction as soon as possible, while executing missions along the way in order to earn merit points. But, I'm still short of more than 3,000,000 merit points! Will the normal missions reward such a great amount of merit points? Su Yu frowned deeply as he pondered these things.

Obtaining 4,000,000 merit points was much harder than he had imagined! Plus, he only had four months left!

I'll ask Zixuan first, as she's been taking note of the Hall of Missions for these past weeks, so she may have noticed some important missions posted. Thinking of that, Su Yu headed right back to the Demon Mountain after coming out of isolation.

What he hadn't thought about was that there was already an extremely beautiful woman standing in the yard, her entire being emitting an icy coldness. Her snow-like eyes were cold and stern, as if they could freeze people on the spot.

"You've finally come out! I've been waiting for you for too long!" The beautiful woman did not hesitate before drawing out a long, cold sword and striking toward Su Yu with it.

The sword moved swiftly and fiercely, indicating that it had a profound sword meaning. Although it looked like there was only one sword striking, hundreds of light rays radiated out from it, making being struck by it inevitable. Every move of the sword was murderous and boundlessly powerful!

The green veins on Su Yu's forehead pulsed as he screamed, "You crazy b*tch! You really want to slash me open with this sword?"

Chapter 903: Approaching Crisis

"Humph! I'm slashing at you indeed, you salacious old pervert!" Bing Wuxin struck out with the sword, which immediately transformed into hundreds of sword shadows.

Her training in the art of sword had attained the level of mind-heart synchronization, at which her mind followed her heart. This meant that she was one with the sword, the resemblance between them being truly astonishing and extremely powerful. She was hardly rivaled by those of the same level, and even the first-grade Almighty could barely evade this strike of the sword.

Su Yu was annoyed. Everything about this woman was good, except that she had overly strict standards and was overbearing! With a move of his heart, the Fire Essence Jade that was deep in Su Yu's heart started overflowing with massive flames.

With Su Yu's current understanding of the five elements, he had reached a level at which he could become one with any element. One shift of his thoughts and he could become one with fire!

He stretched all five of his fingers out, causing five streaks of strong heat to be released from his fingers, instantly forming an enormous net of flames. Then, the hundreds of sword shadows perished all at once in this giant net of flames.

Bing Wuxin withdrew the sword and positioned it horizontally in front of her. At the same time, an overpowering sword energy gushed out and tore the oncoming giant net of flames apart.

“Mind-heart synchronization!” A stunning color flickered in Bing Wuxin’s pretty eyes as she yelled the command.

For any paths, reaching the bottleneck meant that there would soon be a breakthrough into a whole new level. But, the paths of swords, fire, ice, water and the like did not follow this same principle.

So, only through training to better comprehend the extremes could one break through the bottleneck and attain the level of mind-heart synchronization. By then, the martial artist would become integrated into the path, his power increasing in an explosive manner.

She had been training in the path of swords for more than ten years, which is how she had finally mastered the mind-heart synchronization. So, she had to wonder... When will Su Yu ever reach the level of mind-heart synchronization with the flames?

Su Yu then said, “If you’re here to challenge me, I’m not interested. If there’s nothing else, you can leave. I just came out of isolation, so I’d like to rest for a while.”

“Of course I’m here for something!” Bing Wuxin remarked coldly.

“Fire away,” Su Yu said, not even turning his head as he marched into the house.

Bing Wuxin said, “Return the acacia seed that controls Wuxie. You’re a big man, so shouldn’t relying on such unscrupulous means to manipulate a woman make you feel ashamed?”

So it is because of this? Su Yu realized. In fact, he had already planned to settle this matter before leaving the faction. He hadn’t thought that he would be misunderstood by Bing Wuxin, making her come forward and confront him!

“Take it.” Su Yu simply hurled two green seeds at her. He did not bother to look into how Gongsun Wuxie had arranged it herself.

He had a vague feeling that Gongsun Wuxie had become much more detached from him and even despised him after Tianya City. He wondered... Is it because I took her fifty-layer privilege away from her?

Su Yu was bewildered about that. He had thought of explaining this to Gongsun Wuxie, but the relationship between them had held him back.

Bing Wuxin was slightly startled that Su Yu did not hesitate to hand over the seeds. It was quite a surprise.

Based on Gongsun Wuxie’s allegation, Su Yu had insisted on not giving her them when she had asked, and apparently, he had even tried to take the opportunity to molest her! Now, this situation just didn’t seem to align with that!

“Hold on... What actually happened between you two?” Bing Wuxin tried to ask him.

Su Yu turned to look at her and thought... What’s the point of explaining anything to you, when you just launched an attack at me with a sword upon hearing only one word from someone else?

“It’s none of your business,” Su Yu said lightly before he turned to go into the house for a rest, shutting the door behind him.

He had been really stressed out recently, as the appearance of the Golden Light Guard had made him feel as though he was carrying a hefty burden on his back. At this point, he could barely think about anything else.

What he had said just now was unintentional, at least in how it had come across. But, it had sounded indifferent to Bing Wuxin.

“Su, what attitude is that?” Bing Wuxin was angered. Su Yu used to have such a gentle and soft attitude, so she had to wonder... Why was he acting so indifferent just now?

Grasping the two green seeds, she quickly went into Gongsun Wuxie’s house.

Pow!

Slamming the seeds onto the table with her palm, she said, “I’ve gotten these back for you, so can you tell me what happened between the two of you now?”

She thought that Su Yu’s recent change must have something to do Gongsun Wuxie. Gongsun Wuxie’s eyes shone as she grabbed the two seeds and heaved a long sigh of relief.

“Answer my question,” Bing Wuxin said while staring at Gongsun Wuxie.

Gongsun Wuxie batted her eyelashes while giving Bing Wuxin a measuring look from head to toe. She then asked, “Sister Wuxin, why are you suddenly so concerned with him? Could you have fallen for him? This is bad, if so, as many of the senior brothers in the inner sanctum are about to get their hearts broken!”

She said this because Bing Wuxin’s position in the inner sanctum was like a goddess, so countless people wanted to get close to her.

“You know I have no feelings for him, so answer my question!” Bing Wuxin said without any expression, while still staring at her.

Gongsun Wuxie pouted. “It was nothing. I just don’t want to get close to people like that anymore...”

She still hadn’t said what exactly had happened between them, but Bing Wuxin seemed to have realized something, so she squinted her eyes and asked, “Wuxie, did he confess his affection for you, but you rejected him sternly due to my presence, thus making him so crestfallen? If it’s so, then no worries, as I don’t mind! If you really like him, you can be with him!”

Upon hearing that, Gongsun Wuxie’s tiny mouth fell wide open. She hadn’t thought that Bing Wuxin would think that way!

“Him? Really?” Gongsun Wuxie jumped up out of reflex, feeling angry and ashamed. “How would I have possibly fallen for that perverted thief? I could fall for anyone but him! Even if he was the only man left in the world, it’s still would not be possible for me to be with him!”

Seeing her so firm and certain, Bing Wuxin sighed. "Okay. I just hope that you have no regrets."

"Poo!" Gongsun Wuxie was nonchalant, but after such an episode, she could not help but recall the demonic ruthless man, while a gentle and shy light shone in the depths of her pupils.

Back in the house, Su Yu was deep in thought. The Five Great Golden Light Guards had found him and ascertained that he was at the Red Blood Place, so he had to wonder... Is this place safe enough? If it was the inner sanctum, there'd be Mo Tianxuan holding the fort down, so the Five Great Golden Light Guards would perhaps be afraid and dare not to enter the inner sanctum.

But, this is the outer sanctum, which is far from the inner sanctum, and if they really barge in, no one could save me! As Su Yu pondered these things, his anxiety rose exponentially. During the half month that he was in isolation, his anxiety kept intensifying, while an insecure feeling lingered in his heart for a long time.

If this latent crisis remained unsolved, Su Yu knew that he wouldn't be able to calm himself down, perhaps ever again! The only plan left now was for him to leave the Red Blood Palace. He thought... Perhaps I could temporarily avoid the Golden Light Guards...

As Su Yu contemplated this, he began forming a plan in his mind. Although he had gone to great lengths to make his way into the Red Blood Palace and lay a foundation here, if he was found by the Golden Light Guards and his old appearance was seen through, his staying at the Red Blood Palace would prove to be quite dangerous!

So, he figured that he might as well leave the faction and search for a safer shelter. But, figuring out how to leave the faction was also a big problem.

Since Su Yu's fame and prestige was bigger than before, unless there were special circumstances, it was unlikely that the faction would allow such a top-notch master with a high proficiency in Mu words like Su Yu to leave!

It seemed like he had to choose a method that would be allowed by the faction. As he tried to think of a way, a thought suddenly popped in his head... Execute missions!

In the process of executing missions, he would escape to somewhere far away from the Blessed and Heavenly Lands! As he thought about this while he was sitting in the house, Su Yu heaved a long sigh. This was because he didn't make such a decision willingly.

Although he had only been here for less than a year, he felt reluctant to leave this place. He had so much history here already. He had even vowed to Shangguan Yunque that he would protect the Shangguan family. Now that he was leaving for good, he couldn't keep his word!

Creak...

At that moment, Zixuan pushed open the door and came in. She then said, "There's a huge mission being offered now. Many students received the news and are on their way to the Hall of Missions to accept it."

A mission had arrived, and Su Yu happened to be in desperate need of a mission!

"What mission?" Su Yu enquired.

Zixuan replied, "It's an unfinished mission that has been on the Ghost List for ten years!"

"Oh? Ten years?" Su Yu's eyes shone, as he vaguely remembered that there was an extremely difficult mission that had not been accomplished by anyone yet. This must be that very one!

Chapter 904: Ten-Year Mission

This mission had already been released some time ago, and as it was a classified mission, only the person in charge knew about its specific details. Now that news of this mission had resurfaced, it indicated that the previous person in charge of it had failed. Hence, it had been released once again.

"Is there anything special about this mission?" Su Yu asked.

Zixuan nodded. "I heard that the merit point reward for this mission is the highest amount on the mission list of the Red Blood Palace in history. It's even higher than killing the first wanted criminal of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands!"

Su Yu remembered that the Ghost Buddha, who was ranked thirteenth on the wanted list, was worth 300,000 merit points. Hence, the first-ranking wanted criminal must be worth over a million merit points at least!

"How much?" Su Yu asked.

"I heard 3,000,000," Zixuan said.

Su Yu's eyes grew wide as he thought... 3,000,000 merit points! How could it be such a tremendous reward of merit points?

"The one who announced it was the elixir-refining master of the inner sanctum, Master Ghost. He makes almost all of the incredible elixirs that are consumed by the Almighty strong men in the Red Blood Palace inner sanctum," Zixuan said.

Zixuan then added, "Therefore, he holds a vast amount of merit point, a sum of which not even the Left and Right Palace Masters could compare. Specifically, Master Ghost can afford 3,000,000 merit points!"

Master Ghost? Su Yu had some impression of him, and he seemed to vaguely recall the widely renowned elixir-refining master of Red Blood Palace inner sanctum.

Yuan Yingying seemed to have been noticed by Master Ghost and was thus recruited into the inner sanctum. He had a significant position, so all the Almighty strong men in the faction always showed him respect.

Su Yu hadn't thought that this ten-year mission would be announced by Master Ghost, and the reward of merit points was extremely impressive. After completing the mission, he could get much closer to the Glittering Jewel Wonderland.

It was a pity that Su Yu had decided to leave the faction in order to avoid the Five Golden Light Guards. This mission only served one purpose to Su Yu... To help him leave the faction honestly and with no regrets.

“How long has the mission been released, and has it been accepted by anyone yet?” Su Yu asked.

Zixuan shook her head. “No, there are too many students who want this mission, so Master Ghost has decided not to assign the mission in the normal manner. This is why it has remained incomplete for such a long time.”

As the mission had not been completed, even after ten years, it made sense that everyone was becoming very anxious about it and wanting it to be finished.

“Oh? If it isn’t to be assigned normally, then how can one accept it?” Su Yu asked.

Zixuan said, “You can register for a chance at it, then Master Ghost will select among the registrants on his own.”

“Is there any condition or restriction for the registration?” Su Yu asked. He figured that since the mission was so tough, there must be some kind of parameters.

“No, anyone who deems himself capable can register,” Zixuan answered.

What a strange mission! Su Yu pondered this for a moment, then nodded and said, “Then, I’ll give it a try and register for it.”

In the Hall of Missions, when Deputy Hall Master Qi had mysteriously gone missing, he had been replaced by a new Deputy Hall Master. What surprised Su Yu was that he knew the new Deputy Hall Master.

“Cabinet Master, why are you...” The woman in charge of the registration in front of the Ghost List was alluring and gorgeous.

Her beautiful and mesmerizing face could make one fall head over heels for her instantly. This person was the cabinet master, who was in charge of managing the flame chamber.

The alluring cabinet master subconsciously raised her head, her pretty eyes filled with hurt as she said, “You’ve been back for half a month, but you’re only coming to visit me now? You’re a heartless little fellow!”

As she spoke, she stood up and walked toward Su Yu. Then, she suddenly threw herself in his arms.

Su Yu rolled his eyes. He simply couldn’t put up with the alluring cabinet master!

So, while taking a slight step back, he said, “Cabinet master, congratulations on your promotion.”

Compared to the remote flame training chamber, the Hall of Missions was undoubtedly the more sought after position. Despite being the Deputy Hall Master, the advantage was definitely no worse than the fire training chamber.

“Haha, this is all because of your endowment, little brother! You’re helping me to earn lots of merit points by selling the elixirs is the only way that I could bribe my way into the high-level management to replace the vacancy,” she said with a big smile.

So, she was basically admitting that she had gone through the back door and gotten promoted by spending a great deal of merit points. She had bought her way to the top!

“Cabinet master, I’m here to inquire about a mission,” Su Yu then said.

She blinked her gorgeous eyes. “Okay, that’s simple. What kind of mission are you looking for? I’m in charge of the Ghost List, and they’re all top-notch missions. Little brother, whatever great mission you want, I can notify you anytime beforehand. But, as for the price... Haha...”

This woman was so nauseating that she made Su Yu want to flay a layer of her skin off! But, Su Yu knew that she was only joking with him.

“I want to know if I can register for the mission that was announced by Master Ghost through you?” Su Yu said, immediately getting to the point.

Hearing that, the smile on the alluring cabinet master’s face gradually faded, while her eyes grew serious. “You’re here to ask about that mission?”

Seeing Su Yu nod, her face changed, slowly turning cold. “Are you so eager to die?” Her stern tone revealed her affection and concern for him and his safety.

“Please enlighten me about it, cabinet master, as I’ve just heard about this mission,” Su Yu said.

The alluring cabinet master finally understood the situation, and it seemed like Su Yu hadn’t realized the danger that this mission entailed.

She shook her head, then asked, “How dare you act so carelessly, wanting to sign up for a mission without knowing about it? Don’t even think about this mission, as it’s not suitable for you! Even in the inner sanctum, only the 30 preceding elite students are qualified to accept it!”

There’s such a high threshold? Su Yu was immediately curious. “Dare I ask, cabinet master, what on earth is the mission that requires such strong students and rewards such a massive amount of merit points?”

“I don’t know about the specific details, as Master Ghost himself is the only one who’s clear about all of that,” the alluring cabinet master answered.

Su Yu frowned. “Haven’t the specifics been leaked by the students who were attempting to execute the mission for the past ten years? Even via some rumors... Something has to have been leaked, right?”

She shook her head, then explained, “It’s not that those students didn’t want to tell, but they didn’t get the chance to. This is because none of the students who tried to execute the mission came back alive!”

She then added, “Just a month ago, three inner sanctum students, who were attempting to execute the mission, had their Original Life Badges destroyed, thus failing the mission.”

“Dare I ask, how were the cultivations of the students who attempted to execute the mission?” Su Yu asked, sensing the danger for the first time.

The alluring cabinet master replied, “The lowest was a third-grade Almighty, while the highest was a fifth-grade Almighty.”

Hearing that, Su Yu was stupefied, and he wondered... What on earth is this mission all about?

He then asked, “Hasn’t the faction looked for the missing students?”

The alluring cabinet master’s face turned even more somber as she replied, “They have, but they only found pieces of skin, no organs, bones, or even brains!”

Upon hearing that, chills cascaded down Su Yu’s back, and he shuddered as he thought... What an awful way to die!

“Do you still want to register now? I heard about you incapacitating Lao Ai with a single strike, but this mission isn’t about fighting Lao Ai, and so many inner sanctum students have already died attempting to execute it!” The alluring cabinet master was patiently advising him against registering for it.

She then added, “After hearing about such dramatic casualties, the inner sanctum students have been extremely discreet about this mission, and there aren’t many people who have registered for it so far. If you do so yourself, it’s no different from your seeking your own death.”

Su Yu did not speak for a long while. He then asked, “Where can I register? I want to participate!”

With numerous techniques on his fingertips, even if Su Yu couldn’t succeed, he was confident that he could at least protect himself as he attempted to do so. Besides, even though it might be dangerous to attempt to execute the mission, it was even more life-threatening for Su Yu to stay in the faction, as once the Five Golden Light Guards arrived, Su Yu would have no chance of survival!

Chapter 905: Command to Recruit an Apprentice

“Why are you being so obstinate?” The alluring cabinet master was clearly angry.

Su Yu smiled. “I’ll remember your kindness, cabinet master. But, I have to go at this time.”

Somehow, she heard something in Su Yu’s tone and words that made it seem as if he was about to travel somewhere far away. Seeing Su Yu’s determination, she could only give up on trying to change his mind.

“Fine. The mission won’t necessarily be given to you, but at least you’ll know that you tried to get it.” As she spoke, she took out a jade pendant and muttered a few words into it.

She had uttered Su Yu’s name. She then began moulding it as she said, “I’ve sent a message to Master Ghost, and tomorrow, his student will come and take you there. Apart from you, the other outside sanctum students who have registered are Gongsun Wuxie and Bing Wuxin, so you can go with them tomorrow.”

Both of them registered, too? Su Yu scowled upon hearing this.

“Thank you, cabinet master.” Su Yu bowed to her to show his respect.

He thought for a moment, then presented her with ten vessels of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid and said, “Please accept these, cabinet master. It’s to thank you for taking care of me for so long.”

In the outside sanctum, the alluring cabinet master had always taken care of him, she had even personally recommended that Su Yu be recruited into the Right Palace Master’s camp. Although the

Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid served no purpose to her training, if she sold them at the faction's black market, it'd be worth a lot of crystals. This is why the gift was so valuable.

The alluring cabinet master felt strange upon being gifted something of such value, and the feeling that Su Yu was leaving grew more intense. "Su Yuxian, are you planning to leave the faction?" A light of wisdom rippled in her gorgeous eyes as she asked the question.

"You're overthinking it, cabinet master," Su Yu replied calmly.

Her eyes shone with a bright light as she nodded. "Well... If you leave the Red Blood Palace, then you won't necessarily find a better sanctuary for yourself."

Once she finished talking, she looked at the ten vessels of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid in her hands and smiled. She then asked, "At least you had enough gratitude to bring me a few vessels of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid. Apart from you, I guess no one could easily obtain such a thing?"

Currently, the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid was in short supply in Tianya City. And, both of the times that it had emerged, it had been sold out completely almost immediately.

The Red Blood Palace was located hundreds of millions of miles away, and if one intended to get the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid, even rushing to the Red Blood Palace themselves in order to get it, there was still no guarantee that they would be able to purchase it. Therefore, the near priceless value of ten sets of Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid was not hard to imagine.

"Haha, if these are sold to the wealthy students of the inner sanctum, even selling them at the price of 20,000 crystals per vessel wouldn't be a problem at all. Hence, these are worth 200,000 crystals! And... If they were exchanged for merit points, they'd be worth 50,000!" She was clearly elated.

Su Yu shook his head in amusement. It was clear that the alluring cabinet master was a clever, money-minded woman, and he was certain that giving her the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid suited her appetite just fine!

"Haha, goodbye!" Su Yu waved his hand and walked away with a chuckle.

On the same day, a great commotion arose in the black market in the outside sanctum of the Red Blood Palace. This was because the widely popular Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands had appeared in the black market of the outside sanctum of the Red Blood Palace!

The matter caused a commotion in the inner sanctum. Many students who were about to break through the Almighty level or had already done so had come forward to fight for it. Even if it wasn't for their own use, they figured that they could present it as a gift to those who needed it. In this way, all of the ten vessels of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid were sold at the high price of 20,000 per vessel.

The strange thing was that the owner of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid only wanted crystals in a situation whereby everyone else in the Red Blood Palace prioritized merit points! The owner was, of course, the alluring cabinet master.

The Demon Mountain.

Somehow, Gongsun Wuxie and Bing Wuxin found out that Su Yu had registered for Master Ghost's mission, and they soon came to find him.

"Su Yuxian, give up on this mission." Bing Wuxin got straight to the point, shouting out to Su Yu as he was standing in the yard outside his door.

Su Yu was sitting quietly with crossed legs inside the house, and upon hearing Bing Wuxin's words, he frowned lightly. As their information network was so broad, and he was certain that the alluring cabinet master wouldn't betray him and give away his information, Su Yu figured that they had most probably heard about this from Master Ghost.

"Is there a problem?" Su Yu asked.

He was determined that he would not budge, and he wasn't planning to open the door for a meet-up.

Bing Wuxin quickly replied, "I'm just telling you that you shouldn't waste your energy. The mission is at my fingertips, so it'll just be a waste of your time if you go."

Su Yu then asked, "How many merit points are you short of?" Su Yu himself was short 4,000,000 from the baseline of the mission merit points that were needed for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland, so he wondered how many Bing Wuxin was short of.

"A million. But, after completing this mission, I'll have more than enough," Bing Wuxin replied.

Su Yu raised his brows and asked, "You don't want me to fight for the merit points against you, so you're asking me to give up?"

Bing Wuxin replied coldly, "I just don't want you to die for no reason." Her tone didn't sound kind at all, which is why Su Yu's next comment was quite snarky...

"Your kindness is much appreciated. If there's nothing else, I'm going to meditate," Su Yu said indifferently. Su Yu did not exactly despise this domineering woman, but he certainly didn't like her.

Bing Wuxin immediately turned to walk away with a glum face, while saying, "Let's go!"

Upon returning to Gongsun Wuxie's house, she wrapped her arms in front of her chest and said, "I told you not to such a person well, as he won't appreciate it! You kindly advised him against seeking his own death, but he still didn't listen!"

She continued, "Anyways, the mission is at Sister Wuxin's fingertips, and no one can successfully fight you for it!"

Bang!

Bing Wuxin's fist thumped down on the table, her eyes sizzling with rage. "This fellow! I sought to comfort him, but he showed me that kind of attitude!"

As she spoke, Bing Wuxin looked at Gongsun Wuxie again. She kept feeling that Su Yu was so different from how he used to be, and it all seemed to be because he had been rejected by Gongsun Wuxie!

Since Su Yu had returned, he hadn't come out of the house, had spoken very little, and had exhibited a very indifferent attitude. Today, when she had brought Gongsun Wuxie to Su Yu's house, she was planning to talk to Su Yu through the matter regarding the mission.

However, he didn't even let them inside! Moreover, his attitude was so cold! This had truly angered Bing Wuxin.

"Sister Wuxin, don't be mad at him." Gongsun Wuxie stuck out her tongue, then said, "Let's go check out the black market. I heard that someone is selling merit points. So, we shouldn't miss this chance."

Bing Wuxin's eyes shone. She happened to be short of many merit points, so coming across people selling great amounts of merit points excited her. Plus, such a thing was rare and hard to come by!

"Fine. Just ignore him. Let's go," Bing Wuxin said as she and Gongsun Wuxie headed straight for the black market.

In Su Yu's yard, right after they left, Shangguan Yunque came for a visit. "Brother Su, I heard that you've come out of isolation."

Su Yu opened his eyes and stood up. He then pushed open the door and said, "Yunque, come inside. I was about to come and look for you!"

"Ah, Brother Su coming to look for me? Could it be about something great?" Shangguan Yunque rubbed his hands and asked with a smile.

Su Yu nodded, then took out a space ring from his sleeve, and as he tossed it forward, he said, "These are for you. I hope that they can help you in some way."

Shangguan Yunque caught the ring and peeped inside it. Confused, he asked, "Brother Su, what is the purple elixir liquid inside it?"

As the Shangguan family had a big business and a great abundance of wealth, they were not lacking in things like elixirs. Su Yu understood that, which was why Shangguan Yunque was so curious as to why Su Yu had given him such a thing.

"It's the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid, which can help empower your Soul Energy. It'll smooth the process when you break through the Almighty bottleneck..." Su Yu explained.

Upon hearing this, Shangguan Yunque was startled. He then asked, "What? This is the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid that the whole city is going crazy over?"

He had heard of it, of course, as it had developed such a tremendous fame, that as long as one wasn't closed off from all of civilization, he would have heard about it! The Shangguan family had even specially dispatched their people to Tianya City in the hopes of procuring a few sets of it for future use.

However, after waiting for a few weeks, they had to return empty-handed. This wasn't because they didn't have enough crystals, but there were just too many people, among which were numerous strong men. Hence, the Shangguan family stood no chance to obtain what they desired most.

Besides, even if it they had been able to successfully purchase it, bringing it back safely to the faraway Shangguan family would have been a whole other problem altogether!

And now, right now inside the ring on his palm, there were 50 vessels of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid, which were worth a few hundred thousands of crystals! Judging from the crystals that had been obtained at the black market today, they could at least be sold at a price of a million crystals, which was the annual income of Shangguan family!

“Brother Su, this gift is too expensive! I can’t accept it!” Shangguan Yunque’s face turned solemn as he immediately tried to return it to Su Yu.

Su Yu quickly said, “Just keep it. Consider it as a little goodwill from me to you.”

Shangguan Yunque tried to refuse a few more times, then gritted his teeth and said, “Fine. How about this? As I won’t let Brother Su suffer any losses, I will purchase it for one million crystals!”

Su Yu’s face turned cold. “Alright, but if you purchase it with money, don’t call me Brother Su from now on! Moreover, you will have to buy them for ten million crystals!”

It was only after hearing such a crazy amount did Shangguan Yunque accept the gift sheepishly. “I owe Brother Su another big debt of gratitude.”

Su Yu smiled and shook his head. “It’s not certain who owes whom a debt of gratitude at this point!”

After all, the Five Elements Divine Prison and the Five Elements Profound Meaning Art were far more valuable to be repaid with 50 vessels of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid. Su Yu did not plan to sever the relationship with him either. He only wanted to compensate the Shangguan family before he left.

“Is there any specific matter that made you come looking for me?” Su Yu then asked.

Shangguan Yunque’s face brightened with a look of jubilation as he chuckled and said, “Haha! I’m here to deliver Brother Su great tidings!”

“Where does the greatness come from?” Su Yu asked.

He was excited to finally hear some good news, as he had been tangled up with troubles lately.

Shangguan Yunque’s was overjoyed as he reported, “My younger sister asked me to deliver this message... Qing-er said that Elder Jing from the inner sanctum hopes to recruit you as her student!”

He continued, “She’s in isolation now and so was unable to come here herself. But, as she knew that my younger sister knows you, she asked her to deliver the news and get your opinion on the matter.”

It wasn’t really that Elder Jing was unable to come, so Su Yu figured that she must be afraid that if she came in person and got rejected by Su Yu, she would be embarrassed. In fact, with Su Yu’s current reputation as the first-ranking student of the outside sanctum, there were many elders from the inner sanctum who also wanted to recruit Su Yu as their student.

But, most of the elders gave up on this idea in order to avoid the possible embarrassment of being rejected. After all, Su Yu had rejected the Left and the Right Palace Masters several times already.

Even though Elder Jing was rather confident in herself, perhaps the most confident among all of the elders, Su Yu did not have to think for long before rejecting the idea of becoming her student. There were two reasons for this.

Firstly, he had already decided to leave the faction, so getting a mentor would be a futile act. Secondly, there was no sincerity in sending someone else to deliver her message to recruit a student. So, he felt that even if he became her student, she might not lend him a helping hand if she encountered predicaments in the future.

“Ah? You are determined to reject her offer? Brother Su, please reconsider this decision! Elder Jing’s identity is remarkable, as she’s the top-grade master of formations and her position in the faction is no lower than Master Ghost’s!” he exclaimed.

He then asked, “There are countless students from the inner sanctum who want to be her students, so why would you reject such a great opportunity, especially as it was brought directly to your doorstep?”

He then added, “Besides, I heard that you have rejected the invitation from the Left and the Right Palace Masters already. If you don’t look for a backer soon, I’m worried that your future life in the inner sanctum will be a constant struggle.”

Chapter 906: Fighting for the Mission

Su Yu smiled. “Your kindness is much appreciated, but I have my own things to consider. Please help me to reply to Elder Jing. Ask her to pardon me, as I believe that her adoration has been misplaced.”

He continued, “I’m afraid that I’m rather slow-witted, and I’ll be unable to break through the bottleneck to the Almighty level. As such, I might ruin her reputation in the faction, which is why I’ve decided to reject her invitation.”

Su Yu’s words were gracious and self-effacing. Upon hearing them, Shangguan Yunque’s mouth hung open. He couldn’t understand what Su Yu was thinking.

Previously, Su Yu had rejected the Left and Right Palace Masters, and now, he was rejecting an apprentice recruitment by Elder Jing! This was an opportunity that many students of the Red Blood Palace couldn’t even imagine, but when it came right to Su Yu’s doorstep, he had rejected without a second thought!

He tried to advise him to reconsider, but Su Yu had already made up his mind. So, Shangguan Yunque sighed and bid him farewell, then sent a message to his younger sister, reporting this surprising matter.

On the following morning, a soft, timid voice sounded from outside Su Yu’s door. The voice was filled with excitement, “Senior Brother Su!”

Su Yu opened his eyes, and immediately, delight was written all over his face. He pushed open the door to find a round-faced young girl at his doorstep, looking shy and bashful. Her snowy eyes were blinking rapidly, revealing that she was very nervous.

“Yingying.” Su Yu was surprised to see that the young girl at his door was none other than Yuan Yingying, who he had not seen since they had parted ways at the recruitment assessment!

Like Situ Yan, she was recruited because of her talent, and ever since that time, he had not seen either of them.

“Uncle Su! Oh, I mean... It should be... Senior Brother Su.” Yuan Yingying winked at him mischievously.

She was alluding to the fact that, back then, Su Yu had used the identity of an older grandfather to take advantage of Yuan Yingying by using his seniority.

“Haha! Come in and sit.” Su Yu invited her inside to reminisce about the old days.

Upon hearing that Yuan Yingying had come to bring him to Master Ghost, Su Yu was rather shocked. “Yingying, do you mean to tell me that you’ve become Master Ghost’s student now?”

This truly surprised Su Yu. Back then, he had thought that Yuan Yingying was recruited by some elixir master from the Elixir Production Division of the outside sanctum. Now, he realized that it had been Master Ghost!

Since she was Master Ghost’s student, she had a high reputation, which protected her from the maltreatment of the Almighty students of the inner sanctum. After all, they knew that if they provoked Master Ghost by messing with his student, they would suffer severe consequences.

“You were really fortunate to attain such a position, so now I can put my mind at ease. Even if you’re alone in the faction, no one will dare to bully you.” Su Yu felt relieved.

He then looked at her curiously and asked, “Yingying, how’s your elixir-refining going so far?”

Yuan Yingying hung her head low. She was happy to be reunited with Su Yu, yet she felt very shy around him at the same time.

She replied, “My master said that I’ll be able to succeed in refining fourth-grade spiritual elixirs with another year of hard work.”

Su Yu nodded and smiled in approval. That was a fast improvement on her part, and once she could refine fourth-grade spiritual elixirs, she would be considered one of the rare top-grade elixir masters in the Blessed and Heavenly Lands. At that time, she would be able to stand on her own two feet!

“Wow! Yuan’s Family Master must be proud of you,” Su Yu said with a smile. “But... Since Master Ghost is waiting, let’s get going. We can talk more on the way.”

Yuan Yingying nodded, but then shook her head a moment later. “Hold on! The two people at Demon Mountain must be summoned too.”

Su Yu nodded quietly, then said, “I’ll go with you.”

At that moment, Bing Wuxin was practicing with her sword in the yard. She stared coldly at Su Yu as he walked up with Yuan Yingying, the pair of them chatting merrily.

She sneered. "I thought you'd be sad for quite some time, but you seem to be happy with your new lover..."

Yuan Yingying felt bad instantly, and she turned and stared at Su Yu. "What is she talking about? Does Senior Brother Su have a lover in the outside sanctum?"

Su Yu cast an indifferent look at Bing Wuxin, then shook his head. He didn't want to waste time explaining anything to Bing Wuxin.

"I believe Senior Brother Su." Upon seeing Su Yu shaking his head, Yuan Yingying believed him from the bottom of her heart, and her face shone with splendor once again.

"Greetings, Senior Sister Bing. I came by the order of my master to bring you to meet him," she then announced.

Bing Wuxin nodded, then shot a cold glance at Su Yu. "Call Gongsun Wuxie, then we can all go together."

Before long, Gongsun Wuxie, who had just crawled out of bed, was hauled out by Bing Wuxin. Shortly thereafter, they all hurried toward the inner sanctum.

Right then, Shangguan Qing-er arrived at Elder Jing's house as well. Elder Jing was over 50 years old, but she had taken good care of herself. Her skin was smooth and lustrous, and her only flaw was that her make-up was rather thick!

Two beautiful students followed behind her. They were very respectful toward her, and when she was reading, they kept silent and dared not make a sound.

The house was so quiet that the sound of a needle falling onto the ground was clearly audible. Shangguan Qing-er came inside and kept quiet as well, as she did not want to disturb Elder Jing as she was reading her book.

The people of the inner sanctum all knew that Elder Jing was the hardest to serve among the elders. This was mainly because she was overbearing and bad-tempered, and regardless of whether a person was her student or not, she would rebuke anyone she felt displeased with!

"You're here. Well... What did he say?" Elder Jing seemed to have sensed their return early on, and she immediately put down the book and asked them this question from afar.

With that attitude, she didn't seem to be entrusting Shangguan Qing-er with a task, but taking her for granted instead!

Shangguan Qing-er grumbled inwardly, but appeared calm on the surface as she said, "Su Yuxian asked to be pardoned for having to reject your offer, but he's worried that he isn't competent enough to be your student. He says he is very sorry."

Elder Jing was unhappy to hear such news. "Didn't you tell him about my power? I'm no ordinary elder from the inner sanctum!"

Shangguan Qing-er replied, “My elder brother is a good friend of Su Yuxian’s. He can verify that Su Yu certainly understands your position, as well as the pros and cons involved in becoming your apprentice.”

Elder Jing still did not let it go, but seemed to become even unhappier. “In that case, he is looking down on me, then? Humph! An unimportant student of the outside sanctum... Just because he’s made some contributions in Tianya City, now becomes so prideful? Ridiculous!”

Upon hearing Elder Jing’s rude remarks, Shangguan Qing-er dared not argue, but could only sigh silently.

“Go and order Su Yuxian to come see me! I want to ask him in person!” Elder Jing was clearly frustrated.

She wasn’t Su Yu’s superior, yet she was ordering Su Yu to come to her. This showed just how domineering she was!

Right at that moment, the two students behind her exchanged a glance, then one of them mustered up enough courage and said, “Please don’t be angry, master, but Master Ghost has invited you to exhibit a few sets of defensive formations to those who are going on that mission, so I’m afraid that there isn’t enough time.”

Upon hearing that, Elder Jing became very grumpy, and she turned and glowered at the both of them. “Do I need your reminder? You two wait for Su Yuxian right here! Do not let him leave before I return!”

Along the way, Yuan Yingying and Su Yu chatted together happily. Yuan Yingying talked about her experience working under Master Ghost. Apparently, her master appreciated her talent very much, so her life was peaceful and regular.

Whenever Su Yu shared with her about his adventures, she found them to be rather thrilling. Yuan Yingying looked shocked whenever she heard all of the ups and downs that Su Yu had gone through.

They were so immersed in their conversation, it was as if no one else was around them. This was only somewhat true, as Bing Wuxin and Gongsun Wuxie were lagging far behind them.

“Humph! Sister Wuxin, look at him! He’s always showing off around girls!” Gongsun Wuxie said angrily. She was clearly displeased with Su Yu.

Bing Wuxin didn’t like what she was seeing either, and she thought... Is Su Yuxian really someone who forgets the old once he gets something new?

“Just let him be,” Bing Wuxin said, without showing any emotions.

Before too long, they arrived at Master Ghost’s house. There was a colossal elixir cauldron standing right in front of it.

When they came near it, heat waves came rolling toward them, making their skin scalding hot. Gongsun Wuxie, Bing Wuxin, and Yuan Yingying immediately started using their Vital Energies to protect their bodies.

Su Yu was the only one who took no action. It was as if his skin wasn't scalded by the heat at all.

The elixir cauldron stood before a stone house that had been built from large rocks that were a fiery red color. The house was rather shabby, and it was hard to imagine that this was the dwelling place of the best elixir-refining master of the entire Red Blood Palace.

The temperature surrounding this place was even higher, and now, even the Vital Energies were scorched to the point where they were sizzling!

"Eh... Brother Su... How come you're not affected by the heat?" The way Yuan Yingying addressed him became affectionate again. She had noticed that Su Yu did not even open his defensive Vital Energy in the face of such heat.

This scene also attracted Bing Wuxin's and Gongsun Wuxie's attention, and they marveled at Su Yu in secret. They could feel the vicious heat of the flames, even through the barrier of their Vital Energies, yet Su Yu remained totally unscathed.

"I know a little bit about fire's profound meaning." Su Yu smiled.

Gongsun Wuxie was angry when she heard this. She thought that Su Yu must have acquired this advantage in the Desolate Evil Jungle. When she recalled being captivated while Su Yu was gaining benefits on the outside, she became even more emotional.

"Humph! Must be deep and profound, huh?" Gongsun Wuxie said, still feeling aggrieved.

Bing Wuxin wasn't that surprised to hear this. "The fire's profound meaning... If one attains the level of mind-heart synchronization, they can then regulate the fire element at will! This means... The rumors are real!"

She fixed her gaze on the fire element around Su Yu, which had automatically just floated an inch away from his body. The scene left her momentarily speechless.

They then stepped into the stone house. There were many people inside already, including three middle-stage Almighty of different ages, who were sitting and engaged in a conversation. Three other middle-stage Almighty youths stood at the side.

"Master, they're here," Yuan Yingying announced as the small group entered the house and greeted the red-faced elder at the center.

The red-faced elder nodded and smiled at Su Yu and the others, his focus then resting on Bing Wuxin. "Since you're here, then you can begin discussing who's best suited to execute the mission."

Su Yu could not help but look at the three Almighty Divine Masters at the side, the lowest of whom was a fifth-grade Almighty, and the highest being a sixth-grade Almighty! He figured that these students must be the elites in the faction.

It seemed like, even though the mission was high-risk, it was still a huge attraction for the students of the inner sanctum who had yet to collect their first 4,000,000 merit points.

“There’s only one mission, and based on the faction rules, only one person can accept it. But, the mission has an additional condition... The one attempting to execute it is allowed to bring two others for assistance!” the red-faced elder announced.

He then continued, “Once the mission is completed, the merit points will go to the one who first accepted the mission. Then, they will decide how much their assistants get.”

Su Yu and the five others were in deep thought as they listened. In other words, regardless of who personally accepted the mission and how it was accomplished, the one who would be receiving the merit points would be the one who accepted the mission. In that case, accepting the mission on one’s own was clearly the smartest choice, if possible.

“Haha, old Ghost. I think that you’d better talk about the specifics of the mission first. Then, you can let them decide if they still have the guts,” a long-bearded elder on the red-faced elder’s left-hand side said.

The red-faced elder, who was obviously Master Ghost, nodded. “Alright, but you have to keep the details of the mission a secret! In this mission, you have to kill the seventh-ranking on the top-ten wanted list of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands!”

As Master Ghost announced this, there was a huge amount of hatred and murderous intent in his voice. Upon hearing that, Su Yu’s and the others’ eyes shone brightly.

“A seventh-ranking wanted criminal? Could it be one of the Three Great Wandering Martial Artists of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands... Mo Yang?” Su Yu was familiar with Mo Yang’s name, as earlier on, at the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion, he had interacted with Mo Yang’s student, Heiyue Langjun.

Mo Yang’s cultivation had reached the Almighty level long ago, and he was now a third-grade Almighty. In a great faction like the Red Blood Palace, this seemed to be quite ordinary. But, in fact, he was a remarkable figure among the wandering martial artists, and as such, he was known as one of the Three Great Wandering Martial Artists.

Su Yu immediately felt that something was wrong. He wondered... How come a martial artist with such a relatively low cultivation hasn’t been killed, even after being hunted for ten years? Plus, during the last mission’s attempt, he even ended up taking the lives of two fourth-grade and fifth-grade Almighties!

Chapter 907: Six Demons Incredible Elixir

Just as expected, the few people who were intending to accept the mission scowled at the same time, also sensing that something was amiss.

“Mo Yang was a student of mine in the past. When we were refining a cauldron of Six Demons Incredible Elixirs in isolation, he suddenly attacked me and snatched the Six Demons Incredible Elixirs away,” Master Ghost said.

Bing Wuxin raised her brows. “Six Demons Incredible Elixir? The top-grade incredible elixir, which is known as the First Demonic Incredible Elixir of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands?”

Upon hearing that, the long-bearded elder said, “In the past, you and I brought the Six Demons Incredible Elixir from the Glittering Jewel Wonderland. Then, both of us spent more than fifty years deciphering it. This monster really took advantage of us!”

Su Yu marveled inwardly. He had heard about the Six Demons Incredible Elixir.

It was a very precious and rare demonic elixir. It required six types of almost extinct demonic materials to be made, all of which were extremely hard to find, and three of them had not emerged on the continent for hundreds of years.

For an ordinary person, collecting the six materials alone would take dozens of years. Back when this elixir first emerged from the Glittering Jewel Wonderland, it caused a great commotion. This is because it offered immensely useful effects for the demonic martial artists.

Rumors even said that this elixir had very mysterious benefits for breaking through to the All Creations level! So, of course it made all of the demonic martial artists in the Jiuzhou continent go completely bananas over it!

After the recipe came out, even the Holy Demon Faction far in the northernmost Supreme Heavenly Demon Faction came all the way here to get it. The Supreme Heavenly Demon Faction was the same phenomenal faction that had united all of the regions of Jiuzhou, and its faction master was presently one of the Nine Great Prefecture’s kings.

In comparison, the Red Blood Palace paled when placed beside the Supreme Heavenly Demon Faction. Luckily Jian Wusheng, who came from the Red Blood Palace, was there to back them up at that time.

Hence, the Supreme Heavenly Demon Faction had returned empty-handed. But, they had still not given up, even after so many years.

Many had thought that such an elixir recipe, which shook the entire Jiuzhou Continent, was impossible to refine due to the limited supply of materials needed. But, no one knew that ten years ago, Master Ghost had refined it in secret!

However, at the critical point of refinement, the traitor Mo Yang had taken advantage of him! Mo Yang was recruited by Master Ghost through the assessment in the outside sanctum. Master Ghost had taught him for dozens of years, imparting half of his valuable knowledge to him.

No one would have ever have thought that he would abandon his integrity in order to gain benefits by stealing the Six Demons Incredible Elixir. Moreover, he had even stolen the six nearly extinct materials that were needed to make it as well.

Since then, the Six Demons Incredible Elixir had been lost from the world. This was because it was almost impossible to collect the six materials, as they were now at the brink of extinction once again.

“The Heavens turned a blind eye in letting me keep such a despicable, sinful student!” Master Ghost said, sorrow apparent on his face.

He then said, "But, I don't hate him. After all, the Six Demons Incredible Elixir was too tempting, and I failed to educate him on how to withstand such temptation. What I hate most isn't that he badly injured me, but that he killed three of my other students!"

Su Yu felt a little fearful when he heard this. It really seemed like Mo Yang was a wicked, cunning man. He had been patiently biding his time for many years, all the while plotting, yet Master Ghost had never discovered the darkness that was deep inside him, and therefore, he took no precautions.

Moreover, Mo Yang did not hesitate to kill his fellow classmates, with whom he had been learning alongside for many years. He was totally merciless, and his selfishness and cruelty could not be adequately put into words. Su Yu had a clear picture of Mo Yang's personality now.

"I have only ever recruited three students in my life, and two of them died at the hands of Mo Yang. If he isn't killed, I'll never find peace!" Master Ghost said.

He then said, "For this reason, I am offering the 3,000,000 merit points that I've been saving for half of my life to anyone who can hunt Mo Yang down! Anyone who personally slays him gets all of them!"

It wasn't that Master Ghost hadn't thought of killing Mo Yang himself, but since he was the most important elixir refiner in the Red Blood Palace, he couldn't leave the faction for too long. Therefore, he could only resort to such means to hunt for Mo Yang.

"I don't expect you to get back the Six Demons Incredible Elixir, as it's been so many years that even if he didn't take it himself, he would've surely sold it already. It's great if you can find it, but it's alright if you can't. Regardless, you have to bring me his head!" Master Ghost said.

Even after hearing this, Su Yu still did not change his mind. He decided that he would accept the mission and take the chance to leave the faction. Also, if there was a chance, he would finish off Mo Yang!

"I can't determine what level of cultivation that traitor has reached within the past ten years. The only thing that I know is that his cultivation ten years ago was that of a third-grade Almighty!" Master Ghost said.

He then continued, "But, I have to remind you that throughout the past ten years, there have been less than twenty students who have accepted this mission, and all of them failed without exception. None of them ever came back! If you accept this mission, you should keep in mind that death is a very real risk."

He then asked, "Now, who still wants to accept this mission?"

None of them left, even after hearing the grave risks. They were all determined to accept the mission.

"Great! If that's the case, you are now free to talk about your confidence in killing Mo Yang. Whoever has the greatest confidence... That person will receive the mission," Master Ghost said.

The three students from the inner sanctum seemed to be very sure of themselves.

“Ma Su hasn’t got any talent, and I’m only adept at the concealment technique. But, if I get close to Mo Yang, I could at least slit his throat with one strike!” The sixth-grade Almighty student slapped his hand on his waist, then gradually turned transparent as he spoke.

He was still standing right on his same spot, but was now invisible to the naked eye. Even more amazingly, his energy vibes had vanished as well!

Master Ghost nodded, while a hint of a smile danced on his lips. Then, two other fifth-grade Almighty displayed their strengths, which were a tracking technique and an insect-controlling technique respectively.

The tracking technique could be used to track Mo Yang closely, while the insect-controlling technique could poison Mo Yang to death in myriad undetectable ways. It was clear that these two fifth-grade Almighties were very powerful individuals.

“Master Ghost, I invited both of the junior brothers here to assist me in executing the mission. If the mission is assigned to me, I believe that I could cut the head off of the traitor Mo Yang,” Ma Su said confidently.

Master Ghost was very satisfied to hear this, and the long-bearded elder and Elder Jing at the side also nodded their heads. The collaboration of the three was very suitable for hunting down the enemy, and the chances of their being successful would be high if the mission was assigned to them.

“Haha, hold on for a moment.” Master Ghost laughed and looked over to Su Yu and the two others.

Actually, to be more precise, he was looking at Bing Wuxin. At the moment, Bing Wuxin had a cold look on her face, and a sword was lying in her arms.

She cast a light glance at Ma Su and his juniors, but kept silent, while a strong spiritual pressure kept flashing over her chest. Soon after that, a pressure that was as strong as a tsunami filled the entire place.

Ma Su’s face hardened, and Master Ghost and the rest hurriedly operated their Vital Energies in order to protect themselves.

Su Yu was also shocked, and he kept his distance and operated his Vital Energy for protection. He then turned to gaze at Bing Wuxin’s shining chest, a strange light flickering in his eyes as he did so. Her chest seemed to contain something terrifying, and she was emitting a freezing energy that could be compared to a ninth-grade Almighty’s!

Su Yu took in a cold breath as he wondered... What is happening to Bing Wuxin?

The whiff of spiritual pressure disappeared in a fleeting moment, immediately returning to normal. Bing Wuxin kept quiet as she stared straight at Master Ghost. Master Ghost looked delighted, overjoyed even.

Ma Su looked fearful as he shot a measuring look at Bing Wuxin, almost as if something had just occurred to him.

“What about you, little girl?” Master Ghost asked as he looked at Gongsun Wuxie.

“I’m Sister Wuxin’s sidekick. I don’t have any skills.” Gongsun Wuxie flashed him a sweet smile.

Master Ghost’s lips twitched in recognition of the name. After all, how could he not know the famous Gongsun Wuxie from the outside sanctum? This little girl had an extraordinary identity and origin!

Finally, Master Ghost looked toward Su Yu, his facial expression returning to one of indifference. He felt strange because he didn’t know this student from the outside sanctum at all. Hence, he figured that he must be someone insignificant.

He looked at Su Yu and wondered... With only the cultivation of a fifth-grade fairy, how dare he accept such a challenging mission?

“And... You?” Master Ghost asked, clearly curious.

Su Yu thought for a moment, then a green light flickered on his arm as a human figure was summoned from the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl. Suddenly, a person appeared in the hall from out of nowhere.

No one had seen it coming. Thus, everyone understandably raised their guards immediately.

When the light shadow faded, the person’s face became clearly visible. It was none other than Hu Wangui, who had recovered from his injuries and now had the cultivation of a fifth-grade Almighty!

“Hu Wangui!” While the others were surprised, the long-bearded elder exclaimed as he stared at Hu Wangui in disbelief.

Elder Jing then asked, “Alliance Master Zhao, who is Hu Wangui?”

The long-bearded elder, Alliance Master Zhao, replied in awe. “Hu Wangui is the top General Manager, who was dispatched by the Heavenly Knife Region to Tianya City. He is in charge of the elixir industry and has rubbed elbows with the Elixir Alliance. But... Isn’t he from the Heavenly Knife Region? Why is he here in the Red Blood Palace?”

What? He’s from the Heavenly Knife Region? Some of the people immediately showed their hostility and murderous intent flashed in their eyes upon hearing this. Even Su Yu became a target!

Master Ghost stared at Su Yu and said, “No matter what methods you used to hide him and make him appear from thin air, he’s from the opposing side.”

He then said, “You brought him into the inner sanctum without permission from the faction. You don’t need me to tell you the consequences for that, do you?”

Su Yu did not answer directly, but he looked to Hu Wangui and said, “Kneel.”

“Yes, master.” Hu Wangui’s eyes were crystal clear, without a hint of confusion.

Then, bending his knees, he knelt before Master Ghost and the rest. The scene shocked everyone all over again.

“He... Is he being controlled by someone?” Master Ghost’s eyes flickered with a shrewd light, and he felt shocked at the moment.

Then, as Master Ghost stared at Su Yu, his old eyes squinting, he asked, "Can you tell me... How did you do that?"

"A senior helped me to tame him, and he handed him to me to control him and use him in order to defend myself. I can't tell you more than that." Su Yu was neither humble nor proud as he answered.

Upon hearing this, everyone present was in utter shock. Bing Wuxin's eyes were also filled with surprise, and she wondered... Senior? What kind of senior would tame a fifth-grade Almighty and hand him to a fifth-grade fairy to be controlled?

Elder Jing scowled lightly, then berated Su Yu, "How rude of you to keep things from the elders! Be honest and tell us everything!"

Su Yu lifted his gaze to look at her. It was clear that he didn't like her overbearing manner, or the way she was being so demanding.

So, he asked, "Does being a student of the Red Blood Palace mean that I can have no secrets at all?"

She was about to reply, when Master Ghost waved his hand to stop her. "He's right. I'm only announcing the mission, not interrogating people to expose any secrets."

He continued, "Well, the fifth-grade Almighty is your trump card, but there are two fifth-grade Almighties and one sixth-grade Almighty here. Do you have greater confidence in your ability to kill Mo Yang, compared to them?"

In terms of abilities, Su Yu was undoubtedly the weakest. After all, he was on his own, and his trump card was only a fifth-grade Almighty.

Su Yu then said frankly, "Well... He's not my trump card. Isn't my trump card the element of surprise that you saw just now?"

Then, while looking at the three students from the inner sanctum, Su Yu said, "If Mo Yang fights them, he'll surely strike with all his might. But me, a fifth-grade fairy... Did anyone here even give a care about me just now?"

His question made Master Ghost fall silent. In fact, no one had even considered Su Yu just now, but it was because of that very reason that they were stupefied when he had summoned a fifth-grade Almighty.

"Judging from Master Ghost's description just now, Mo Yang is very cunning. Thus, we'll be at a disadvantage if we fight him openly. So... Why don't we attack him by surprise? We may stand a greater chance at winning," Su Yu said calmly.

This was his greatest strength. No matter how vigilant Mo Yang was, he wouldn't be on his guard about an insignificant fifth-grade fairy. In this way, Su Yu was banking on the truth of the universal law to work in his favor... Ignorance was usually the most lethal weakness!

Master Ghost brooded for a moment, then slowly nodded. But then, his eyes turned stern immediately as he said, "But... I've been waiting for ten years, and I have lost my patience."

He then added, "Moreover, this time Alliance Master Zhao has received precise information about that traitor. If he isn't killed this time, he'll go into hiding again, disappearing for several more

years, or he might even leave the Blessed and Heavenly Lands altogether! This is a golden opportunity, and I can't bet it on what ifs. I want absolutes! Thus, I am sorry, but you are not suitable!"

Chapter 908: Seized the Mission

Master Ghost's glance swept across everyone, then remained fixed on Bing Wuxin. "Bing Wuxin, the mission will be assigned to you."

Ma Su and the others looked regretful upon hearing this, but they thought it was a fair decision. After all, Bing Wuxin was indeed more qualified than them.

"Oh yeah!" Gongsun Wuxie jumped around merrily, while she shot a sideways glance at Su Yu and gloated, "Humph! It's at Sister Wuxin's fingertips! Your effort was wasted!"

Su Yu did not show any facial expression at that moment. Although he was disappointed for sure, he would not let it defeat him.

After all, he knew that he would find another mission that would enable him to leave the faction. In fact, he might only have to wait a few more days for such a chance.

Right when the matter was decided, a guard came inside hurriedly, his lips moving. He was sending a message to Master Ghost telepathically.

Master Ghost was startled, and he stood up in a hurry and said, "Invite her in!"

Alliance Master Zhao and Elder Jing were puzzled, and Elder Jing asked in surprise, "Old Ghost, what's happening?"

Master Ghost stared at Bing Wuxin and let out a light sigh. Bing Wuxin frowned. She had a foreboding feeling.

Swish!

Right at that moment, a shooting star came dashing down from the sky and right into the stone house! The air vibrated where it passed and spiritual energy made the entire stone house tremble. It felt as if it was going to crumble soon.

The power was truly remarkable! The shooting star then dashed into the house and transformed into the blurry shadow of a female human figure.

When Elder Jing saw it, her face fell. "Bing Wuqing, why are you here?"

Bing Wuqing was the private student of Mo Tianxuan, the chief student of the Red Blood Palace! Rumors had it that if she battled with Lü Chuyi, the First Female Heaven Ruler, she might be able to achieve total victory. In fact, her actual ability had probably reached the ninth-grade Almighty level by now, which meant that she was capable of fighting even Gu Taixu!

In the faction, apart from an All Creation Old Monster, no one was certain to be able to suppress Bing Wuqing. Hence, many elders from the inner sanctum, including even the Left and the Right Palace Masters, had to show their respect to Bing Wuqing when they met her.

Su Yu's eyes shone as he thought... She's really strong!

The figure before them wasn't her original form, but was a doppelganger of her consciousness. To be more specific, it was a doppelganger that had been condensed out of consciousness.

Under normal circumstances, such doppelgangers couldn't reach even one-tenth of the energy of their original forms. But, Su Yu felt that this doppelganger was no weaker than any of them, and was one that not even the strongest among them, the sixth-grade Almighty Ma Su, could match.

In fact, her consciousness alone was so remarkable already, he could only imagine how strong her original form must be! At this moment, Su Yu felt as if he was facing a strength as strong as Gu Taixu, as even her doppelganger was strong beyond description!

"Did Junior Niece Bing come to my house to offer advice?" Master Ghost was gracious toward Bing Wuqing. It seemed like they were of the same seniority level, he did not seem to regard her as a student at all.

Bing Wuqing's figure was cold and detached, and even the voice that she gave out was freezing cold as she said, "Do not assign the mission to her! If you do, you should brace yourself for the consequences!"

As she spoke, her finger was pointed at Bing Wuxin! Their names were so alike, with only the difference of one word separating them.

Bing Wuxin's face was usually indifferent, but right now, when she saw the figure, she was boiling with rage. "Bing Wuqing! What right do you have to decide for me?"

"Because... I'm stronger than you! Don't forget our promise! The weaker one will be controlled by the stronger one! Your life, your everything... They all belong to me! That is, unless you surpass me one day!" Bing Wuqing said coldly.

Her words were lacking all emotion, and it seemed that she really was someone who had no feelings whatsoever.

"You're trying to stop me from collecting 4,000,000 merit points and entering the Glittering Jewel Wonderland?" Bing Wuxin gritted her teeth as she asked.

Bing Wuqing said, "Yeah! So what? If you dare to break the promise, I'll take your life right now!"

Once she finished talking, Bing Wuqing turned into a mass of shadows and rushed out of the stone house. The house then fell into a long silence, and the only thing that was left in Bing Wuxin's eyes was a furious look.

At that moment, Master Ghost laughed bitterly. "Bing Wuxin, you heard it. There's nothing I can do about it. The mission can only be assigned to Ma Su."

Bing Wuxin bit her lip and did not argue, but a deep disappointment flickered in the depths of her eyes. Su Yu was beside her, and he could clearly feel her delicate body trembling from rage, and also from grief.

"Ma Su, the mission will be assigned to you. I hope that you won't let me down," Master Ghost said.

Ma Su was overjoyed, and he bowed and said, "Thanks a lot, Master Ghost!"

"Hold on!" At that moment, Su Yu asked, "Master, why not select me?"

Everyone was startled by this, and they thought... This fellow still hasn't lost hope, even now?

But, alas, Master Ghost had said it already, such a mission took real martial strength, not just good luck. Although Ma Su and his mates didn't have capabilities like Bing Wuxin's, they were far greater than Su Yu's. Hence, there really didn't seem to be much else to consider.

"You?" Master Ghost shook his head, then said, "No... I do not need to reconsider..."

Right when he was about to make up his mind completely, Alliance Master Zhao said thoughtfully, "Old Ghost, hold on for a moment. Let me ask this student a question..."

The people present felt strange when they heard this, and they wondered.... Could Alliance Master Zhao actually be interested in Su Yu?

He had been Master Ghost's brother from the same faction many years ago, so they had a strong bond and similar proficiencies in their elixir refinement. But, only one of them had entered the Red Blood Palace, while the other had joined the Elixir Alliance of Tianya City.

"Can you tell me your name?" Alliance Master Zhao asked as he stared at Su Yu, while smiling amiably.

Su Yu replied, "I am Su Yuxian. Does Senior have any advice for me?"

Upon hearing that, apart from Bing Wuxin and Gongsun Wuxie, the rest of those present were all shocked.

Ma Su then asked with surprise, "Su Yuxian, the top student of the outside sanctum? I heard that you were working in Tianya City and had sold a great deal of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid! That was you?"

Master Ghost was shocked too, and a bright light of surprise flickered in his old eyes. After all, everyone in the inner sanctum had heard of Su Yuxian!

The Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid didn't matter to them. What they cared about was Su Yu's expertise in Mu words, which greatly outshone even the Heavenly Knife Region's.

This person had a significant position in the faction, and once he was called upon by Mo Tianxuan, he would be assigned important responsibilities and be protected. In terms of positions, he was not much lower than the elders of the inner sanctum.

Initially, he thought that Su Yu was a small, unimportant figure. He never would have guessed that Su Yu was actually such a well-renowned fellow!

Elder Jing raised her eyes, while her face fell. "So... You're actually Su Yuxian!"

She had intended to recruit Su Yuxian as her student, but had failed. She was about to send someone to bring Su Yu to her, but now, she had come across him right here!

Everyone had a different expression on their face at that moment. As for Su Yu, he was calm and composed as he looked at Alliance Master Zhao. He had heard him being referred to as "Alliance Master Zhao" just now, so he knew his identity.

“Hahaha, it really is you!” Alliance Master Zhao laughed, then stood up and came in front of Su Yu. He held Su Yu’s hands and was very friendly to him.

He then said, “I am Zhao Ting from the Elixir Alliance. A month ago, you saved my granddaughters from the Three Murders Gang. I’ve wanted to pay you a visit and thank you ever since then, but when I came out of isolation, you had already returned to the faction. So, I came to the Red Blood Palace in order to thank you now.”

Master Ghost was surprised to hear this, and he asked, “Old Zhao, he’s the one who saved those mischievous granddaughters of yours?”

“Haha, it was him indeed, the shopkeeper of the Tonglin Elixir Store, who was serving two months ago!” He laughed and patted Su Yu’s shoulder.

He then said, “Back then, you were only a nameless little shopkeeper! I never thought that you’d become a top-notch master of Mu words after I came out of isolation!”

Su Yu smiled. “I’m flattered, Alliance Master Zhao. As for saving your granddaughters, you don’t have to thank me.”

“Well... There’s no reason for me not to repay your kindness!” Alliance Master Zhao said as he retrieved a jade vessel from his sleeve. There was a tri-colored spiritual elixir within it.

Upon seeing the elixir, Master Ghost’s eyes shone. “This is the Moonless Tridirectional Elixir that you recently deciphered from the ancient elixir recipe, right? I remember that it took you a great deal of effort and energy to do so.”

The Moonless Tridirectional Elixir was an elixir recipe that was brought out alongside the Six Demons Incredible Elixir in the past, and they were ancient elixir recipes. The elixir recipes were extremely abstruse, as they were filled with words that had long been lost. Hence, they were only able to be deciphered after many years.

Due to the rarity and shortage of materials, he had only managed to refine three of the elixirs. So, he wasn’t even willing to use them himself, yet he now wanted to give one to Su Yu!

“Haha! How could the lives of my three little granddaughters be compared to an elixir?” Alliance Master Zhao laughed as he stuffed the elixirs into Su Yu’s hand.

He then said, “I should’ve come out of isolation to thank you in person right when it happened, but as it happened at such a critical point in my refining of this elixir, I could not. As I have nothing else to compensate you with, please just take this newly refined Moonless Tridirectional Elixir.”

He then added, “It has two effects for middle-stage fairies like you. The first effect is that it enhances your cultivation. So, you could at least reach the fifth-grade fairy level if you ingest it. The second is that it can resist poisons, so once you swallow it, it’ll form a protective membrane in your body, preventing poisons from harming you.”

Su Yu attempted to reject this gift a few more times, but Alliance Master Zhao insisted that he accept it. “If you don’t take it, I’ll summon those three granddaughters of mine and ask them to kneel before the Red Blood Palace to express their gratitude until you do!”

After hearing this, Su Yu could only accept it. At that moment, Gongsun Wuxie stared at the elixir and licked her lips, looking like a gluttonous little cat.

After returning to his seat, Alliance Master Zhao pondered all of this for a moment. He then looked embarrassed as he said, “Old Ghost, the mission can be assigned to anyone, so just let Su Yuxian have it.”

With him pleading on Su Yu’s behalf personally, Master Ghost felt rather awkward. “But, this time, we finally got accurate information about Mo Yang. If we don’t make good use of the chance...”

“Old Ghost, I was the one who got the information, so shouldn’t you show me some respect on this?” Alliance Master Zhao was clearly displeased, and he seemed to be strongly supporting Su Yu in this moment.

Master Ghost was speechless, and he shot Su Yu a stare. He then sighed and asked, “But, Old Zhao, aren’t you worried that he’ll die with his low cultivation level?”

Immediately, Su Yu cupped his hands and said, “Rest assured, Master Ghost, I promise to complete the mission!”

“What right do you have to give such a promise?” Master Ghost asked with a frown.

Su Yu smiled. “I am confident in doing so because Bing Wuxin is going to assist me! Now, is there anything else that Master Ghost is still worried about?”

Hearing that, everyone was startled, and they looked at Su Yu in disbelief. It was as if they were looking at a monster that was fearless of death! Bing Wuxin had just given her warning, yet Su Yu had dared to defy her!

Bing Wuxin shuddered and stared at Su Yu in disbelief. She had never thought that Su Yu would decide to let her assist him in this mission! After all, two days ago, Su Yu was totally ignoring her!

After collecting her thoughts, Bing Wuxin grasped Su Yu’s intention and her face turned cold. “I don’t need your sympathy! Without this mission, I can still collect 4,000,000 merit points! Humph!”

“Who says I’ll give you the merit points? All 3,000,000 merit points will be mine alone! As for you, if you don’t want to succumb to Bing Wuqing, then help me complete the mission!” Su Yu said, much to everyone’s surprise.

Chapter 909: Unimportant

Bing Wuxin decided to take the chance and try to accomplish the mission, choosing not to comply with Bing Wuqing’s strict command that she not execute any missions. This was not surprising, as with her personality, she would always opt for rebellion.

As for Su Yu, he would be lucky to get a fighter like Bing Wuxin. To be frank, it was a sort of mutual exploitation between the two of them.

Bing Wuxin squinted, and not only did her face turn cold, but her eyes were full of coldness as well as she said, “You really are a jerk! Great! We will just use each other! I’ll help you kill Mo Yang!” She was really disappointed in Su Yu, and she no longer hoped for anything.

Master Ghost's eyes shone with a shrewd light as he said, "Su Yuxian, you don't seem to understand who Bing Wuqing is. I suggest you reconsider what she has just said."

Su Yu shrugged, then said in a nonchalant manner, "She's made it clear just now. Master Ghost is not allowed to assign the mission to Bing Wuxin, but she didn't say that Bing Wuxin is not allowed to assist me in the mission. So... Is there any conflict here?"

Master Ghost kept silent. It was true indeed, and the saying was being proven true... The devil really is in the details! However, Bing Wuqing's instructions were obvious, and she clearly didn't want anyone to help Bing Wuxin achieve her goal of obtaining 4,000,000 merit points.

If anyone did, they would be directly defying Bing Wuqing. Doing so would place Su Yu in a terrible position!

"Master Ghost, you need worry, as I have my ways to deal with any consequences," Su Yu said.

Although he didn't understand Bing Wuqing, he was going to stay far away from the faction after this. So, he didn't think that Bing Wuqing could really do anything to him, no matter how strong she was.

Master Ghost pondered this for a long while before he unwillingly gave his permission. "Well... I just hope that you're mentally prepared. So... The mission will be assigned to you then."

Su Yu smiled as he thanked him, saying, "Thanks for your compromise!"

"Elder Jing, have you brought along the Five Elemental Defensive Formation?" Master Ghost then looked over to Elder Jing and asked.

He then said, "We've sacrificed too many students already. All of you simply can't be put at risk anymore. Hence, I've discussed it with Elder Jing, who is going to lend you a set of formation flags temporarily. After all, having the defense of a fifth-grade Almighty could be fairly useful to you."

What startled Master Ghost at that moment was that Elder Jing suddenly sneered as she stared at Su Yu and said, "Well... If it was anyone else, I wouldn't mind lending them. But, for Su Yuxian, haha, he seems to always feel good about himself! So, I have to wonder... Why does he need someone unimportant like me to supply the flags?"

Everyone was stunned by her sudden outburst. Her tone sounded like there was some kind of conflict going on between her and Su Yu.

Su Yu then look at Elder Jing and said, "The presence or absence of your formation flags doesn't matter to me one bit."

In other words, Su Yu was basically saying that Elder Jing herself was someone who didn't matter to Su Yu. The issue ran far deeper than the flags.

Pow!

Elder Jing slammed her fists down on the table and stood up, feeling unusually bad-tempered. "You're looking for death!" she shouted.

After saying that, she did not hesitate to launch an attack, catapulting forward like a mass of shadows, heading straight for Su Yu! Master Ghost and Alliance Master Zhao wanted to stop her, but failed to do so in time, while Ma Su and the rest were too far away to even attempt to intervene.

Su Yu's eyes were calm, as there was a tower the size of a palm hiding in his sleeve. So, clenching his fingers, Su Yu condensed the five elements of the universe and instilled them into the small tower. All of a sudden, colorful wave patterns beamed out from the small tower and surrounded Su Yu.

Bang!

Right at that moment, Elder Jing struck out with one hand, launching an attack that contained the strength of a fourth-grade Almighty. But, it didn't cause the wave patterns to waver the slightest bit. However, the recoil force jolted Elder Jing, causing her to fly backwards!

"How dare you retaliate?" Elder Jing was indignant.

To be more precise, she was ashamed and angered that she had been embarrassed in front of everyone. But, at that moment, a cold sigh sounded in her ears.

Then, a voice said, "Just stop it. Although you're an elder, you won't necessarily be able to survive at my hands."

Meanwhile, Elder Jing felt chills on her neck. It turned out that intangible silk threads were winding themselves around her neck at that moment!

The silk threads emitted horrifying energies. Elder Jing shuddered, and so did Ma Su, Bing Wuxin, Master Ghost and Alliance Master Zhao, who were all standing in the surroundings. Their hearts were all pounding and their muscles twitched.

It felt as if something extremely dangerous had appeared. They just couldn't see it with their naked eyes.

Elder Jing drew in a cold breath and stood unmoving on the same spot, the fury in her eyes immediately dissipating and instantly replaced by terror. She then looked at Su Yu's right hand, seeing that his index finger and thumb were pinching something intangible. She could feel that with a single move of Su Yu's fingers, her head would fall from her neck and onto the ground!

"He has more powerful tactics in store?" someone wondered aloud, and as the rest of the onlookers were gazing at the marvelous five-colored wave patterns and the mysterious silk threads, their hearts were racing.

Even Bing Wuxin squinted her bright eyes. She doubted that Su Yu could kill Mo Yang. However, his surprising and unpredictable trump card was enough to kill many strong men, even those with dirty tactics!

The scene fell silent for a while. During this time, Su Yu withdrew the silk threads with a flick of his fingers, automatically diffusing the five-colored wave patterns on the surface.

He then cast a nonchalant glance at Elder Jing and said, "I respect you as an elder, but this is the last time..."

Even though his words were threatening, no one present found Su Yu to be too wild or arrogant. But, Su Yu knew that the main reason that he could easily overpower Elder Jing was because she was too contemptuous when it came to him.

Elder Jing gritted her teeth, her whole face red with shame as she said, “Master Ghost, this place really doesn’t need me anymore. I must bid you farewell!”

Although Master Ghost tried to convince her to stay, Elder Jing pretended not to hear him, leaving straightaway.

“It’s good that she left. Elder Jing’s temper really does need to be addressed! Due to its unruly nature, the faction students hold many grudges against her,” Master Ghost said. He then sighed as he looked at Su Yu.

Everyone present was astounded at that moment. After all, they had just witnessed a shield that even a fifth-grade Almighty found difficult to break to be easily broken by servant of a fifth-grade Almighty level!

Moreover, he had used a silk thread to do it! This guy really had hidden his talents deeply before now! Everyone truly believed that if any early-stage Almighty fell into his hands, he would suffer very agonizing consequences!

“Su Yuxian, the mission is now assigned to you. What assistance you need and how many merit points that you give those you choose to assist you is entirely up to you. We’ll start the journey in two days. This letter contains the last location where Mo Yang was spotted. You can open it and check it out once you’re on your way.” Master Ghost then threw a sealed letter at Su Yu.

“Okay!” Su Yu said enthusiastically.

After Su Yu and the others left, Alliance Master Zhao said worriedly, “Old Ghost, Elder Jing just left as if it was nothing! Doesn’t that matter to you? Judging from her actions, she doesn’t seem to be a very open-minded person.” He was worried that Elder Jing might harm Su Yu.

Master Ghost replied, “Don’t worry. She knows the rules. As Su Yu is currently executing my mission, she’ll not lay a hand on him.”

“Then, I can put my mind at ease,” Alliance Master Zhao said.

At the moment, Elder Jing’s house was in a chaotic state of disarray. Two of her students, the female servants, stood under the awning and dared not move. As they listened to the constant sound of objects being hurled and shattering against the walls and floor, they felt bitter.

This was because ever since Elder Jing had returned, she had been throwing things in the house as if she had gone mad. She was extremely furious, and it seemed as if she had been terribly provoked by something while she was away. This went on for a long while before Elder Jing finally quieted down and left the house not long after that, heading straight for somewhere in the inner sanctum.

“Shao Chunguang!” Elder Jing called out as she arrived before a secret chamber.

When the secret chamber's door was opened, Shao Chunguang appeared. After cautiously scanning the surroundings, he let Elder Jing inside.

"How are you? Have you considered my offer? As long as you can lend me the Formation Breaking Hammer, I can agree to any conditions," Shao Chunguang said.

He had secretly looked for Elder Jing before, hoping that she would lend him her original life magical treasure, the Formation Breaking Hammer. But, she had rejected him. Now that she had come to see him now, he naturally assumed that she had reconsidered.

Elder Jing's face was as cold as ice as she said, "I can lend it to you, but you have to do me a favor!"

"What favor?" Shao Chunguang quickly asked.

You must teach Su Yuxian from the outside sanctum a lesson! This person is extremely wild and arrogant, and my anger and hatred can't be appeased without seeing him receive some kind of punishment!" Elder Jing said spitefully.

An evil look emerged on Shao Chunguang's face as he asked in a low voice, "Su Yuxian? Are you sure it's him?"

"Why do you ask? Do you know him?" Elder Jing's eyes shone.

Shao Chunguang sneered, then replied, "This person always picks on my Shao family, so we definitely have quite some enmity between us already! If it wasn't for the Right Palace Master's restriction, I would have gone to the outside sanctum and crippled him already!"

"I didn't know that you had such hatred in your heart for him!" Elder Jing smiled knowingly.

She then added, "That's great! If you could help me teach Su Yu a lesson, I don't mind lending you the Formation Breaking Hammer! But, I can't lend you my original life magical treasure, since I only have one, and if you lost it or ruined it, I'd be in big trouble!"

She took a breath, then concluded, "So, I can only lend you a treasure talisman that contains the power of the Formation Breaking Hammer. Although it can only be used once, it will be sufficient for your needs."

Shao Chunguang's eyes shone. "Thanks a lot, and don't worry about Su Yuxian. Even if he doesn't come for me, I'll go after him. But, right now, I'm being watched by the Right Palace Master, so I can't act recklessly. But, I'll strike when I have the chance."

Elder Jing nodded, then her eyes flickered as she asked, "Can you tell me... Why do you need the Formation Breaking Hammer? This item is specifically used for breaking seals, so have you discovered some ancient relics?"

"You don't have to worry about this, as all you have to do is hand the treasure talisman to me," Shao Chunguang said.

Elder Jing did not push for more information, but simply handed a golden yellow talisman to him and left in a hurry. The corners of Shao Chunguang's mouth twitched into a sneer.

He then said, "Humph! I finally have it! Brighter days are finally coming for my Shao family! I don't have any reason to stay at the Red Blood Palace any longer!"

Meanwhile, Su Yu returned to the Demon Mountain with Bing Wuxin following behind him, staring at his back the whole way. Suddenly, she asked, "I'm going to ask you again... Are you just taking pity on me?"

In her estimation, Su Yu had a certain degree of confidence in dealing with Mo Yang by himself. He had insisted on choosing her as his assistant only because he couldn't bear to see her being restrained by Bing Wuqing.

So, basically, he was taking pity on her by lending her a helping hand. She definitely did not want to accept this!

Su Yu turned and shot her a look, his eyes indifferent as he said, "You're overthinking this! Why do you assume that I am pitying you? After all, when I kill Mo Yang, his head will belong to me. You'll get nothing!"

After getting this same answer once again, Bing Wuxin slowly closed her eyes. When she opened them again, she brushed past Su Yu without saying a word.

She would still follow Su Yu as an act of rebellion against Bing Wuqing. That was really the only reason that she had accepted the mission.

Gongsun Wuxie glared at Su Yu and trotted to catch up with Bing Wuxin. She then said, "Sister Wuxin, don't worry about him. I know ways to make Mo Yang die horribly, and he will not get a single merit point in the process!"

Bing Wuxin did not say anything, only returned to the house in silence, then closed her eyes and began meditating. Su Yu returned to the house as well, silently sighing along the way. It was actually true, and even though he had not admitted it, he had indeed helped Bing Wuxin out of pity.

His show of indifference just now was because he didn't want any more ties between them before he left the faction. After a moment of silence, Su Yu took out the Moonless Tridirectional Elixir, and suddenly, a fiery heat appeared in his eyes.

It was a type of ancient elixir that was far less astounding than the Six Demon Incredible Elixir, but was still a precious spiritual elixir of superior quality. As his departure was around the corner, the longer of a rest that he got, the higher the possibility was that he could save himself.

So, Su Yu swallowed the elixir promptly. As the elixir entered his body, a harsh spiciness filled his throat, almost making him vomit. But, very quickly, warm energies seeped into Su Yu's Dantian, making the spiritual energy in his Dantian rise almost to the point of complete fullness.

Chapter 910: A Firefly's Glow in This Mortal World

During its time in the Desolate Evil Jungle, Su Yu's Dantian had reached very near its fullest state. Even now, it was continuing to be filled.

This entire process lasted for a whole day. On the following morning, when the medicinal effect had started to wear off, the Vital Energy in Su Yu's Inner Dantian had even overflowed!

An intense pain suddenly erupted in his abdomen, almost feeling as if the Dantian was being torn from the inside out. Soon after that, a roar was heard, and the Dantian was torn apart entirely.

At the same time, it was continuously expanding to a size that was twice as big as it was before! Endless amounts of Vital Energy were being condensed into Vital Energy Liquid, then descending into the wide Vital Energy lake. The Vital Energy lake was so enormous that even the ninth-grade fairies couldn't match it.

When the fairies broke through into the Almighty level, their Dantians would transform into the fetal crystals that supplied the Vital Energy. The larger their Dantians became, the more adequate their Vital Energies were. Hence, the stronger the developed fetal crystals also became.

On the same Almighty level, those with stronger fetal crystals could exhibit more powerful Vital Energies. For the same technique, they could display greater and stronger powers.

For that reason, many ninth-grade fairies remained at this level and incessantly refined their Vital Energies as a preparation to acquire stronger fetal crystals. As a sixth-grade fairy, Su Yu had a Dantian that the ordinary ninth-grade fairies could not rival. So, if he really became a ninth-grade fairy, it was unimaginable how wide his Dantian might become!

After all, as it progressed, his Dantian would enlarge multiple times. Then, barring any accidents, by the time Su Yu's cultivation reached the ninth-grade fairy level, his Dantian would attain the strength of six ninth-grade fairies combined!

Then, if he was able to break through the Almighty level with such a basis, the fetal crystal would be so strong that it would reach a nature-defying extent! With this breakthrough in his cultivation, Su Yu's soul energy would also rise, thus reaching the seventh-grade fairy level!

His bodily strength would also experience a dramatic increase during the breakthrough. Currently, combined with the First Dragon's Body, Su Yu possessed the strength that could rival a first-grade Almighty.

Besides this, Su Yu had also discovered a tri-colored thin membrane in his body that faintly existed between his skin, flesh, and blood. It resembled a protective cover, and it shielded the hair follicles from foreign items that threatened it from the outside.

I guess that this is the poison-resistant effect of the Moonless Tridirectional Elixir... Su Yu thought.

With the Milky Way Star Sand in his hand, Su Yu wasn't necessarily scared of poisonous things. His only worry was that the poison was too strong for him to be able to apply the Milky Way Star Sand in time.

The way it worked was that the layer of poison-resistant protective covering compensated for the weakness of the Milky Way Star Sand. After training, with a single move of his heart, Su Yu's spirit entered the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl. It had been two months since that time, and the small kylin's progress in refining the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo was unknown.

At this moment, in the spiritual pearl, under a huge tree, the small kylin was sitting with crossed legs, like a human. Its mouth was continuously spitting out extremely terrifying flames.

Above its head, densely packed violet-hued fiery balls that were the size of water droplets were suspended in mid-air. A molten silver liquid drop was embedded inside each of the fiery balls.

At the moment, the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo that was in front of small kylin had been refined to the point where there was only a piece of its stem left. This meant that its main trunk had been refined completely.

After spitting out a fiery ball and encasing the last drop of silver liquid, the small kylin grasped the stem of the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo and thrust it into the Supreme Growing Soil. In this way, a complete plant of the Heavenly Orchid Silver Bamboo would grow from the stem in a few years!

Swish!

The small kylin then sprinted over and jumped onto Su Yu's shoulder, both of its hands gesturing wildly. It had an aggrieved look on its face.

"Sorry for your hard work throughout this period. I'll release you to move about very soon." Su Yu assured the small kylin.

He knew about the small kylin's plan. It wanted to request an opportunity to go outside for a stroll.

So, Su Yu assured it that as soon as they left the faction, it could go outside as it wished. Upon hearing this, the small kylin blinked its sapphire eyes and jumped around excitedly.

"Since the refinement was a success, how long will it be until we can condense the sword body?" Su Yu asked.

The small kylin counted with its hooves, then said, "Ten days for the fetal sword, and twenty days for the sword body. In two months, we can probably craft three swords. But, after succeeding in crafting three, I'll be temporarily unable to craft the next ones." Without realizing it, the small kylin's speech had become more fluent than before.

"Oh? What happens after three? Why can't you craft any more than that?" Su Yu's eyes shone with surprise as he asked.

The small kylin looked toward the sky and pointed to its head with its hoof. "Lately, a voice in my brain has been telling me that I'll be falling into a deep sleep in two month. The voice wants to teach me more things. I wanted to refuse, but the voice ignored me!"

A bright light shone in Su Yu's eyes as he wondered. A voice? Whose voice could it be? Since the small kylin was proficient in refining elixirs and crafting equipment, Su Yu wondered if it could have relations with the voice in its brain.

"Well... In two months, you won't need to worry about crafting equipment. So, just concentrate on learning from the voice in your brain for now," Su Yu said.

After all, as this matter clearly concerned the small kylin's future, Su Yu wouldn't let it sacrifice its future just to craft a few more swords! Moreover, three swords would suffice, as they were an adequate amount to form a small-scale sword formation! Su Yu was exceptionally excited as he thought of this!

Subsequently, Su Yu went to visit Shengge. She was still comprehending the two Ghost Prison Tokens. She had been enlightened about the succession of one of the tokens, which was an early-stage Almighty token, but the other one remained a mystery to her.

After all, it was a Ghost Prison Token that had been left behind by a ghostly creature of the All Creations level. As such, its succession was extremely complicated, and she couldn't comprehend it by solely relying upon herself.

As Su Yu did not want to disturb her, he left the spiritual pearl secretly. After returning to his body, he began meditating and regulating his breaths, while reinforcing the six-grade fairy level that he had just attained.

Time passed by in a flash, and before he knew it, it was already the next morning. At that moment, two puffs of energies appeared in the yard.

Upon sensing these energies, Su Yu opened his eyes and stepped into the yard. Bing Wuxin and Gongsun Wuxie stood side by side in the yard, quietly waiting for Su Yu to wake up. They had cold looks on their faces, and it seemed as if there was a deep barrier between them and Su Yu.

“You followed me here, too?” Su Yu asked as he looked at Gongsun Wuxie.

Raising her neck, Gongsun Wuxie snorted, then replied tenderly, “I followed Sister Wuxin here, not you.”

Su Yu nodded and did not say anything more. He then turned to leave the Demon Mountain.

Once he was standing at the foot of the Demon Mountain, Su Yu suddenly turned his head and looked at this place where he had stayed for half a year. As he did so, a tinge of sorrow floated through his heart.

As Bing Wuxin sensed his sorrow, a thoughtful look appeared on her face. Right at that moment, a whiff of fragrant wind blew by them.

Under a tree, there was a willowy, elegant figure in the morning fog, its posture graceful. Amid the fog, the figure seemed like a woman, who had apparently floated in with the morning mist.

“You’re leaving. Don’t you want to come and say farewell to sister?” The alluring cabinet master teased as she slowly walked toward Su Yu.

It was only when he got closer to her that Su Yu noticed that there were a few fine dewdrops dangling from her long eyelashes. He then saw that her azure shawl was also soaked with dew. It seemed that she had been waiting for a long time.

“Cabinet Master...” Su Yu was startled, and he said apologetically, “I left in a hurry and couldn’t say farewell beforehand. Please forgive me...”

She pressed her finger to his lips and said, “Don’t worry. But, I do want to ask you for a favor...”

As she spoke, the alluring cabinet master retrieved a space ring from her sleeve and handed it to Su Yu. “While you’re out there executing missions, if it’s convenient, please help me to deliver an item.”

Su Yu did not hesitate for long before agreeing. “Alright! What do you want delivered, and where do you want it delivered?”

“A messenger jade pendant has been left in the space ring. You can check it out after leaving the faction. There are instructions on it,” she explained.

As Su Yu glanced at the space ring, his brows slightly raised. “1,400,000 crystals? That’s a lot! Who do you want to give them to?”

The alluring cabinet master snorted lightly. “Are you getting greedy upon seeing such riches? Let me tell you... If there’s even one missing... Humph!”

Su Yu rolled his eyes. After all, he still had 70,000,000 crystals in his space ring currently. So, a mere 4,000,000 crystals didn’t tempt him!

“Do you think that everyone is like you, loving money like it’s your life?” Su Yu waved his hand in annoyance, then turned to leave.

Bing Wuxin and Gongsun Wuxie cast strange looks at the alluring cabinet master upon seeing this scene. After stepping out from the faction, Su Yu turned to take a look.

Amid the fog, the gorgeous figure was still standing quietly. Su Yu knew that this might be the last time they ever saw each other. Sighing, Su Yu strode out of the faction and headed into the bleak wilderness.

Half a day later, the three of them arrived in front of a barren land.

“After crossing this barren land, we’ll be completely out of the Red Blood Palace’s territory. So, it’s time to look at the clues that Master Ghost gave us.” Su Yu immediately took out a letter.

As the three of them landed, Bing Wuxin clearly wasn’t anxious or in a hurry to discover the contents of the letter, as she said, “Before looking at the letter, why don’t we check to see who that mesmerizing lover of yours is delivering crystals to?”

Su Yu thought about it for a moment, then finally agreed to this plan. If it was convenient, they could deliver the crystals first, then focus on finding and killing Mo Yang!

Taking out the space ring and ignoring the large amount of crystals within it, Su Yu took out the messenger jade pendant and pressed it against his ear. Immediately, a soft and gentle voice floated into his ears.

The voice said, “Brother Yuxian, take good care of yourself, as a martial artist’s life is like a firefly’s glow in this mortal world. It vanishes in an instant. Hopefully, in this lifetime, you can come back and visit me at least once. After all, in this life, I don’t have a lot of friends, but you’re one of them. These crystals are actually for you. Take care of yourself.”

Boom!

Suddenly, a roar sounded in Su Yu’s head, and his heart felt as if it had just been ruthlessly hammered by something. He felt pained and shocked!

His heart, which had been numb for so long, now felt as though it had just been forcefully opened by someone. At this moment, an endless amount of warmth flowed into his heart, making Su Yu lose himself entirely.

It turned out that she had predicted that Su Yu wouldn’t come back after leaving this time. Thus, she had been waiting at the foot of the Demon Mountain since midnight, just to see Su Yu off.

Hardly any of the martial artists’ lives ended pleasantly. Moreover, although their lifespans seemed long, it flew by in the blink of an eye during their training, and no one knew when exactly their own deaths would come knocking.

Perhaps, they would have a tranquil demise as they were meditating in isolation. Or... Perhaps they would die at the hands of their enemies, their bodies sprawled in a pool of blood. One could never know.

After their parting this time, the next time that Su Yu met the alluring cabinet master could be at her lonely grave. As he thought of this possibility, a nameless sorrow came flooding into Su Yu's heart.

"Xuelian..." Su Yu muttered softly, calling out her real name for the first time.

Bing Wuxin grabbed her long sword and said, "A few days ago, she sold ten vessels of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid, wanting only crystals in return. Later, she sold all of the merit points that she had, 300,000 of them in total, which she exchanged for crystals."

She paused for a moment to recall, then continued, "Thinking back on it, all of the crystals that she received in exchange are inside here. I had no idea that she shared such a faithful and tender relationship with you."

In the morning, when Bing Wuxin had seen the alluring cabinet master giving away a great deal of crystals upon their parting, she had felt strange. This was she was the one who had taken all 300,000 of the merit points that Xuelian had.

What? Su Yu felt a deep shock rocking his heart all over again as he thought... She even sold her own merit points? All 300,000 of them?

Having been in each other's company for a while, Su Yu chastised himself for not being aware of Xuelian's situation. She faced difficulties from both the inside and the outside, while having to depend solely upon herself to earn merit points in a painstakingly slow manner.

Su Yu thought... Yes... 300,000, must have been her savings from several years' accumulation!

For a woman like her, who regarded money as being as important as her own life, to willingly giving all that she had to Su Yu, touched Su Yu deeply. At that moment, unspeakable emotions rippled through Su Yu's heart.

Then, while holding the ring in his hand, Su Yu said in a low voice, "You two wait here. I'm going back for a while!"