

## Nine-Dragon 931

### Chapter 931: Encounter with Tianxuan

“Don’t be so formal, Chief. Since you agree, then it’ll be easier. Discuss it with Lady Situ, then choose a suitable place to build. Keep in mind to not affect the Situ family. We don’t want any unnecessary conflicts to occur,” Su Yu said.

In this way, the matter was solved easily. Once Su Yu finished talking, he left the meeting chamber and returned to his room to ponder his future plans.

Now that the Five Golden Light Guards had been destroyed and the Central Prefecture’s King had witnessed Su Yu’s leaves from the Tree God with his own eyes, he surely wouldn’t send All Creation Old Monsters to kill him again.

Thus, Su Yu was safe now, and there wasn’t any urgent reason to leave the faction. So, he wondered... Should I return to the faction and continue my training?

The only problem with this was that Su Yu had exposed himself in the previous battles, and even his space talent had been noticed by many people. So, he had to wonder... Will any unforeseen circumstances occur if I return to the faction?

As Su Yu thought about the path that he should take from now on, he had no idea that the Jiuzhou Continent was in an uproar tonight! This was because a piece of amazing news had been released from the Central Prefecture!

The Five Great Divine Guards of the Central Prefecture were all slaughtered. None of them managed to escape!

The news was delivered to various big influences in Jiuzhou with the speed of lightning in a single, short day. Thus, a great commotion had arisen.

Each and every one of the Five Great Divine Guards was an absolute strong man, and they were usually unbeatable when the five of them joined forces. Hence, unless some Prefecture’s King struck, hardly anyone could kill them.

All at once, people began speculating. The suspicion was focused upon the Nine Great Prefecture’s Kings and two other absolute strong men. One of them was the Severed Fairy Cliff Master, and the other one was Mo Tianxuan.

The first two of them were the entities that, apart from the Nine Great Prefecture’s Kings, could obliterate all five of the Golden Light Guards. Mo Tianxuan was undoubtedly the most highly suspected of the trio because she had always opposed the Central Prefecture!

When this news was learned by Mo Tianxuan, even she herself was stunned. “If it was neither the Severed Fairy Cliff Master nor me, could it be the Nine Prefecture’s King?”

She knew that she did not kill the Five Golden Light Guards, and neither did the Severed Fairy Cliff Master, who was training in isolation at that time. However, besides them, only the Nine Prefecture’s Kings had such absolute and unrivaled powers.

While pondering this, the Great Palace Master of the outside sanctum brought along the badly injured Kongchan Cabinet Master and the Hua Palace Master and requested to meet her in order to discuss the upheavals that had just happened to the Situ and Shangguan families.

“It was them again. What do they really want to do in the Blessed and Heavenly Lands?” Mo Tianxuan had also vaguely felt the existence of a certain influence.

“It’s been a couple of days now, so why are you only reporting this now?” Mo Tianxuan was very concerned about this influence.

The Kongchan Cabinet Master said, “Palace Master, punish us. After I ran away, I was trapped in a region with space disorder and had still failed to come out of it, even after two days and two nights. It wasn’t until a day ago, when the space disorder finally ended, that I managed to return.”

Upon hearing that, Mo Tianxuan’s eyes shone. “Space disorder? Tell me about it in detail.”

Then, the Kongchan Cabinet Master explained it further. When she finished listening, Mo Tianxuan looked puzzled. She then exclaimed, “It’s the Five Elements Heaven Extinguishing Formation!”

“They must be capturing somebody!” Mo Tianxuan had doubts since earlier on as to why the Five Great Golden Light Guards had lingered in the Blessed and Heavenly Lands instead of leaving right away.

It seemed like they must have sealed the space in search of someone, especially now that they had even displayed the Five Elements Heaven Distinguishing Formation! Also, it made it appear that this person was quite possibly the one who had obliterated the Five Great Golden Light Guards!

“Regarding the treacherous Shao family, you should deal with it. I want to go there and see it for myself.” Mo Tianxuan’s eyes shone as she tore the void with one hand before disappearing without a trace.

The Situ family, the fortress in the air.

Lady Situ had changed into a silver silk robe that had a mauve belt that was fastened around her waist. The clothing accentuated her elegant, gorgeous figure, and she was extremely mesmerizing.

She pondered over all of this for a long time, and she thought that this was a great opportunity to make the Situ family the powerful leader in the region. If she gained Su Yu’s recognition, in the future, the influences that were supported by Meng Tian, no, as well as Meng Tian himself, would be at her command. Then, the Situ family would have no more worries!

Thus, after she struggled inwardly for some time, she finally decided to serve Su Yu with her body and become Su Yu’s woman. Then, after knocking on the door, she was only greeted by silence in the house.

Creak!

After she pushed it gently, the door opened. It was empty inside the house, and only a white letter with a small line of words written on it could be seen...

Su has left. See you again.

Lady Situ was startled, and as she sat down on the edge of the bed, she felt dejected and let out a deep sigh. Su Yu had left the air fortress at nightfall. Apparently, he had felt relaxed after settling the matters with the Shangguan family.

Now, the only care he had in the Blessed and Heavenly Lands was the alluring cabinet master. This woman was the only one who knew Su Yu was leaving the Red Blood Palace. She was also the only one who had bid him farewell. Most importantly, she was the one who gave all of her savings to Su Yu.

Those words that she had said to him, “A martial artist’s life is like a firefly’s glow in this mortal world, vanishing in an instant. I hope that in this lifetime, you can return to visit me. It doesn’t matter if it’s me or my grave,” had deeply moved Su Yu.

He didn’t want to see her grave when he finally turned to look at her, and after thinking about this for the whole night, Su Yu had decided to travel to the Heavenly Knife Region and check on the alluring cabinet master’s safety.

He left during the night, crossing the silver lake that had turned into a mulberry field. As he flew above the silver lake, Su Yu stopped before too long. He then turned to look behind him and asked, “You’ve been following me for such a long time, don’t you plan to show yourself?”

The lake was peaceful, and a few breaths later, a pitch-black seam appeared in the space. A purple figure strode out of the seam. She had a gorgeous, pure appearance and was clad in purple clothing. She looked as graceful as a fairy.

She looked at him with a pair of eyes that were as clear as water and glimmered like crystals. “Shall I call you Su Yuxian, Yinyu, or Su Yu?” she asked.

Those words were what Su Yu had once said to Gongsun Wuxie, so it was clear that the purple-clothed lady had been around since that time.

“Since you clearly already know, then just call me Su Yu.” As Su Yu looked over at her, tender affection and sadness filled his eyes.

The purple-clothed lady grew stern suddenly. “Even your name was fake! You were the one who killed uncle Xue Di!”

Su Yu was calm as he said, “In the Fairy Confining Forest, when you disguised yourself as the Golden Light Guard, haven’t you known since then?”

The purple-clothed lady before him was none other than Zixuan! She then asked, “How did you know that I was the Golden Light Guard?”

In fact, Su Yu had only sorted that fact out yesterday. When he went to meet up with the silver-faced man at the Severed Fairy Cliff, he had encountered a Golden Light Guard who did not strike, but left on his own accord. Since that time, doubt had occupied Su Yu’s heart for a long time.

That was, until yesterday, when he had used the time-space energy to kill the Golden Light Guards. It was only then that he discovered that the vibes that were given off by the Five Great Golden Light Guards were incompatible with those from the one he met in the Fairy Confining Forest.

Su Yu understood then that the one he met in the Fairy Confining Forest wasn’t a Golden Light Guard at all, but was someone who had disguised themselves as one of them.

This is actually what led Su Yu into confessing that he had killed Xue Di. And... there was only one person who was familiar with the Golden Light Guards and was capable of disguising themselves as one... Zixuan!

Su Yu had felt that she had changed after returning from Yuling Mountain. She was no longer as adorable as she used to be, but was more like a stranger.

"I trusted you so much, even counting on you to find the murderer! I never thought that you were the one I was looking for!" Zixuan said coldly, waves of anger rippling in her eyes.

As she recalled the past, Zixuan felt that she had been deceived.

"Are you planning to kill me?" Su Yu asked. He still had Xia Jingyu and Qin Xian-er to protect, so he would not sacrifice his life here.

Zixuan trembled, while complicated emotions filled her eyes. Although the past was gone, Zixuan had gained a tenuous friendship during it, which made it difficult for her to strike.

"Can you tell me why you killed Uncle Xue Di? He watched me grow up, so to me, he was like the most benevolent grandfather," Zixuan said. "So... Why did you kill him?"

"Benevolent? Well... That was only to you. To me, and to all of the living creatures in the Zhenlong Continent, he was the most gruesome, most vicious, most cruel murderer! There were more than a billion living creatures that died at his hands! I killed him for vengeance!" Su Yu said.

Zixuan's eyes shone with a sharp cold light. "You're lying! He wasn't like that!" Her cold snarl reverberated throughout the mountains as she unleashed her murderous intention and fury.

Su Yu was composed and fearless as he remarked, "You know it in your heart whether I lied or not. Don't fool yourself."

Zixuan's petite body shivered, and she was speechless. She had grown up in the palace of the Central Prefecture, and her life was all about training. So, she had hardly interacted with the outside world.

In her eyes, the Central Prefecture's King and Xue Di were the friendliest, kindest people in the world. But, after she had escaped the palace and stepped into the real world, she had heard about Xue Di's crimes.

Specifically, that he had killed countless people and was extremely cruel, brutal, and abusive. He had committed numerous obnoxious deeds.

That was why she hadn't struck when she discovered Su Yu's real identity in the Fairy Confining Forest. Everything seemed to be different from what she had first thought to be the truth. Thus, she followed Su Yu all the way, from the time he executed the mission of killing Mo Yang to the time that he rescued the Situ family, and even now.

The Su Yu she had seen was the one who would never killed innocents, as well as the one who rescued people of the same faction. He had selflessly saved Bing Wuxin and Gongsun Wuxie and aided the Situ family.

To keep them from harm, he had even traveled by himself and was hunted by the Shao's Family Master. In the end, he had the chance to murder Gongsun Wuxie, but had let her go. Hence, she had trouble believing that Su Yu could really be the cruel, heartless enemy that the Central Prefecture's King had mentioned. She was deeply moved, and she could not help but doubt that the Central Prefecture's King, who was a master, was actually lying.

"Zixuan, if you want to fight, the time is now," Su Yu said. "In the future, it'll be super difficult to take your revenge."

Zixuan looked at Su Yu from afar, her eyes filled with complicated emotions. If she had wanted to kill someone, she would have done so already. Besides, she had countless opportunities, and Su Yu wouldn't even get to use the leaves from the Tree God or discover her trail.

The reason that she had showed up was actually just to get confirmation and ease her heart, then bid him farewell. After a long silence, she regained her nonchalant nature and said, "Wait till I return and sort things out, then I'll take your life!"

Once she finished talking, she turned into a remnant shadow, crossed the void, and was about to take flight. Su Yu was quiet. He thought that perhaps Zixuan had gradually noticed the unusual signs as she was searching for traces of him near Yuling Mountain.

Su Yu's traces were always where Su Yuxian had been, but every time that he was with her, she didn't find any proof. Thus, she disguised herself as the Golden Light Guard and tested Su Yu.

Right at that moment, a pained groan was heard! Zixuan, who had torn the space just now, had been attacked, and her body was now flying backwards from the seam. A white, jade-like hand tore open a seam, and drops of snowy white gleams were dripping from it.

Zixuan looked like she was facing a great enemy, and as she gazed at the seam, she yelled in her soft voice, "Who is sneak attacking me?"

Swish!

Suddenly, a beam of black light flew out from the seam. When the light stopped moving, a willowy, gorgeous beauty descended gracefully from the void.

She was wearing a Sun Moon Crown and had strong energies around her that sent tremors through the surrounding mountains and made the lands quiver. Countless ferocious birds and demonic beasts scampered away in terror, as if they were awaiting the arrival of an emperor or an empress from the sky.

"Hahaha, the female student of the Central Prefecture's King, the one from the crystal race of the Ancient Spiritual Body!" the woman exclaimed.

"He was actually willing to release you! Isn't he afraid that the cauldron that he cultivated for years will be relished firsthand by other men?" The woman smiled coldly.

Zixuan did not understand what she meant. So, she asked the woman in her tender voice, “Who are you, and why did you attack me?”

“Hasn’t the Central Prefecture’s King told you that you have to know the owner of the territory once you’re inside it?” The woman looked at Zixuan, her eyes full of pity.

Zixuan was startled to hear this, and she asked, “You’re Mo Tianxuan?”

Mo Tianxuan? Su Yu was shocked... How come we ran into the palace master of the Red Blood Palace, Mo Tianxuan? Su Yu had heard a lot about this legendary woman, and her deeds were only a step behind Jian Wusheng’s!

“It is good that you know me. Since the Central Prefecture’s King dares to let you come to the Blessed and Heavenly Lands, then don’t go. Stay for me, as I’m very interested in the Ancient Spiritual Body.” Mo Tianxuan laughed coldly, while tossing out a fuzzy mass of black shadows from her palm.

When the black shadows appeared, a shocking and forceful demonic energy was emitted. Its power was stunning.

All of a sudden, the mountains and rivers lost their splendor, and the sky was covered in demonic energy. It was as if doomsday had arrived.

Su Yu was secretly shocked, and he wondered... What kind of weapon is that? It is so terrifying!

The only thing comparable to it was the flying guillotine that he had stolen from the female All Creations! When the thought occurred to him, Su Yu couldn’t help but look at Mo Tianxuan. The more he looked at her, the more he felt that Mo Tianxuan resembled the woman who had disguised herself as a man that day.

He looked at the mass of black shadows again. It then showed its real look during one fleeting moment. During that moment, he saw that it had the shape of a gearwheel! It was the flying guillotine!

Boom!

Su Yu’s mind was blown. The female All Creation that day was the palace master of the Red Blood Palace, Mo Tianxuan!

As a student of the Red Blood Palace, knocking the palace master out cold and stealing her treasure, then recklessly moving before her eyes and remaining unnoticed until now was a huge affront! As he was thinking of it, Su Yu dripped with cold sweat.

He then thought... How nature-defying is my luck... That I could survive right under Mo Tianxuan’s nose until now?

As the flying guillotine killed people without leaving a trace, Zixuan was injured by taking a blow from it. Upon seeing this horrible demonic supreme fairy artifact striking again, Zixuan’s entire body flickered with a fluorescent light from the inside out, then gradually transformed into a transparent crystal. In the blink of an eye, she had turned from a living human into a sculpture-like crystal!

Pang!

This demonic supreme fairy artifact that could easily cut open the All Creation strong men had only rubbed against Zixuan's arm, yet it gave off a string of sparks, left behind a broken trace, and ricocheted out!

"No wonder you're the Ancient Crystal Spiritual Body! Now, I'm even more interested in you!" Mo Tianxuan smiled as she withdrew the flying guillotine and instilled Vital Energy into it.

Suddenly, the flying guillotine emanated a gruesome aura, and a tiny bit of crimson creepily appeared on its gearwheel. From afar, it looked like a bloodstained gearwheel, and it was giving off an unusually ferocious and ominous vibe.

Zixuan's face changed at that moment, and the fluorescence on her body's surface shimmered again, the crystal becoming even more pure and transparent. But, her speed for crystallization was much slower than the shooting speed of the flying guillotine.

"Ahh!" As she let out a miserable scream, Zixuan's arm was cut by the flying guillotine. The crystalline body was cut open at this time, while her arm was almost severed by the flying guillotine!

Zixuan acted fast and slammed down her palm, while dodging the flying guillotine and saving her own life. When faced with Mo Tianxuan, Zixuan clearly couldn't even protect her own life!

"Stay here! I won't hurt you. I just want to study your spiritual body. If you refuse this request, as the foe of your master, I can't find a reason to let you remain alive," Mo Tianxuan said.

Zixuan gritted her teeth, then turned and ran away by tearing the space. Mo Tianxuan did not go after her, but only clenched her fingers as the space seam in front of Zixuan closed off.

"Your master must have told you that in this world, apart from the Nine Great Prefecture's Kings, hardly anyone can rival my space energy," Mo Tianxuan remarked indifferently, her eyes turning cold.

If Zixuan refused her again, she would show no mercy. However, right at that moment, a beam of space energy appeared beside Zixuan and transported her to Su Yu in an instant.

Zixuan only managed to make out Su Yu's figure, which was close to her, before Su Yu caught hold of her waist and leaped into a space vortex. The space vortex was extremely profound, so even Zixuan, who was an All Creation being, felt its depth to be unfathomable, not knowing where it led.

At that moment, Su Yu had figured everything out. If he stayed behind, he'd surely be recognized by Mo Tianxuan and be killed. So, it was better that he used the space vortex and brought Zixuan away to escape together. Although he didn't know where they were heading, it still was better than staying behind here!

All the while, as Mo Tianxuan kept her eyes on Zixuan, she hadn't paid attention to the person below her. So, this scene surprised her.

But, she responded quickly and asked coldly, "You have a helper? Humph!"

Mo Tianxuan grasped across the air and caught Su Yu, who had strode into the space vortex. She instantly dragged him back! Su Yu was stupefied, and as he was dragged back, Zixuan was also hauled along with him.

Seeing that both of them were about to be pulled back, Su Yu gritted his teeth and stared deeply at Zixuan. "If I've hurt you in the past, please forgive me. Take care..."

Zixuan seemed to understand what Su Yu was planning to do, and she was moved. She yelled, "Stop!"

But, Su Yu had already pushed Zixuan toward the deeper part of the space vortex with his palm until Zixuan was thoroughly transported by the space vortex.

"No!" Zixuan screamed.

Her heartstrings were pulled by this selfless act. She never thought that Su Yu, who she wanted to kill, would be the one who would save her! Warmth flowed into the depths of her heart.

Su Yu was dragged back forcefully, then gripped by Mo Tianxuan through the air. Upon witnessing what had just happened in the space vortex, Mo Tianxuan was exasperated. She had finally caught hold of the Ancient Crystal Body that the Central Prefecture's King regarded as his prized possession, but she had been released by this old fellow!

"You're looking for death!" Mo Tianxuan was furious. She hauled him toward her, fury showing all over her face.

Nonetheless, when she saw Su Yu's profile, she was dumbfounded and felt as if she had just been struck by lightning! A moment later, she let out a shrill scream, "It's you! You old perverted thief!"

She could never forget that familiar face! Not only did he molest her, but he had knocked her out cold and stolen her flying guillotine! Even more detestable, he had sold it!

She dared not make this matter known, and therefore, had not sent anyone to look for the flying guillotine. It would have been too shameful!

As the palace master of the Red Blood Palace, which was an entity that could rival the Prefecture's Kings, to have her Original Life treasure stolen by an old man who passed by and knocked her out cold was truly embarrassing! The entire matter was unspeakable!

Luckily, the flying guillotine happened to have been purchased by her close acquaintance, the Severed Fairy Cliff Master, thus preventing her from becoming a laughing stock. Hence, she would never forget that face! She never thought that she would cross paths with this fellow right here!

Su Yu's heart sank as he said sheepishly, "Ehem... Miss, you have mistaken me for the wrong person."

"I... Did... Not!" Mo Tianxuan gritted her silver-white teeth and paused between her words. She was so angry that it made Su Yu shudder with chills.

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“Ehem, miss, we can talk this out. We’ve never met before, so you must have mistaken me for someone else. Pulling at each other in public is inappropriate.” Su Yu was calm and composed as he spoke.

Mo Tianxuan was still sneering coldly as if she had just found her foe of a lifetime. “I could still recognize you, even if you turned into a pile of ashes! Now... Follow me back to the Red Blood Palace!”

At that moment, not only did she restrict Su Yu’s Vital Energy flow, but she put a unique meridian seal across his mouth to prevent him from speaking.

Praa!

Mo Tianxuan then tore open a space seam and brought Su Yu across the void. A few hours later, they had traveled across half of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands and had returned to above the inner palace of the Red Blood Palace.

As he looked at the familiar Fairy Confining Forest, Su Yu wanted to cry, but he had no tears. He had taken a detour and was captured, then brought back here by force. It was unimaginable to him.

“Greetings, Palace Master!” Two ninth-grade Almighty strong men flew out from the inner palace and welcomed them.

They were the Left and Right Palace Masters. As they cast a strange look at the elderly man that was being held by his collar by Mo Tianxuan, they felt puzzled and wondered what was happening.

Mo Tianxuan then asked, “As I’ve been gone for an entire day, did anything important happen in the palace?”

The Left Palace Master nodded somberly. “Two things... Firstly, except for the Central Prefecture’s King, all of the Nine Prefecture’s Kings sent their people to inquire whether the death of the Five Great Golden Light Divine Guards of the Central Prefecture is related to the Red Blood Palace.”

In the whole wide world, Mo Tianxuan was under the greatest suspicion. This was because the Five Great Golden Light Guards had died horribly in the region of the Red Blood Palace. Also, Mo Tianxuan had the motive and the capability to kill them all.

“So what if it’s related, and so what if it’s not? Unless the Prefecture’s King inquires in person, ignore them all.” Mo Tianxuan snorted. However, she did find some clues when she investigated the scene herself.

The Left Palace Master was slightly startled. “How shall we respond if the Wusheng Prefecture’s King inquires?”

Jian Wusheng had a deep relationship with the Red Blood Palace, so their territory was considered as the backers of the Red Blood Palace.

“Her?” Mo Tianxuan pondered this for a moment, then said, “Fine. Spread the news that the one who killed the Five Great Divine Guards of the Central Prefecture was the same demonic freshman who killed Xue Di.”

Upon hearing this, the Left and Right Palace Masters’ faces changed.

“Palace Master, you’re talking about the rumored ruthless demonic man, whose hair and eyes are red as blood and who wears the sea of blood?” The Right Palace Master drew in a cold breath.

Not only had Xue Di died at the hands of this ruthless demonic man, but the Five Great Golden Light Guards had perished at his hands as well. This person had unrivaled magical powers that hardly anyone below the Nine Great Prefecture’s Kings could match.

“It was him indeed. I noticed a great deal of traces of time retrogradation, which were totally the same as those present at Xue Di’s death! Currently, in this world, the mysterious demonic man was the only one who has done such a thing.” Mo Tianxuan frowned, looking slightly fearful.

This ruthless demonic man was indeed overpowering. But, Mo Tianxuan had deemed herself capable of killing Xue Di. As for the Five Great Golden Light Guards, it was easy to kill a few of them, but would be very difficult to kill them all.

Worse still, they had the projection of the Central Prefecture’s King obliterating them, which certainly posed a great challenge. But, the ruthless demonic man had done it!

“In that case, we need to beware of this person, as there are more than just a couple of pieces of news that report him showing up in the Blessed and Heavenly Lands,” the Left Palace Master said in a low voice.

Mo Tianxuan replied, “Don’t worry. If he wants to harm the Blessed and Heavenly Lands, he would’ve done so already. There’s no need for him to wait till now.”

She continued, “Besides, the people that he killed were all significant subordinates of the Central Prefecture’s King’s. He isn’t a demonic man who kills innocents. You just have to be cautious, but don’t worry too much.”

She then asked, “So... What’s the second matter?”

The Left Palace Master answered, “The Heavenly Knife Region sent an emissary here.”

Mo Tianxuan sneered. “The Heavenly Knife Region? They lost their target in Tianya City, yet they sent an emissary here? Are they so anxious that they’re trying to play some tricks on us again?”

The influence that they had been building and strengthening for many years had been demolished overnight, so it would be even more bizarre if the Heavenly Knife Region managed to keep their cool.

“Right. They want to compete with the Mu words experts of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands. If they win, they hope to retain 100 shops. If they lose, they’ll compensate us with a hundred million crystals,” he explained.

A hundred million crystals was a large sum of wealth to the Red Blood Palace.

“A hundred million? Well... It seems like they have come prepared!” Mo Tianxuan’s eyes shone as she spoke.

In reply to that, the Left Palace Master nodded. "Apart from Masters Qin and Lin, the Mu words experts they brought this time consisted of a mysterious person!"

He went on, "Before they came to the Red Blood Palace, they challenged Master Gao in Tianya City. As a result, Master Gao admitted defeat after only three rounds."

Mo Tianxuan squinted her eyes. "I heard that Master Gao received the precious teaching from Su Yuxian, Master Su. How come he couldn't last for more than three rounds?"

"It's true. And... I am unsure. But, Deputy General Manager Wu has delivered an urgent message to remind us to beware of this mysterious person," the Left Palace Master said.

Mo Tianxuan nodded. She didn't appear to be very worried.

"Palace Master, please decide how we should receive the emissary," the Right Palace Master then said.

Mo Tianxuan snorted. "Doesn't it go without saying? They defeated Master Gao on purpose before coming to us, so of course, they want a challenge. If the Red Blood Palace doesn't accept the challenge, our timidity will make us a laughing stock!"

She continued, "Besides, we have Master Su in our faction now, so what's there to be afraid of? Send my order and ask Su Yuxian to take part in the challenge."

Despite their solemnity, the Left and Right Palace Masters were relieved to hear this. After all, Su Yuxian had a phenomenal proficiency in Mu words.

"Yes. We will work on that," both of them agreed in unison.

Then, the Right Palace Master paused for a moment before saying, "There's one more thing... Please punish me, Palace Master."

"Why?" Mo Tianxuan asked while staring at him.

The Right Palace Master looked bitter as he said, "I'm useless! I failed to see through the Shao family's ulterior motives early on. The eldest son of the Shao family, Shao Chunguang, tried to escape the faction before their family rebelled and was nowhere to be found."

He went on, "We hurried to the Shao family's home, but it was deserted. They had gone into hiding."

After hearing that, Mo Tianxuan seemed unperturbed. "I've been in isolation all year, not caring about matters of the outside world. So, I'm culpable too. The blame isn't completely on you!"

She then added, "The Shao's rebellion is only a superficial delusion, as there's an unimaginable and mysterious influence behind it. You have to beware of this fact."

Once she finished talking, Mo Tianxuan waved her sleeves, then said, "Go and send my order to Master Su to contend with the emissary from the Heavenly Knife Region. I have some private matters to settle. I'll see the emissary later."

After hearing that, Su Yu rolled his eyes, while thinking... I'm the Master Su that you just mentioned!

But, in Mo Tianxuan's eyes, he was implying something else, and she sneered. "Humph, you're trying to play tricks on me again!"

Swish!

While holding Su Yu, Mo Tianxuan strode into the secret chamber. The Left Palace Master shot a look at Su Yu and felt surprised.

He immediately wondered... Who on earth is this person? How come he could get Mo Tianxuan to entertain him in person?

The Right Palace Master was perplexed too, and he felt very doubtful. But, both of them did not waste too much time worrying about the matter, as they immediately commanded their own subordinates to head for the outside sanctum and inform Su Yuxian to come to the inner sanctum.

This time, the emissary had come to meet them, and the honor and shame of the Red Blood Palace were directly dependent upon Su Yuxian. If all of this was handled well, they would get credit for having been a part of a great contribution!

At the moment, Su Yu was brought into the secret chamber. Mo Tianxuan then said coldly, "You didn't see this coming, did you? You had no idea that you'd fall into my hands! You earned a lot from my fairy artifact, didn't you?"

Meanwhile, the Vital Energy seal in Su Yu's body had been removed, so he could speak again. "When did I sell your fairy artifact?" Su Yu chose to deny it.

He then said, "You almost got me killed! I haven't settled that with you yet, and now, as you are the wicked one, you're complaining!"

After hearing that, Mo Tianxuan was exasperated. His stealing her fairy artifact was one thing, but this old perverted thief had even molested her while she was in a coma! Su Yu's refusal to admit his guilt really frustrated Mo Tianxuan!

"You dare to argue with me about this, even now? Apart from you, was there another person there at that time?" Mo Tianxuan gritted her teeth.

If it wasn't because she wanted to exploit him for the methods that were used in resolving the evil ghostly energy, she would have killed him already!

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Su Yu shrugged. "You've got it right: there really was someone else there! It was a mysterious youth. After saving you, he said that he wouldn't just save someone for free, the saved person should pay the price. And then he took your stuff, I couldn't defeat him, so I could only watch as he walked away," he said.

Mo Tianxuan's eyes became puzzled. According to the Severed Fairy Cliff Master, the one who sold his fairy artifact was the ruthless demonic man whose name was well-renowned.

Could she have mistaken this elderly man for the person who had saved her?

"If that's the case, why were you so abashed and why did you claim that you didn't know when I captured you? Besides, the one who knocked me out cold the last time was you, wasn't it?" Mo Tianxuan asked doubtfully.

“Isn’t that reasonable?” Su Yu replied. “You were all geared up to kill when you awoke, so of course I had to knock you out cold so that you didn’t misunderstand! After being captured, I covered things up because I was worried that I’d be blamed and would be hurt.”

Upon hearing what he had to say, Mo Tianxuan found that it wasn’t completely illogical.

The elderly man before her looked like just another ordinary fairy. How could he have been able to deal with the Extreme Evil Ghostly Energy of the ghostly world’s great emperor?

Was it really that demonic freshman? Mo Tianxuan thought deeply, slight disappointment filling her heart.

When she had captured Su Yu she had felt very excited and overjoyed inside. She had been caught up with the Extreme Evil Ghostly Energy for many years, making her stagnant on the All Creations level and preventing her from advancing further.

Initially, she thought that an opportunity had finally come. Who would have thought uncertainties would get the better of it?

Somehow, however, Mo Tianxuan felt as if something was wrong. Her clear eyes stared at Su Yu distantly. “Why do I feel like none of your words are credible?”

In fact, Su Yu’s heart was racing fast too. If Mo Tianxuan ran a body search on him, not only would the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl be discovered, the space ring which he had just gained from the Golden Light Guards would certainly be exposed as well.

His ruthless demonic man’s identity would also be revealed.

“Then what do you have in mind?” Su Yu was as calm as he had always been.

Mo Tianxuan’s eyes shone. “I’ll know once I search your soul and browse through your memories. Then your truthfulness will be determined.”

Su Yu’s heart sank. Soul search? That was even worse than a body search!

Will I need to use the Tree God’s leaves? But from such a close distance, I’m afraid that I won’t even get a chance to use them.

Mo Tianxuan was a strong, intrepid entity who could defeat the Five Great Golden Light Guards all by herself.

“Palace Master, bad news.” All of a sudden, two voices sounded together from outside the door. They belonged to the Left and the Right Palace Masters who had returned just after they left.

Mo Tianxuan scowled and asked coldly, “What happened? Didn’t I give you the command to have Su Yuxian, Master Su, entertain the emissaries first?”

It hadn’t been long at all, yet they had already returned.

“Palace Master, it’s about Master Su.” The Left Palace Master’s face was somber, with hints of urgency.

Mo Tianxuan was forced to give up on soul searching temporarily. Opening the stone door, she asked, "What about him?"

"Palace Master, when we delivered the message to the outside sanctum, only then did we discover that Master Su had accomplished a mission and left the faction a few days ago. He hasn't yet returned," the Left Palace Master said.

Mo Tianxuan's brows were creased. "At this critical juncture, he's not in the faction? What mission was it? Where is he now?"

"It was a mission to kill Mo Yang. According to Cabinet Master Kongchan and Palace Master Hua from outside the sanctum, the last place Su Yu was spotted was at the Situ's house. Later he went missing and couldn't be contacted," the Right Palace Master said.

The Right Palace Master had a deep frown. If Su Yuxian wasn't here to hold the fort, no one else in the Red Blood Palace could accept the emissaries' challenge.

Mo Tianxuan was irritated. "Then what are you still waiting for? Assign someone to inform the Situ family right away. Then enquire about Su Yuxian's whereabouts and dispatch some fast inner sanctum students to go search for him. Find him as soon as possible!"

"What about the emissaries?" The Left Palace Master felt the urgency of the situation.

"I can only go meet them in person and try to delay things for some time," Mo Tianxuan replied.

She turned and shot a look at Su Yu, who was in the secret chamber. "Put him in detention. I'll interrogate him afterwards," she said.

Once she had finished talking, Mo Tianxuan left hurriedly. The Left and the Right Palace Masters followed closely behind her.

Several servants with cold, indifferent faces walked in and took hold of Su Yu. They escorted him to the Red Blood Palace's prison.

Su Yu quickly said, "Eh, wait, I'm Su Yuxian!"

Unluckily for him, Mo Tianxuan and the Left and the Right Palace Masters were absolute strong individuals who could travel millions of miles in one stride. Su Yu's words were only heard by the two servants.

They were unruffled and complied with Mo Tianxuan's instructions robotically. He was detained in the prison of the inner palace.

It was more of a sealed house with a courtyard than a prison and was equipped with a lounge, martial training chambers and female servants. Su Yu received even more satisfactory treatment here than he had at the Demon Mountain outside the palace.

Besides the loss of freedom, he wasn't suffering in any way.

Su Yu smiled bitterly. Since he was here now, it was better to accept the circumstances. He would prepare the axis first, then escape using the Tree God's leaves.

Once he was sealed in the house, Su Yu immediately entered the martial training chamber to train in isolation.

The first thing he needed to do was to take an inventory of the five space rings.

Su Yu was anticipating the contents of the five rings. The collections by All Creations must be tremendous. It would be even better if they were the Five Golden Light Guards whom the Central Prefecture's King relied most heavily upon.

Su Yu inserted a whiff of Soul Energy for observation. Before his eyes, there was only pitch-black darkness.

His soul had failed to venture inside!

"What's happening?" Su Yu was stunned and confused. The Five Great Golden Light Guards had indeed perished. Both their bodies and souls had gone, so why did the rings remain inaccessible?

Under normal circumstances, the space rings would become unowned properties after their owners' demise, and could be opened by any martial artists.

Is it because my Soul Energy is too weak? Is it inadequate for opening space rings that have been owned by All Creations owners before? Su Yu could not help but speculate.

In fact, his speculation was close to the truth.

Rings that belonged to All Creations Old Monsters not only had the owner-recognizing feature of blood essence, but they were also usually enhanced with space comprehension, which was unique to the All Creations Old Monsters.

The space comprehension of one All Creations Old Monster differed from another's. Therefore, the space rings were impossible to open, even for the All Creations whose capacities were higher than his.

Apart from the owners themselves, no one else could open them.

Su Yu tried each and every one of the five rings, yet his Soul Energy was blocked each time, with no exception.

This greatly disappointed Su Yu. However, he wasn't willing to give up. After a great deal of contemplation, an idea materialized from the depths of his mind.

A beam of wine-red light flickered in Su Yu's right eye and shot into one of the space rings.

Su Yu was attempting to transport the items out from the rings through Space Transportation.

When the Space Energy was inserted, it was severely hindered and unable to travel deep inside. The difference from Soul Energy was that a weak, faint bit of the Space Energy successfully penetrated into the internal part of the ring.

Su Yu's eyes shone. He took control of the bit of Space Energy right away and randomly grasped the items in the ring.

Due to the frailty of this Space Energy, the items that could be transported out were very few.

Swish!

All of a sudden, with a flare of light, a mass of something was hauled out by the Space Energy. It fell onto the ground, making a tinkling sound.

He lowered his head to look. There were three to four crystals. Su Yu was disappointed. Crystals were the last thing he needed!

Just as he was about to continue transporting items out, the surface of the ring suddenly cracked! A seam the breadth of a hair was formed. Suddenly, there was a booming sound, and the ring exploded into fragments.

Su Yu's face changed and he tossed the ring away. The instant he loosened his grip on it, a mass of pitch-black space seams burst out from the internal part of the ring.

All of the items inside the ring were hauled into the depths of the space seams.

Su Yu's face darkened. The space ring had actually shattered!

Transporting the items by force had affected the space force devised in the ring, leading the ring to self-destruct.

While looking down at the four remaining rings, Su Yu was slightly hesitant. Judging from experience, all four of the rings could only be tried on once.

As for how much useful stuff could be retrieved from the rings, it was all a game of luck!

Chapter 934: Mortal Fairy's Strength

\*\*\*His eyes shining with shrewd light, Su Yu chose to continue.

Once Mo Tianxuan got to spare some time and found the rings, he would lose the only chance to try.

As he gritted his teeth, Su Yu tried to instill Space Energy into the second space ring, grasped an item and immediately hauled it out.

Before he had time to observe what it was, the ring was shattered with a cracking sound, and the items in the ring were all taken into the turbulent flow of space, and became pulverized.

While looking down at the item hauled out, Su Yu's lips quivered uncontrollably.... Another three pieces of crystals!

There were at least tens of millions of crystals contained the space rings of the All Creations Old Monsters, the things present in the greatest amount must be crystals as well.

It all depended on his luck if he were to haul out other useful items on a random basis.

After inhaling a light breath, Su Yu instilled Space Energy into the third ring, and very quickly an item was drawn out.

And the third ring splintered unsurprisingly.

He looked at the items on his palm. They were three fiery red, shining crystals. Su Yu frowned... Crystals again.

Halfway through his sentence, Su Yu gazed at the crystals once again, clutching it between his thumb and index finger... Eh, doesn't look right.

Judging from its appearance, it was no different from the ordinary crystals, yet the purity of its spiritual energy was ten thousand times greater than the ordinary crystals!

Even a single fragmented grain of it was matchless to a whole crystal.

Could it be the legendary top-grade crystal?

Su Yu's eyes shone brightly. Crystals could be divided into low-grade, middle-grade and top-grade.

The low-grade ones were usually utilized as currency, and were very common.

The middle-grade ones were rather rare, because their spiritual energy was a hundred times purer than the low-grade.

Hence, they were usually used by people as spiritual artifacts for training, and were hardly come across in the market.

As for the top-grade crystals, usually they existed in classic books and rumors. There were hardly any records about top-grade crystals being sold publicly.

This was because the purity of the spiritual energy contained in top-grade crystals were considered the best in the world.

They had very important uses, normally serving as the energy sources of grand-scale, high-class formations.

They were usually reserved as high-class warfare resources of the faction, and would absolutely not be sold to outsiders.

As one of the two greatest factions of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands, the Red Blood Palace only had three top-grade crystals in store.

The Purple Cloud Palace wasn't any better either, their top-grade crystals had never exceeded three as well.

Su Yu had one all to himself, what a valuable treasure!

Its value was similar to that of a remnant fairy artifact.

Su Yu heaved out a sigh of relief, he had finally received something of great value.

Although it was useless for now, but it would definitely come in handy in the future, so Su Yu put it together with the two remaining drops of Fountain of Life, and the two pieces of the Tree God's leaves.

Anticipation filled Su Yu's eyes as he looked at the two remaining rings, and opened them.

By using the same means, Su Yu successfully hauled out a mass of jade stones that were glimmering with emerald light.

They weren't crystals. Su Yu's heart tingled with anticipation as he fixed his gaze on it. There were closely packed, tiny words on it.

After reading the first paragraph, his pupils constricted immediately, and even his breath quickened.

The two remaining techniques of “Heaven Extinguishing Divine Palm”? Su Yu’s heart leaped and thumped. The record on the jade stone was the Great Sun Palm and the Brilliant Divine Palm!

Old Wine only knew the first technique, the Great Moon Palm, so it was the only technique that he imparted. Now that he procured the remaining two techniques, it was like compensating his regrets.

This adventure is worthwhile because I got this book... Su Yu thought inwardly as he kept the jade stones.

Subsequently, Su Yu looked at the last ring left. This ring belonged to the Golden Light Guards’ leader, his savings would most likely exceed the others’ by a great deal.

His eyes flickered, and Su Yu managed to haul out an item rapidly using Space Energy.

With a “bang” sound, the ring was shattered. No one knew what kind of enormous wealth had been sucked into the turbulent flow of space and be wasted.

Remorse filled Su Yu’s heart, as he lowered his head to look at the item retrieved.

Much to Su Yu’s surprise, it wasn’t an elixir recipe or a cultivation technique that had been hauled out, but a brush pot instead.

In the brush pot were five brush pens of various colors.

What is this? Su Yu scrutinized the brush pot, and discovered a line of tiny words at the side of the pot, which looked like a user manual.

The simplified version of Five Elemental Heaven Extinguishing Formation.

A bright light gleamed in both Su Yu’s eyes. As he continued reading, he became more delighted, at last he even began laughing.

Hahaha, the Five Golden Light Guards, you even left me a legacy before passing away! Su Yu held the brush pot, smile blossoming on his face.

The brush pot was a treasure crafted by the Five Golden Light Guards by joint force, and had been merged with many fragments of fairy artifacts. In terms of grades, the brush pot was no worse than a semi-crafted fairy artifact.

The function it served was to perform the “Five Elemental Heaven Extinguishing Formation” which could only be accomplished by the Five Golden Light Guards by joining hands.

It could seal the heavens and close the lands, and oppress powerful enemies.

Unlike the original version of Five Elemental Heaven Extinguishing Formation which required five strong Golden Light Guards to devise together, this simplified version of the treasure only took one person to instill Vital Energy, and would be fully activated.

It could be said that any All Creations Old Monsters below All Creations stage-three could be suppressed by force!

Su Yu could add another powerful strategy to his reserve the next time he encountered All Creations Old Monsters again!

This item served an even greater advantage to Su Yu than the two remaining techniques of “Heaven Extinguishing Divine Palm”.

The Five Golden Light Guards were dead now, the refinement imprints left on the brush pot dissipated naturally. Su Yu melted the item with ease, and then made it his treasure.

After keeping it with satisfaction, Su Yu took out a grain of golden dust at last.

It was one of the many grains of yellow powder that were scattered all over the sky after the Tree God's leaves withered. Su Yu preserved it because it contained incredible energy.

While staring at the grain of dust and discreetly detecting the energy contained it, one would become more and more frightened.

It was a power that overrode the All Creations Mighty Force, phenomenal and extraordinary!

Although Yinmu was powerful and could be considered a superior All Creations, he had never manifested such paramount power before.

Apparently, there was only one possibility!

Mortal Fairy's Strength!

For some unknown reason, this grain of dust held a tremendous Mortal Fairy's Strength within.

The power was extremely pure, free of all contaminants and scents and became natural energy that could absorb any living creatures at all.

"Could the Tree God's leaf have absorbed the Central Prefecture's King's strength?" Su Yu squinted his eyes, and fathomed most of the matter.

The Central Prefecture's King had exhibited inhuman power, which Su Yu had experienced early on. Looking at it now, the Central Prefecture's King had stepped into the state of mortal fairies!

It seems like the Tree God's leaf has even purified the energy, the Central Prefecture's King's scents were completely eliminated...

Su Yu stared at the granule, his eyes shone. He had witnessed the Tree God's purifying ability with his own eyes before, it was no wonder to him that the Tree God's leaf contained such power.

Initially, even if one obtained the Mortal Fairy's Strength of the Central Prefecture's King, it would be useless because his residual scent in it rendered the power unable to be dissolved in outsiders' bodies, and it would even kill them.

But after being purified by the Tree God's leaf, it had become pure energy.

Even the Central Prefecture's King had not predicted this.

The Mortal Fairy's Strength? Su Yu's eyes shone as he placed the dust between his palms, slowly absorbing a whiff of the energy, not even a hundredth of it.

However, Su Yu was stupefied when the energy entered his body!

The seemingly meager Mortal Fairy's Strength suffused to Su Yu's entire body, his limbs and bloodstream, like a tsunami.

Bang! Bang!

Su Yu could even hear the loud clashing sounds as his meridians and blood vessels were being collided. Also, he could feel his blood flow accelerated, while his heart thumped wildly because it couldn't withstand the burden.

All of a sudden, Su Yu's whole face was flushed red, his blood arteries and veins swelled like many numerous green snakes, distorted and hideous.

Rivulets of blood gushed out from his hair follicles under the oppression of the immense energy in his body. At first glance, they looked like many red threads being emitted from Su Yu's body.

Fortunately, the light of Su Yu's Dantian far outshone his peers that not even the ninth-grade fairies could match.

Part of the energy revolved for a day along the internal channels, and then entered his Dantian. The pressure in the channels was slightly alleviated, pulling Su Yu back from the brink of body explosion.

Su Yu heaved out a light sigh of relief. He was shocked inwardly, the energy that he had absorbed just now didn't even add up to a thousandth of the Central Prefecture's King's, yet it nearly burst Su Yu alive.

The disparity between him and the Central Prefecture's King was counted by thousands of times!

#### Chapter 935: Skyrocketing Improvement

\*\*\*After concealing the stupefaction in his heart, Su Yu immediately sat with crossed legs and began meditating, to steer the enormous power in his Dantian, because swelling and a lacerating sensation had arisen in his Dantian.

It was a sign of an imminent breakthrough!

First was his external Dantian, which was rapidly filled to the fullest. Yet the power was still as vast as ever, permeating his internal Dantian and fully filling it as well!

Both his internal and external Dantian had reached their limits, and it was beginning to show signs of being ripped.

With an excruciating pain, his Dantian quickly expanded as if tearing the world apart, rapidly growing to twice its previous size.

However, the energy in his internal channels was still flowing towards the Dantian endlessly, causing it to inundate again.

Subsequently, his Dantian was ripped up and being inflated once again.

It happened thrice. Su Yu's Dantian experienced three consecutive times of acute pain before it stopped.

Su Yu's face was as pale as a paper and he was entirely sweating profusely, his clothing thoroughly soaked in perspiration.

All meridians and vessels throughout his body were aching faintly, and piercing pain shot through his Dantian over and over again.

The entire process lasted for only a short hour, yet Su Yu seemed as if he had just traveled across mountains of knives and seas of fire.

After a long time, Su Yu breathed out a lungful of muggy air, and the pained look on his face was gradually relieved, recovering to his normal state.

With a shift of his heart, turbulent Vital Energy surged out from the surface of Su Yu's body and accumulated to a thickness of ten feet!

Even if third-grade Almighty were around, they would have drawn in sharp cold breaths too.

Because not even the third-grade Almighty's Vital Energy could condense into such a thick, concentrated Vital Energy shield!

Anyone who was there to witness the scene would have thought that Su Yu had condensed into a fetal crystal, that his body could accommodate such tremendous Vital Energy.

The truth was, Su Yu's abdomen still contained a Dantian, not a fetal crystal which could only be condensed by Almighty strong men!

Just a tiny wisp of the Mortal Fairy's Strength made Su Yu's Dantian undergo three times of intense transfiguration, and his cultivation leaped from sixth-grade fairy directly to ninth-grade fairy!!

While his Vital Energy reservoir surpassed that of third-grade Almighty, and was comparable with a fourth-grade's!

The size of his Dantian wasn't unprecedented in history, but it definitely was rare in Jiuzhou.

Based on the experience of many ninth-grade fairies who had achieved breakthroughs into Almighty, the larger the Dantian, the stronger the fetal crystals condensed would become eventually.

Su Yu had such a massive Dantian, if he really began condensing the fetal crystal, just how powerful would it be?

By continuously breaking through three levels of cultivation, both Su Yu's Soul Energy and bodily strength received a baptism.

Now, his Soul Energy had surpassed the ordinary ninth-grade fairies, but was still some distance away from the Almighty.

As for bodily strength, if combines with the Real Spirit Dragon Veins, it would presumably add up to the might of first-grade Almighty.

Such a skyrocketing improvement.

Su Yu's lips twitched into a smile. Oh my, Central Prefecture's King, I've never thought that it'd be your strength that helped improve my cultivation so immensely!

He had only absorbed a hundredth of the Mortal Fairy's Strength contained in the dust. If fully absorbed, Su Yu would be able to break through All Creations without a doubt, let alone break through Almighty.

It could be said that for an extended period of time from now, he needed not to worry about the cultivation-enhancing elixirs anymore.

Thinking of that, Su Yu gained more confidence.

The circumstances that he encountered this time were beyond imagination.

Especially from the aspect of Soul Energy, he was only a single step away from becoming an Almighty.

And for this final step, Su Yu had long been prepared!

His soul detached from his body and entered the Nine Jade Spiritual Pearl, and sprinted straight for the nursery.

The eight kinds of materials of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid had been cultivated for more than two months, which were equivalent to a hundred years on the outside world.

He had always been keen to find out whether the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid refined from materials of top-grade ages would yield any different effects.

Now that it had been a hundred years, which far exceeded the normal ages of the materials, it was time to extract them and refine a special set of the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid.

After taking away the materials, Su Yu returned to the outside. He took out a small cauldron immediately, and was about to commence refining the elixir.

This place was a dungeon, and there wasn't any earth fire to be used.

However to Su Yu, refining elixirs didn't require earth fire anymore.

Inside his heart, the Fire Essence Jade vibrated and a gust of flames spurt out, condensing on Su Yu's palm. The temperature was far higher than the earth fire at the Purple Flame Mountain in Tianya City, more than enough for refining elixirs.

Then, Su Yu retrieved the elixir cauldron with his left hand, and put it on top of his right palm to be scorched by the flames. In the meantime, he sorted the materials very deftly.

Once everything was well prepared, he began refining the elixir very skilfully, based on his former experience in refining the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid.

Compared to previously, he could manipulate fire smoothly and easily, as if the flames were a part of him and he could control them at will.

The refinement process was smooth-sailing and natural, not choppy at all.

He had achieved the state of fire-heart synchronization on the Path of Fire.

This state was also known as the state of the Union of Elixir and Fire on the Path of Elixirs, and was usually a state which could only be acquired by elixir-refining masters.

Su Yu was concentrating on refining elixir, while the inner palace of the Red Blood Palace had welcomed the emissaries from the Heavenly Knife Region.

Main hall of inner palace.

Mo Tianxuan was seated at the seat of honor, with the Left and the Right Palace Masters sitting on either of her sides.

While the ones sitting side by side were many of the elders from the inner sanctum, among them were Master Ghost and Elder Jing.

In the center of the great hall, three people stood dignified.

One of them had two heads grown on the same body, they were Qin and Lin without a doubt.

Another one was the Deputy Region Master of the Heavenly Knife Region, Xiao Yulang.

The last person was very bizarre-looking, who was entirely covered in a long robe embedded with pieces of emerald jade, even the head. The person was completely bundled up tight, and looked particularly conspicuous.

Mo Tianxuan cast a look at the person, and slightly scowled. The strange jade-pieced long robe made her unable to see through the person's real appearance.

“Deputy Region Master Xiao, people don't come knocking on the door without asking for favors, just make your intentions here in my Red Blood Palace clear.”

Mo Tianxuan's personality was cold and stern, she wasn't one to care for hypocritical courtesy.

Xiao Yulang was just like his name had suggested, handsome and chivalrous, gentle and polite despite being middle-aged.

“How have you been, Palace Master Mo? Previously on the sacrifice offering at the Desolate Evil Jungle of Tianya City, my Heavenly Knife Region had been defeated.”

He went on, “Our Region Master has learnt a lesson, hence has specially appointed me to visit the Red Blood Palace and request for enlightenment.”

“Hope Palace Master Mo fulfill Palace Hall Master's sincere wish, considering that we have been neighbors for many years.”

His words were nice to the ear, but wasn't his ulterior motive to regain their dignity, and preserve the influences they had placed in Tianya City?

“I've already understood the purpose of your visit. The challenge has been accepted, but it'll have to be delayed for a few days,” Mo Tianxuan said.

Xiao Yulang smiled and asked, “Why?”

Mo Tianxuan paused for a moment and said, “Master Su is executing a mission outside the palace and hasn't returned yet, it's inconvenient for him to carry out the challenge now.”

Upon hearing that, Xiao Yulang laughed. “Are there no other talented individuals in the Red Blood Palace besides Master Su?”

“Or shall I say besides relying upon Master Su, the Red Blood Palace is actually useless and incompetent?”

The overtone was that the Red Blood Palace was procrastinating for no reason.

The mysterious person clad in jade clothing snorted coldly. “Why keep waiting, whether Su Yu comes, the outcome will not change. To me, he is of no importance.”

His tone was so arrogant that it made people doubt.

Su Yu's performance during the sacrifice offering at the Desolate Evil Jungle shocked the past and the present. In recorded history, no one had ever mastered Mu words with such proficiency like he did.

Did this person have the capability to outshine Su Yu which made him so confident?

How could Mo Tianxuan not understand? They were trying to provoke her into action. She was an impatient person, but it didn't mean she would be easily fooled.

She replied indifferently, "I will decide the date of challenge! Three days from now, we'll determine the winner and the loser. If nothing else, you are dismissed, and you may go to rest."

Her domineering character spoiled Xiao Yulang's plans. After pondering for a moment, he nodded. "Alright, I'll come three days later."

After seeing them off, Mo Tianxuan's eyes darkened. "How's it going, still no news from Su Yuxian?"

The Left and the Right Palace Masters who were in charge of searching for Su Yuxian had bitter smiles on their faces. "From the message replied by the Situ family, he had left in the middle of the night, and was nowhere to be found."

"Humph! Then send out people and find him right away!" Mo Tianxuan said coldly, Su Yuxian had disappeared right when the faction needed him most!

"Yes!" Everyone was compliant.

Master Ghost thought for a moment and said, "Palace Master, could Su Yuxian have encountered mishap? Or imprisoned by someone?"

"Based on the news delivered by the Situ family, that Su Yuxian had actually concealed Ancient Space Spiritual Body, Divine Decree talent, Soul talent. With all those gifts bestowed upon him, he could have been abducted by some influences for research, or threatened to succumb by force!"

As she heard that, Mo Tianxuan raised her brows and was in shock. "Ancient Space Spiritual Body, could he be talented in Divine Decree as well, that even his soul possesses talent?"

Especially the Ancient Space Spiritual Body, it was the greatest spiritual body among the Ancient Spiritual Bodies. There was actually such a spiritual body hidden in her own faction!

She felt rueful for letting such a precious treasure slide right past her hand.

"Send my order, acknowledge all the influences in the area of the Red Blood Palace, those who find Su Yuxian's whereabouts and report to the faction will receive 10,000,000 crystals!"

"Anyone who dares to imprison Su Yuxian and keep him in their private possessions will have the martial path of their entire families decapacitated, and expelled from the Red Blood Palace!"

Mo Tianxuan's tone was stern and fierce, with excitement and agitation flickering in the depths of her eyes.

She had an extraordinary interest in spiritual bodies.

"Yes!" Everyone's heart skipped a beat.

Mo Tianxuan was in disbelief. "Not only does Master Su have top-notch proficiency in Mu words, he's actually an Ancient Space Spiritual Body as well! And he has even acquired achievement in the Divine Decree, which is the hardest to comprehend. Also, he's a soul talent!"

"Any one of which will be sufficient for an ordinary genius for their entire lifetime, yet he has all the talents within himself! I'm greatly anticipating to meet this Master Su in person!"

About that, Master Ghost was musing as well. "Right, Master Su is usually rather low-key, he actually managed to conceal so many talents, which is truly astonishing. Even I can't compare to him."

"Yes, inform me right away when Su Yuxian is found. This time, even if I am in isolation, I'll have to meet him in person." Mo Tianxuan's tone was filled with admiration and respect.

However, right at that moment, a shocking turbulence of spiritual energy was radiated from the depths of the inner palace.

Deep in the sky, a beam of penta-colored sun rays descended, shining on a certain region in the depths.

If it was only the turbulence, it wouldn't be shocking. There were numerous experts in the inner palace, it wasn't unusual if they caused the spiritual energy turbulence by accident.

What was rare was that it was accompanied by the celestial phenomenon of penta-colored sun rays!

Mo Tianxuan frowned. "Why does it look kind of like developed fifth-grade elixirs?"

She looked over at Master Ghost with a questioning look in her eyes.

Master Ghost was the only elixir-refining master in the Red Blood Palace that could produce fifth-grade elixirs.

Could Master Ghost have trained another student? She had heard of the talented student whom he had recruited lately.

"Not that girl Yingying! She's still some distance away from refining fifth-grade!"

Master Ghost shook his head, he was utterly shocked. "How strange, who's refining elixirs in the faction?"

It came from the depths of the inner sanctum, so it mustn't be outsiders, but those in the inner sanctum.

Mo Tianxuan's expression was strange. She pondered and said, "Let's go check it out, it's a great joy that there's another master who could refine fifth-grade elixirs, we shall go offer our congratulations."

"Yes!" The group of people followed Mo Tianxuan as she left the main hall, and headed straight in the direction where the clouds were dissipating.

#### Chapter 936: Charging an Exorbitant Price

\*\*\*They arrived near the sun rays. Everyone stopped in their tracks, as strange looks formed on their faces.

"How could it be the dungeon?" Mo Tianxuan was startled.

Master Ghost brooded and said, "Elder Hui should be the one in charge of the dungeon, she used to ask for my advice regarding elixir refinement. Could she be the one refining elixirs in the dungeon?"

Upon hearing his speculation, everyone nodded in agreement.

"Congratulations, Palace Master, the Red Blood Palace has acquired another renowned expert in elixir refinement."

"With advanced training, she could be an elixir-refining master who could refine sixth-grade elixirs in the future," the Left and the Right Palace Masters offered their congratulations.

In the present time, there were many elixir-refining talents in the Jiuzhou continent, but those who could be addressed as masters were extremely rare.

Over the past few hundreds of years, Master Ghost was the only elixir-refining master of the Red Blood Palace.

The condition to become an elixir-refining master was to succeed in refining sixth-grade elixirs. This proved that the particular elixir-refining expert had attained a certain level of eminence in elixir refinement.

Mo Tianxuan began to ponder. Her intuition told her that the truth wasn't that simple.

"Let's go inside and see," she said, then led everyone into the dungeon.

Right when they stepped into the dungeon, an old lady stood up immediately, seeming rather frantic. "Greeting Palace Master, I was just about to report to you."

It had been such a great bustle, how could Elder Hui not notice at all?

Master Ghost and the rest looked puzzled and strange.

"Elder Hui, who is refining elixirs?" Master Ghost was doubtful.

Was there anyone else in the dungeon besides Elder Hui?

Elder Hui cast a discreet look at Mo Tianxuan, and said, "It's the criminal that Mo Palace Master has just caught."

Her reply made Master Ghost, the Left and the Right Palace Masters, and Elder Jing who had come in pursuit exchanged looks of surprise.

They had come such a long way to find out, and it turned out to be a criminal!

One who had been caught and detained by Mo Tianxuan herself, was certainly not an ordinary criminal.

“Haih,” Master Ghost sighed, his face full of disappointment.

He had expected it to be someone from the faction, now it seemed like not only was the person not from the faction, he or she even came from the opposing influence.

The Left and the Right Palace Masters who had just congratulated the Palace Master looked rather awkward. They kept silence, not saying a word.

Elder Jing remarked coldly, “Humph, being detained by the Red Blood Palace, yet instead of indulging in retrospection, he’s taking his leisurely time refining elixirs! He is indeed treating the Red Blood Palace with contempt!”

She had always been known for her fierce and ruthless character, and she treated her enemies and her own self just the same.

Mo Tianxuan was stunned. None of the people that she detained herself wasn’t strong, surly and overbearing figures.

But that old perverted thief was the only one that had detained of late.

“Follow me to check it out,” Mo Tianxuan said.

Before long, they followed the scent of the elixir, and found themselves in front of a sealed house with courtyard.

Under the seal, a mansion stood quietly.

The front gates were closed tight, and the exact happenings inside remained unknown.

The only detectable sign was the scattered elixir fire that burned everywhere within the seal, and the house roof was being lifted by some kind of explosive energy.

A drop of purple spiritual liquid encased by penta-colored sun rays was colliding in every direction. Whenever it came into contact with the seal, it ricocheted right back, unable to break out.

Right at that moment, an old, battered soft yell sounded from the weather-beaten mansion, “Withdraw!”

Vast Vital Energy that could only be possessed by third-grade Almighty gushed out from the house, took away the purple spiritual liquid in the sky and returned it inside the house.

“Third-grade Almighty?” Mo Tianxuan was startled. The old perverted thief’s cultivation was merely sixth-grade fairy.

Could it possibly be someone else?

“Elder Hui, who is being detained inside?” Mo Tianxuan enquired.

Elder Hui was stunned. "Pardon me, Palace Master. This person was escorted here by the Palace Master's servants. They said that Palace Master will interrogate him afterwards, hence I did not act on my own initiative and ask for his personal details."

His name and background were unknown, yet he was certainly the one detained by Mo Tianxuan.

"Impossible!" Mo Tianxuan stepped forward. With a lift of her hand, the considerably strong seal was removed by itself.

Standing in the yard, Mo Tianxuan stared at the tightly shut gates. She waved her hand, and a mighty force roiled turbulently, forcing open the gates.

Inside the house, a haggard, black-faced old man whose clothing was blown into shreds was holding a jade box smilingly, with satisfaction and excitement written all over his face.

Such behavior, combined with his battered appearance made him look all the more vile and debauched.

Especially when many parts of his body were exposed. It was too abrupt that it caught Mo Tianxuan unawares.

She was slightly angered. "Put on your clothes properly! Come outside!"

It's him! She could recognize him even if he turned into ashes, let alone just having a pitch-black face for now.

Su Yi was shocked as well. Without hesitation, he concealed the fifth-grade spiritual liquid which had just been refined.

Speaking of refining the spiritual elixir, Su Yu himself was startled too.

Ever since he attained the Union of Elixir and Fire, Su Yu felt that refining fourth-grade spiritual elixirs was no challenge to him, even without trying hands-on.

Who could have predicted that it was even smoother than expected when he began refining for real?

The essence of the materials was fully extracted, and the flames had achieved the impeccable level of the Union of Elixir and Fire.

Eventually, the elixir fusion process was tempered for a few hundred times, even reaching a thousand.

More importantly, the materials of the spiritual liquid were all top-grade treasures aged a hundred years.

The medicinal effects they contained far exceeded their original properties.

This gave rise to the emergence of fifth-grade spiritual liquid toward the end of the elixir refinement, and even inflicted faint abnormal phenomena of the heavens and the earth.

That was exactly what captivated Mo Tianxuan's and the others' attention.

Master Ghost and Elder Jing felt a vague sense of familiarity as they looked at the disheveled person in ragged clothes. However, they failed to recognize him due to his charred black face.

The Left and the Right Palace Masters had never seen Su Yu before, so for sure they didn't recognize him.

"Old fellow, you even know elixir refinement?" Mo Tianxuan stared coldly at Su Yu, and began to doubt Su Yu's allegations even more.

How could there possibly be such a coincidence in the world? The ruthless demonic man happened to pass by when she was knocked out cold, helped treated her wounds for no reason.

Then, he resolved the Central Prefecture's King's Mortal Fairy's Strength, and took her demonic fairy artifact by the way.

It sounded reasonable the first time she heard, now that she came to think about it, it was full of errors and loopholes.

Su Yu changed into a set of clean garments and wiped his face. He asked with a grin, "What does it have to do with you, Palace Master?"

Mo Tianxuan scoffed. "Of course it has nothing to do with me, but it does concern your life greatly. I'm not a narrow-minded person, if you can't provide me with a reason that could convince me to agree with you, you know the consequences."

An elixir-refining talent who could refine fifth-grade elixirs would be regarded with great importance no matter which influence they were placed in.

It was fine if placed in an allied influence, but wouldn't it be like providing for the enemy if they were recruited by opposing influences?

While Mo Tianxuan was sneering, Master Ghost and Elder Jing were startled at the same time. They looked like they had run into ghosts as they stared at the person who had appeared in the house.

A moment later, Master Ghost stepped forward and scrutinized Su Yu's face carefully. Only then did he affirm the suspicion on his mind.

He exclaimed, "You, aren't you Su Yuxian, Master Su?"

She felt absurd, the Red Blood Palace was flipping over the world in search of Su Yuxian, so he could deal with the challenge from the Heavenly Knife Region.

They had even speculated that the reason Su Yu hadn't turned up after so long was most likely because he was secretly imprisoned by certain influences.

Who could have thought that he was in fact, imprisoned by the Red Blood Palace, and even by the Palace Master herself, instead of by some other influences?

Such a plot twist stupefied Master Ghost, he looked at Mo Tianxuan with wide eyes.

Elder Jing was stunned to, her eyes were filled with doubt and suspicion as she looked at Mo Tianxuan.

Mo Tianxuan's enthusiasm about the Ancient Spiritual Body far exceeded the normal All Creation Old Monsters', hers was almost zealous.

Could Mo Tianxuan herself have captured Su Yu for research purposes, and then covered it up by shifting the blame to others?

The Left and the Right Palace Masters were confused and frenzied, they had not gotten their heads around the matter yet.

So the “foreign enemy” who was seized by Mo Tianxuan and was standing before them right now was actually one of their own, and even the Master Su that they had gone to great lengths to look for?

Mo Tianxuan herself seemed thunderstruck, her gorgeous eyes were glaring wide. “You’re saying that, he is Su Yuxian? That Master Su who excels in Mu words from the outside sanctum?”

Her heart was filled with a puzzlement that felt as if being struck by five bolts of thunder at the same time.

“Exactly! May I know where did Palace Master capture him, and how did you identify him as a ‘foreign enemy’?” Master Ghost was befuddled.

Mo Tianxuan was startled. “Near the Situ family. As for why I identified him as a foreign enemy, that’s because he molested me before...”

Her words stopped abruptly midway.

The look of suspicion in the eyes of Master Ghost, Elder Jing, the Left and the Right Palace Masters as they looked at Mo Tianxuan had turned into stupefaction and terror.

Su Yuxian, molested the Palace Master before?

“Oh, ehem, I’m saying that, he has molested a female servant of mine!” Mo Tianxuan altered her allegation in time. She cast a glare at Su Yu secretly, extremely angered and frustrated.

Master Ghost and the rest were embarrassed...So that was it.

They did not suspect it further. In the whole wide world, there weren’t many that could actually molest Mo Tianxuan.

Su Yuxian wasn’t among them.

“Palace Master, I think there must be some misunderstanding in it. Su Yuxian has made many great contributions to our faction, he’s a precious talent that we can pin our hopes on.”

Master Ghost explained hurriedly, “It’s alright for Palace Master to have misunderstood, but it should be resolved as quickly as possible, otherwise if the imprisonment of an exemplary student by Red Blood Palace is made known to the public, disconcertment will arise.”

Su Yu had achieved phenomenal credits for the faction during the Desolate Evil Jungle sacrifice offering, and the battle at the Situ family.

Out of expectation, Mo Tianxuan didn’t know Su Yu, and even mistook him for a thief and held him prisoner.

If this was spread, would the members still work for the faction to their best abilities? Who wouldn’t feel disheartened?

Even Su Yu who had made remarkable contributions ended up like that, wouldn't it be worse for them?

Upon hearing that, Mo Tianxuan was unsettled and fretful, as if ten thousand horses were riding across her heart.

The old perverted thief whom she had been painstakingly searching was actually in the faction, right before her eyes!

Even more ridiculously, she had mistook him for an outsider and imprisoned him.

Currently, the unknown influences were wreaking havoc in the Blessed and Heavenly Lands. The people were anxious and frightened, and now was exactly the critical juncture to reassure them.

Yet, she had been too clever for her own good, that the whole incident of beating down a student with great contributions ensued.

Moreover, considering the nearest factor, Su Yu was the only person who could contend with the emissaries dispatched from the Heavenly Knife Region.

What could she do to Su Yu?

Not only could she not interrogate him, she had to be generous toward him and grant him favors in order to eliminate his pent-up resentment.

"I..." Mo Tianxuan stared at Su Yu, extremely reluctant. "So you are Su Yuxian, I've heard about your past achievements, and I've wanted to summon you earlier on, but I had to give up because you were in isolation."

"Now, I exempt you from your punishment and announce you not guilty, you may leave."

She thought of releasing him temporarily, and waiting until the emissaries from the Heavenly Knife Region were dealt with. Then, she would assess this person through soul searching.

Ancient Space Spiritual Body, mastery of the Divine Decree, Mu words, and he was even an elixir-refining master. He was equipped with all the extraordinary traits, how could he possibly be an ordinary human?

Also, he was suspected of stealing the fairy artifact, therefore his soul must be searched in order to understand the course of matters.

"Leave? Dare I ask Palace Master, where can I go?" Su Yu was serious. "I've always been loyal to the faction, yet I was thrown into the jail. If I step out of the jail for real, will Palace Master judge me guilty of escaping?"

Mo Tianxuan was frustrated and annoyed by his deliberate pester.

She could see that Su Yu was charging an exorbitant price because the Red Blood Palace needed him!

Chapter 937: A Million of Merit Points

“Since the time I captured you till now, have you ever come clean about your true identity?” This was what angered Mo Tianxuan. If only he had explained earlier, they wouldn’t have ended up as a laughing stock to the people of the faction.

Su Yu replied coldly, “Dare I ask, Palace Master, have you ever given me a chance to speak?” His unique meridians had been sealed by Mo Tianxuan from the beginning, and he had been rendered unable to speak. When he could talk again, he was being interrogated. Had he ever gotten a chance to explain his identity?

“I...” Mo Tianxuan had a guilty conscience, and for that she became even more annoyed. If it went on, she would have to back down, and she would be embarrassed in front of the outsiders.

“Are you planning to ask for compensation?” Mo Tianxuan’s tone softened a little. “You have been wronged, and the faction understands. You are free to request whatever you want. As long as the faction can afford it, we’ll surely consider it.”

“I want you never to touch me again, and get a thousand miles away from me if we ever meet again!” Su Yu answered without any hesitation.

Master Ghost was speechless. He was inwardly stunned by Su Yu’s great courage in uttering such words.

Elder Jing furrowed her brows. “Bold rascal! How dare you disrespect the Palace Master just because you have made some insignificant contributions?”

Su Yu cast a nonchalant look at her. “I’ll deal with you later!” he said. He then looked straight at Mo Tianxuan, whose eyes were burning with the fire of rage, and said, “If you promise me that, I’ll leave the dungeon; if you don’t, I’d rather die in this dungeon than take one step out. If the faction encounters any difficulties in the future, don’t even think of looking for me.”

Mo Tianxuan clenched her fists, and resisted the urge to step forward and punch him in the face. He had got the upper hand by chance, and so was behaving in this audacious manner. Su Yu was making her stay away from him and had prohibited her from touching him to prevent her from searching his memory.

It was too bad that the circumstances were pressing. Even if they weren’t, it wouldn’t be a wise move to detain Su Yu any longer. Straining to hold back her anger, Mo Tianxuan forced a smile. She said, “I’ll be in isolation all year round. I will not summon you anymore. As for touching you, that’s even less likely.”

“Words don’t carry weight. Pledge yourself to the Ancient Book of the Heart’s Oaths first.” Su Yu took an Ancient Book of the Heart’s Oaths from the space ring.

The green veins on Mo Tianxuan’s forehead pounded. As the Palace Master, she always kept her word, but now she was being forced to pledge to the Ancient Book of the Heart’s Oaths by a brat. She suppressed her animosity and accepted the Ancient Book of the Heart’s Oaths. She dropped her blood essence inside, and signed the pledge. Only then did Su Yu give a soft sigh of relief.

Mo Tianxuan stared at Su Yu. She was enraged yet amused at the same time. She sneered. "If an Ancient Book of the Heart's Oaths could hold me back, how can I still be known as one of the strongest after the Prefecture's Kings?" Even without touching him, she had other means of browsing Su Yu's memory.

"Alright, pack up and recuperate for three days. You're needed for a task," Mo Tianxuan ordered.

Su Yu just stood on the spot and showed no desire to move. "Give me ten more qualifications for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland."

Mo Tianxuan almost failed to suppress her temper and was about to vent her rage then and there. At most, the Red Blood Palace only had 40 qualified quotas for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland. Su Yu had asked for ten quotas in one shot! Each person is only allowed to use one. Is he planning on stewing the remaining nine and swallowing them? Mo Tianxuan cursed inwardly.

With a frown, she asked, "Why do you have so many requests?"

"The one just now was only an insurance to prevent you from doing the same to me again. This request is the real compensation! Ten qualified quotas for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland," Su Yu said very steadfastly.

Mo Tianxuan shook her head. "Even just one is impossible, let alone ten. The Glittering Jewel Wonderland takes place once a century, and it's reserved for the inner sanctum students to obtain great fortune and create opportunities. Since long ago, it has been a once-in-a-century occasion for various great factions of the Blessed and Heavenly Lands."

"The luck and capacity of the faction in half a year's time would be affected even just by missing one quota. As the Palace Master, I have no right to reward the quotas to anyone at will. Every student earns their chance through years of hard work," she said. Her tone was resolute and staunch, with no space for negotiation. She wouldn't change her mind about it even if Su Yu refused to leave the dungeon.

Su Yu scowled. It seemed like the importance that the Red Blood Palace placed on the Glittering Jewel Wonderland was not to be slighted. After some thought, Su Yu said, "Fine, I'll change the condition. I want to enter the Depository of Buddhist Scripture to exchange some cultivation techniques."

Mo Tianxuan considered his request for a while before nodding. "That is fine. You've made a great contribution at the Situ's, and you deserve 500,000 merit points. Now, as the compensation, you'll receive another 500,000, adding up to a million merit points."

She continued, "At the Depository of Buddhist Scriptures, you can exchange them for a book of top-grade legendary cultivation techniques." This was in fact, the compensation for refusing Su Yu's request for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland qualifications.

Su Yu wanted to enter the inner sanctum to find a unique classic book. He was uncertain if it actually existed in the inner sanctum. "Alright." He expressed his satisfaction with the arrangements. The Glittering Jewel Wonderland was two months from now. Success was still possible.

Mo Tianxuan asked, "There isn't anything else, is there?"

"There is!" Su Yu said.

Mo Tianxuan's face finally darkened, she couldn't suppress the fire of rage in her any longer. But then she heard Su Yu saying, "I hope the faction can dispatch someone who is on a mission back as soon as possible."

The anger on Mo Tianxuan's face was alleviated. She was slightly surprised. "Who is it? What mission are they executing?"

"Xuelian. She's executing the espionage mission at the Heavenly Knife Region," Su Yu answered.

"Her?" Mo Tianxuan looked puzzled. "You know Xuelian?"

"You could say that," Su Yu said. He was also rather stunned. From the way Mo Tianxuan said it, it sounds like Xuelian is kind of a big deal?

"If it's her, there is no need for that," Mo Tianxuan said, "Xuelian is most adept at espionage. Her safety must be protected. Instead, if she is summoned back now, it's likely that her traces will be exposed and danger will arise. After the Glittering Jewel Wonderland, she will return once her term of service is reached. You don't have to worry," she said.

Is that so? Despite Su Yu's insecurities, Mo Tianxuan's words were rather reasonable. He could only wish for Xuelian to take care of her own wellbeing. Su Yu hoped to remunerate her kindness toward him.

"No more opinions?" Mo Tianxuan was irritated. Her mind was full of thoughts of examining Su Yu's soul. She wanted to find out the truth about him.

Before Su Yu replied, Elder Jing snorted coldly. "Dare he voice any more opinions? It is his obligation to contribute to the faction. If he threatens that and goes overboard to ask for benefits, it will be traitorous!"

Su Yu would let it go if she didn't speak, but she kept picking on him. "Palace Master, there's one more thing that I'd like you to know." Su Yu retrieved a jade box which was sealed, so its contents couldn't be seen from the outside world.

Mo Tianxuan took the jade box suspiciously, opened it and glanced inside. The single glance made Mo Tianxuan squint her eyes slightly, and unnoticeably, she shot a look at Elder Jing. "Where did you get this?"

"From the enemy's hand, during the battle at the Situ family!" Su Yu said, "This is a disgrace to the faction. I believe that the insiders haven't thought of ways to report it to the faction. There were only a few of us at the scene. As for how to handle it, you will decide, Palace Master."

Mo Tianxuan held the jade box in her hand and nodded slowly. Her eyes turned cold. She asked, "If someone from the inner sanctum has been colluding with foreign enemies and has brought harm to our own influences, what kind of punishment do all of you think they deserve for the crime?"

Master Ghost, the Left and the Right Palace Masters, as well as Elder Jing, glanced at the jade box out of the corners of their eyes. They felt uncomfortable.

What is in the jade box that could have any relations with a betrayal of the faction?

#### Chapter 938: Wuxin's Decision

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Mo Tianxuan's eyes turned ice cold. "You have no repentance at all!" She clutched her fingers into a claw, and massive demonic energy surrounded her fingers as she pressed her hand onto Elder Jing's head.

Elder Jing let out an ear-piercing scream of agony, as if her soul was enduring intense, excruciating pain.

Mo Tianxuan withdrew her hand, as ice cold light gleamed in her eyes. “Humph, you gave the talisman to Shao Chunguang and had him help you deal with Su Yuxian. How dare you still claim to be innocent?”

Bang!

With a kick, Elder Jing was thrown by Mo Tianxuan into the courtyard where Su Yu had stayed. Then, Mo Tianxuan opened up the seal and coldly said, “You can spend the rest of your life here in the dungeon!” Mo Tianxuan didn’t want to risk inciting a rebellion, otherwise, the punishment would be far worse than just imprisonment.

In just a short while, Su Yu had freed himself from his imprisonment, and had witnessed Elder Jing being taken prisoner. The matter was drawing to an end. Su Yu was both physically and mentally exhausted. He bid his farewell and returned to the outside sanctum.

Mo Tianxuan reminded him to be ready to contend with the emissaries from the Heavenly Knife Region in three days. She also warned him about the mysterious person in jade clothing, whom she could not get a grasp on.

Su Yu did not belittle the matter. After settling a few things, he delved entirely into studying the golden yellow Mu words on the sacrifice offering. There was a small portion of the words which Su Yu was rather unfamiliar with.

When he stood before the Demon Mountain again, Su Yu felt awkward. He had left there several days ago with the determination to leave the faction. However, a few days later, he was taken by force once again by Mo Tianxuan. Luckily, the alluring cabinet master was the only one in the faction who had fathomed his intention to leave, and the rest of the people were clueless about it. Otherwise, it would be a disgrace for Su Yu to return.

Upon entering the Demon Mountain, he was greeted with the familiar scenery and the familiar ambience. As he pushed open the yard door, he found that the vibrant, gorgeous purple figure had left no traces behind. Su Yu felt rather rueful. He didn’t know where had Zixuan been transported to, or whether she was safe. With her All Creations cultivation, combined with the reputation of the Central Prefecture’s King’s student, he supposed she would return to the Central Prefecture very soon.

“Ahh! Su Yu, oh, nope, Brother Yuxian, you’re back!!” Zixuan was nowhere to be seen in the yard, but a dainty, purple-black figure dashed out from the house, with a face full of delighted surprise. Nope, it was wild ecstasy that Su Yu hadn’t expected.

“Wuxie, why are you in my house?” Su Yu asked. Wuxie must be the only person apart from Zixuan who knew Su Yuxian was actually Su Yu.

“I thought you would leave the Red Blood Palace.” Gongsun Wuxie was staying very close to him. She was gritting her teeth, her watery, clear eyes unblinking. A long sigh of relief escaped from her mouth as the repentance in her heart was greatly alleviated.

“It’s a long story.” Su Yu was speechless. The reason he had done nothing to Gongsun Wuxie before was that he had never intended to return to the Red Blood Palace. Who

would have thought that things would turn out like this? Nonetheless, judging from the way Gongsun Wuxie had quickly changed from calling him “Su Yu” to “Su Yuxian”, it was likely that she would continue helping Su Yu keep his secret.

Gongsun Wuxie rubbed her small hands, and asked nervously yet expectantly, “It’s really great. Is Brother Yuxian going to leave again?”

“Probably not for now.” Su Yu smiled bitterly. He would be recaptured by Mo Tianxuan even if he took just half a step off the Red Blood Palace.

“Oh yeah!!” Gongsun Wuxie leapt off the ground in delight, her face full of jubilation. “Brother Yuxian, how about you tutor me in training from now on?”

Su Yu shook his head in amusement. “If you truly want to train, why would you need my tutoring?” This little girl’s background was very impressive.

Gongsun Wuxie laughed in a silly way. She didn’t mention Su Yu’s terrifying magical power of Time Retrogradation.

“Eh, I thought you have died somewhere out there,” an ice cold voice said from outside the house right at that moment. Bing Wuxin was carrying her long sword in her arms as she walked inside, her long slender legs striding confidently.

Gongsun Wuxie held her chin with both hands, and placed her elbows on the table. She chuckled. “Sister Wuxin, don’t behave that way, Brother Yuxian is your lover. Hasn’t he moved your heart with those 3 million merit points?”

Bing Wuxin glowered at her and set down the long sword. She sat opposite Su Yu, and looked at him from across the table. “I have come here to talk about that.”

Pow!

She took out her identity badge and put it on the table. “The mission is complete, and the reward has been exchanged, a full 3,000,000 merit points! I’ve only taken 300,000 merit points, and I’m returning the remaining 2,700,000 to you. My deficit for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland has been covered.”

Su Yu wasn’t a close-minded person. He hadn’t been bothered about the merit points earlier because he was leaving the faction. Now that he had returned, he certainly had to regain the merit points. He took out his own badge and transferred the merit points over. He had obtained 300,000 merit points in Tianya City, and had just received a million merit points from Mo Tianxuan. Added to this 2,700,000 merit points, he had 4,000,000 merit points altogether. The merit points required for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland were adequate now. This was a surprising delight.

“Su Yuxian, I have pondered matters for many days, and now I want to be honest with you about my thoughts and decisions,” Bing Wuxin said solemnly.

Su Yu was rather confused... What thoughts and decisions? Puzzled, he replied, “Alright, fire away.”

Bing Wuxin gazed at Su Yu, her pronunciation clear and precise. "I have understood your feelings for me. 3,000,000 merit points must be very important for you too, yet you gave them to me. I had thought that you were only putting up an act for the occasion. I never thought that you had real feelings for me," she said.

Hold on! Su Yu felt like he had been hammered forcefully. The reason he had given away the merit points was that they were of no use to him, so he had left them for Bing Wuxin before leaving. How had she come to the conclusion that he had feelings for her?

"Now, let me talk about my decision." Bing Wuxin did not give Su Yu a chance to argue and explain himself. "I've contemplated this for many days. It doesn't really matter who I marry. Since you have feelings for me, I'll marry you. From today onwards, you will be my fiancée. That way, I can also avoid being harassed by others. I have already delivered a message to my mother regarding this decision of mine. You must be mentally prepared for my mother's assessment."

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Elder Jing's face lost all color and she turned as white as a sheet. She kowtowed and said, "Please look into this matter thoroughly, Palace Master, I've always been loyal to the faction and have absolutely no intention of rebelling. It's him, he's trying to slander me."

Mo Tianxuan's eyes turned ice cold. "You have no repentance at all!" She clutched her fingers into a claw, and massive demonic energy surrounded her fingers as she pressed her hand onto Elder Jing's head.

Elder Jing let out an ear-piercing scream of agony, as if her soul was enduring intense, excruciating pain.

Mo Tianxuan withdrew her hand, as ice cold light gleamed in her eyes. "Humph, you gave the talisman to Shao Chunguang and had him help you deal with Su Yuxian. How dare you still claim to be innocent?"

Bang!

With a kick, Elder Jing was thrown by Mo Tianxuan into the courtyard where Su Yu had stayed. Then, Mo Tianxuan opened up the seal and coldly said, "You can spend the rest of your life here in the dungeon!" Mo Tianxuan didn't want to risk inciting a rebellion, otherwise, the punishment would be far worse than just imprisonment.

In just a short while, Su Yu had freed himself from his imprisonment, and had witnessed Elder Jing being taken prisoner. The matter was drawing to an end. Su Yu was both physically and mentally exhausted. He bid his farewell and returned to the outside sanctum.

Mo Tianxuan reminded him to be ready to contend with the emissaries from the Heavenly Knife Region in three days. She also warned him about the mysterious person in jade clothing, whom she could not get a grasp on.

Su Yu did not belittle the matter. After settling a few things, he delved entirely into studying the golden yellow Mu words on the sacrifice offering. There was a small portion of the words which Su Yu was rather unfamiliar with.

When he stood before the Demon Mountain again, Su Yu felt awkward. He had left there several days ago with the determination to leave the faction. However, a few days later, he was taken by force once again by Mo Tianxuan. Luckily, the alluring cabinet master was the only one in the faction who had fathomed his intention to leave, and the rest of the people were clueless about it. Otherwise, it would be a disgrace for Su Yu to return.

Upon entering the Demon Mountain, he was greeted with the familiar scenery and the familiar ambience. As he pushed open the yard door, he found that the vibrant, gorgeous purple figure had left no traces behind. Su Yu felt rather rueful. He didn't know where had Zixuan been transported to, or whether she was safe. With her All Creations cultivation, combined with the reputation of the Central Prefecture's King's student, he supposed she would return to the Central Prefecture very soon.

"Ahh! Su Yu, oh, nope, Brother Yuxian, you're back!!" Zixuan was nowhere to be seen in the yard, but a dainty, purple-black figure dashed out from the house, with a face full of delighted surprise. Nope, it was wild ecstasy that Su Yu hadn't expected.

“Wuxie, why are you in my house?” Su Yu asked. Wuxie must be the only person apart from Zixuan who knew Su Yuxian was actually Su Yu.

“I thought you would leave the Red Blood Palace.” Gongsun Wuxie was staying very close to him. She was gritting her teeth, her watery, clear eyes unblinking. A long sigh of relief escaped from her mouth as the repentance in her heart was greatly alleviated.

“It’s a long story.” Su Yu was speechless. The reason he had done nothing to Gongsun Wuxie before was that he had never intended to return to the Red Blood Palace. Who would have thought that things would turn out like this? Nonetheless, judging from the way Gongsun Wuxie had quickly changed from calling him “Su Yu” to “Su Yuxian”, it was likely that she would continue helping Su Yu keep his secret.

Gongsun Wuxie rubbed her small hands, and asked nervously yet expectantly, “It’s really great. Is Brother Yuxian going to leave again?”

“Probably not for now.” Su Yu smiled bitterly. He would be recaptured by Mo Tianxuan even if he took just half a step off the Red Blood Palace.

“Oh yeah!!” Gongsun Wuxie leapt off the ground in delight, her face full of jubilation. “Brother Yuxian, how about you tutor me in training from now on?”

Su Yu shook his head in amusement. “If you truly want to train, why would you need my tutoring?” This little girl’s background was very impressive.

Gongsun Wuxie laughed in a silly way. She didn’t mention Su Yu’s terrifying magical power of Time Retrogradation.

“Eh, I thought you have died somewhere out there,” an ice cold voice said from outside the house right at that moment. Bing Wuxin was carrying her long sword in her arms as she walked inside, her long slender legs striding confidently.

Gongsun Wuxie held her chin with both hands, and placed her elbows on the table. She chuckled. “Sister Wuxin, don’t behave that way, Brother Yuxian is your lover. Hasn’t he moved your heart with those 3 million merit points?”

Bing Wuxin glowered at her and set down the long sword. She sat opposite Su Yu, and looked at him from across the table. “I have come here to talk about that.”

Pow!

She took out her identity badge and put it on the table. “The mission is complete, and the reward has been exchanged, a full 3,000,000 merit points! I’ve only taken 300,000 merit points, and I’m returning the remaining 2,700,000 to you. My deficit for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland has been covered.”

Su Yu wasn’t a close-minded person. He hadn’t been bothered about the merit points earlier because he was leaving the faction. Now that he had returned, he certainly had to regain the merit points. He took out his own badge and transferred the merit points over. He had obtained 300,000 merit points

in Tianya City, and had just received a million merit points from Mo Tianxuan. Added to this 2,700,000 merit points, he had 4,000,000 merit points altogether. The merit points required for the Glittering Jewel Wonderland were adequate now. This was a surprising delight.

“Su Yuxian, I have pondered matters for many days, and now I want to be honest with you about my thoughts and decisions,” Bing Wuxin said solemnly.

Su Yu was rather confused... What thoughts and decisions? Puzzled, he replied, “Alright, fire away.”

Bing Wuxin gazed at Su Yu, her pronunciation clear and precise. “I have understood your feelings for me. 3,000,000 merit points must be very important for you too, yet you gave them to me. I had thought that you were only putting up an act for the occasion. I never thought that you had real feelings for me,” she said.

Hold on! Su Yu felt like he had been hammered forcefully. The reason he had given away the merit points was that they were of no use to him, so he had left them for Bing Wuxin before leaving. How had she come to the conclusion that he had feelings for her?

“Now, let me talk about my decision.” Bing Wuxin did not give Su Yu a chance to argue and explain himself. “I’ve contemplated this for many days. It doesn’t really matter who I marry. Since you have feelings for me, I’ll marry you. From today onwards, you will be my fiancée. That way, I can also avoid being harassed by others. I have already delivered a message to my mother regarding this decision of mine. You must be mentally prepared for my mother’s assessment.”

Su Yu was completely thunderstruck.

#### Chapter 939: The Master Awakened

Even putting aside her one-sided decision to announce their engagement, Su Yu wasn’t delighted by the way she talked about it at all. She sounded as though marrying Su Yu was a haphazard, random decision.

Su Yu’s face darkened. “Bing Wuxin, I think you have misunderstood. In fact, the reason I gave you those merit points was that I knew that you needed a million merit points urgently. I had no other intentions.”

Bing Wuxin looked calm and composed. “Wasn’t that a sign of your affection towards me? I have many pursuers in the inner sanctum, and many knew that I was short of a million merit points. However, you were the only one who willingly gave up your own opportunity of entering the Glittering Jewel Wonderland to fulfill my wish. If that isn’t adoration, then what is?” she asked. She stared at Su Yu matter-of-factly, as if she knew a great deal about relationships.

Su Yu was rebutted to the point at which he became speechless. His random act of generosity had ended up giving rise to such a misunderstanding.

“Alright, that’s all then. I’m going back to training,” Bing Wuxin sounded as if she had just announced something casual and ordinary, and then stood up to leave. Before

leaving, she turned to look at Gongsun Wuxie, and then at Su Yu again. She stopped. "I've noticed this recently. When did the two of you become so close?"

A few days ago, Gongsun Wuxie's attitude toward Su Yu was atrocious. After their return, she had taken to wait for Su Yu all the time, and now she even vaguely appeared to be very intimate with him. Nothing obvious had happened, but based on her intuition as a woman, Bing Wuxin could see an enormous change in the way Gongsun Wuxie treated Su Yu.

Gongsun Wuxie giggled as she answered. "Brother Yuxian is going to my brother-in-law very soon. How could I not be close to him?"

Bing Wuxin furrowed her brows. It sounded reasonable, yet it didn't seem to be the case. "I don't care if Yuxian has confessed everything to you in the past. Wuxie, you can keep your distance from now on. He is my fiance now," Bing Wuxin said.

Gongsun Wuxie drawled in response. "Oh!" Only then did Bing Wuxin leave.

Su Yu was speechless. Bing Wuxin had not even given him the chance to explain. This matter could not be postponed: he had to clear things up with Bing Wuxin as soon as possible. He was a man with a family. How could he become the fiance of another woman?

"Wuxie, you go back and rest too," Su Yu said.

Gongsun Wuxie wrapped her arms around her chest, and said with a smile, "Congratulations Brother Yuxian! You're going to get the beauty soon. Even I would fall for a woman as beautiful as Sister Wuxin." Annoyed, Su Yu landed a knock on her forehead, but Gongsun Wuxie ran away laughing.

This was but a small disturbance to Su Yu. He had many things to do now. With a flash of his figure, he arrived at the Depository of Buddhist Scriptures. He searched every nook and cranny while he was in there.

He came out a day later, disappointed. He had wanted to look for a book about a set of accompaniment cultivation techniques for the Underworld Pearl. At the hands of the Great Emperor of the Ghost World, the Underworld Pearl was a full set of treasures, consisting of nine pearls fused into one. Now that it was on its own, it could only perform simple functions like tossing and hurling things at Su Yu's hands.

Due to gravity, its power was undeniably strong, but the assaulting techniques were rather tedious and repetitive. They would cause no substantial harm to an enemy. It was too bad that the cultivation techniques in the round pearls were remote, and that those suitable for the heavy nature of the Underworld Pearl were extremely rare. Luckily Su Yu was mentally prepared, so he wasn't too disappointed. Quickly readjusting his emotional state, he went into isolation immediately.

There were two tasks to be completed throughout these three days. The first task was to thoroughly integrate the last part of those remote Mu words into his vocabulary. The second task was to consume the Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid of the fifth-grade spiritual elixir level, to enhance his soul to the Almighty level. Su Yu executed his plans without further ado. He activated the Power of Time and mastered the final Mu words under double time acceleration.

The uncommon golden words were all ancient Mu words. Despite their rarity, Su Yu recognized a large proportion of them. By referring to the scroll left behind by the Underworld devotee, it was

not a big problem. A day later, Su Yu had mastered integrating the words. No Mu words would be of difficulty to him now. The challenge two days from now was no big deal.

While taking a brief respite, Su Yu retrieved a jade vessel. The vessel contained a mass of transparent spiritual liquid. It was as clear as water: only the five colored patterns were faintly visible. It was the fifth-grade Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid! It was easily distinguishable from the common third-grade Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid sold on the market. Its effects, however, were unpredictable. Could it possibly help Su Yu break through the Almighty level once and for all?

With a sense of anticipation, Su Yu opened the jade box and gulped down all of it. All of a sudden, a shocking fiery spiciness spread from the depths of his throat. The sensation felt like burning flames that were about to penetrate his throat. The unusual pain and anguish made Su Yu's entire body tremble. It was almost like the excruciating pain which he had experienced when his Dantian was being remoulded.

The pain wasn't alleviated as the medicinal effect deepened. Instead, it spread relentlessly to the depths of his body, until it reached his soul. The instant it came into contact with his soul, Su Yu groaned, his brows deeply furrowed. Not only did the pain show no sign of diminishing, but it also continued to increase and surge rapidly.

"Hiss..." The pain was so intense that it made Su Yu draw a sharp cold breath. However, the pain that reverberated from the depths of his soul did not dwindle the least bit but kept intensifying. Acute pain kept spreading over and over again from his soul. It was so miserable it felt as if he was being fried with oil. The pain spread to every corner of Su Yu's heart, making his body spasm. He gritted his teeth so tightly that a clanking sound could be heard. His facial features were contorted together, indicating the misery inside him. The intense pain had far exceeded the pain he felt when his Dantian was being remoulded.

Su Yu's vision blackened. He passed out amidst a burst of immense pain that erupted brutally. While he was unconscious, the intense pain was still present, as if it was trying to burn Su Yu's soul into ashes. The agony was boundless and never-ending. Nonetheless, it was the scorching pain that made Su Yu's soul undergo a gradual metamorphosis.

His soul that was once weak experienced substantial changes under the scorching pain, becoming even stronger and more forceful. Its sense of touch also became clear and concrete, just as how the original form was in contact with the outside world.

Before this, Su Yu had felt a bone-freezing coldness whenever his soul left his body, so it was unable to remain outside the body for too long. Now the situation had improved, and the freezing coldness had turned into a mild chill. It was a pity that Su Yu was in a coma and was unable to perceive the gradual changes in depth.

At some point of time, Su Yu sensed warmth in his dreams. It was gentle and firm, nourishing his soul, and rapidly mitigating the scalding pain. The comfort and ease made Su Yu feel as though he was being reborn, and the anguished look on his face was gradually relieved as he sank into deep sleep. He slept for two days and two nights.

When Su Yu opened his eyes again, the sky was full of stars and the outside world was pitch-black. "Hiss..." Su Yu touched his head subliminally. The weak piercing pain from his soul was the residue of the extreme pain. While shaking his head from side to side and recalling the events from a couple of days ago, Su Yu remembered the horror. It was the very first time he had fainted because of pain since the day he began his training. The agony he had felt during the Dantian remoulding was like a molehill compared to the agony he had just experienced.

The medicinal effect of the fifth-grade Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid was a hundred times greater than the third-grade, so the pain was no surprise.

Now that his mind was sober, Su Yu could not hold back a shudder. He felt his senses undergoing astonishing changes for the second time. The whole world felt like it was being pulled closer, and he could clearly detect the movements of every grass and tree within a hundred miles without having to search deliberately. He could hear the countless soft murmurs of the grasses and insects, and the intimate low whispers of men and women in the faction. Each and every one of them had become so clear, so lucid. Su Yu was greatly astounded by such novelty. Could I possibly have achieved a breakthrough? With a movement of his heart, Su Yu tried to liberate his soul from his body. A transparent figure floated out from Su Yu's cranial vault.

A gust of wind blew past. Su Yu remained calm and placid. He was completely unruffled and had not felt a tinge of coldness. This, isn't this much stronger than the soul of the early-stage Almighty's souls? Su Yu looked at his own soul, and he was taken aback and utterly shocked. He had killed Almighty many times and had seen numerous Almighty souls, so he had mastered a certain level of accuracy in judging the strength of souls. At the moment, his soul had reached a level that was far more than merely breaking through the Almighty!

Impossible! The medicinal effect of the fifth-grade Heart Refining Mortal Dust Liquid could hardly make the soul breakthrough Almighty, which is the limit already. How did I break through two levels consecutively? Su Yu was bewildered.

He was deep in thought when a familiar, long-unheard soft laughter sounded from inside his chest. It said, "Waking up from sleep, you have already accomplished Stage Two Top Class of 'Heaven's Son Majestic Soul' technique. That's far beyond my expectations."

Su Yu's body quivered, excitement roiled in his eyes. "Master, you have finally awakened!" It had been a few years, and now Yun Yazi had finally awakened from his long sleep!

#### Chapter 940: Heavenly Law's Profound Meanings

A soul body flew out from the jade box in Su Yu's arms and transformed into a concrete tangible form. From afar, it looked like a complete body of flesh and blood. Without careful inspection, it would be hard for one to discern that the person before them was actually in their soul form.

"Haha, little fellow, I haven't seen you for so long! Your growth truly astonishes me." Yun Yazi scrutinized Su Yu and nodded approvingly. Yun Yazi was a man of wide mental horizons and the number of true prodigies he had crossed paths with in his life was comparable to the number of stars in the sky. To receive such a compliment as "astonishing" from him, Su Yu's improvement must be truly tremendous.

“Master.” Su Yu’s soul returned to his body. Agitated, he bowed to pay his respects, “Student Su Yu, welcoming Master’s return from isolation.”

Ever since he had come to the Jiuzhou continent, it was rare for him to meet old acquaintances whom he had parted from so long ago. He felt a flood of emotions rolling inside him.

Yun Yazi laughed softly, and held Su Yu up. He said smilingly, “There’s no need for the overelaborate formalities between us.” He raised his head to glance at the surroundings, and asked with surprise, “This place isn’t the Zhenlong world anymore, is it?”

“You are right, Master. This is the Jiuzhou continent,” Su Yu replied.

An expression of nostalgia appeared in Yun Yazi’s eyes. “So we’re in Jiuzhou now. I’ve heard about it. It’s one of the places of origin of the human race. If I’m not mistaken, the stellar ambassador in charge of Jiuzhou is the little girl named Linlang, right?” he asked.

“Master, are you talking about the Glittering Jewel Mortal Fairy?” Su Yu asked as the thought occurred to him.

Yun Yazi looked mournful and glum. “Mortal Fairy? Does that mean that she did not pull through her harrowing ordeal, and is now deceased?” The Mortal Fairies’ lifespan only lasted for an eternity. And now, an eternity had passed, yet she was still being addressed as Mortal Fairy, meaning that she must be deceased.

Su Yu was stunned. If he had remembered correctly, the Glittering Jewel Mortal Fairy was one who had existed long before the eternity had passed. She was the oldest mortal fairy on the Jiuzhou continent. Myths and legends about her rang far and wide in countless ancient classic books. Yet, Yun Yazi had referred to her as “little girl”. Did that imply that Yun Yazi had existed for over an eternity in this world?

“Yes, she has been deceased since before the eternity,” Su Yu said. “She had left behind a relic in the Jiuzhou continent, for the prodigies of Jiuzhou to learn and equip themselves. It’s called the Glittering Jewel Wonderland.”

Yun Yazi kneaded his beard and said, “Did she really keep her promise to leave behind her heirloom as a legacy for the humans of Jiuzhou?”

Promise? Su Yu could not help but question him. “Master, what promise?”

Yun Yazi cast a look at Su Yu, his eyes full of the bleakness of time. “Some promises between her and me.” He didn’t seem keen to elaborate, so Su Yu did not question him further.

“Since she is deceased now, that thing must have been left behind too. Su Yu, you are obliged to make a trip to the Glittering Jewel Wonderland. It has been waiting for you for a long time,” Yun Yazi said.

Su Yu grew even more curious. The Glittering Jewel Mortal Fairy had left something behind, and it was waiting for Su Yu to retrieve it? Perhaps, that was the promise between Yun Yazi and the Glittering Jewel Mortal Fairy. “Yes, Master,” Su Yu agreed.

Yun Yazi was silent for a long time before the loneliness and grief in his eyes faded. He looked at Su Yu, and his eyes were lit up with brightness again. "Tell me," he said, "what happened to you during all those years that I was in a deep sleep."

Su Yu nodded, then began elucidating the many things that happened after the Mysterious Heavenly Divine Pavilion. Starting with the time the Zhenlong world was intruded, and dealing with his experience of being stranded in the Jiuzhou world and then his infiltration into the Red Blood Palace, Su Yu explained almost everything in detail.

When he finished listening, Yun Yazi looked apologetic. It was because of his strictness and austerity toward Su Yu that he had faced the hardships and obstacles all alone. Although Su Yu touched on it only briskly and casually, Yun Yazi could feel the danger and menace involved.

"Luck was on your side as well, if you came across a Tree God at the brink of her death," Yun Yazi said. "I've heard about the Ancient Bronze Tree God's race. Next time, I'll lend her a hand. I won't allow my students to owe others debts of gratitude."

Su Yu was inquisitive. "Master, how is your cultivation now? How much percentage of the original do you have?"

Yun Yazi chuckled. "Now, I probably have just one ten-thousandth of the original. Even my soul has been greatly damaged. How can it be compared to the past? I suppose my exact cultivation is comparable to the ten whiffs of scents, eh, the eleven whiffs." The ten whiffs of scents naturally referred to the Nine Great Prefecture's Kings, the Severed Fairy Cliff Master. To whom was the eleventh whiff of scent referring?

"Strange, why is there a scent of ghost race?" Yun Yazi muttered softly as he stared at the southernmost end of the place, as if he were seeing right through the entire continent.

Su Yu did not hear his mutterings, and did not pay attention to the extra whiff of scent either. In Su Yu's perception, Jiuzhou was as vast as the boundless clouds, thus the appearance of an entity who was as strong as the Nine Great Prefecture's Kings was no anomaly.

"Master, if that's the case, does it mean you are capable of contending with the Central Prefecture's King?" Su Yu had never forgotten about the Central Prefecture's King's threat. After coming out of isolation, he would hunt Su Yu down himself.

Yun Yazi shook his head. "Judging from the speck of golden dust on you, he is the strongest among the eleven whiffs of scents. There's no guarantee I can contend with him."

The Nine Great Prefecture's Kings were the strongest. The ranking of the Nine Great Prefecture's Kings had always remained a mystery, because the Kings would only show themselves when the time came to vie for the throne of Jiuzhou. The rest of the time, the Nine Great Prefecture's Kings lived in harmony. Now, it seemed that the Central Prefecture's King was the strongest individual amongst them all. Tension and a sense of crisis shrouded Su Yu's heart.

"There's no need for you to worry too much. The scent of this person is rather bizarre, so there must be some problems with his training. For now, he will not cause you any trouble," Yun Yazi said.

“I understand. I will figure out the means to enhance my capacity,” Su Yu said, with somber eyes.

Yun Yazi nodded lightly and said, “How have you mastered the many words that I imparted to you?”

Su Yu replied, “I’ve accomplished the highest proficiency in Mu words and mastered 60% of demonic words. As for the dragon words, the insect words and the ghost words, I have mastered around 20 to 30% of them.”

Yun Yazi was surprised. “Highest proficiency in Mu words? It’s only been a couple of years.” Astonished, he began evaluating Su Yu. Su Yu could answer with great fluency and total flawlessness. Even the most remote of ancient Mu words were no challenge to him.

“Tsk tsk, I’ve seen many geniuses with self-proclaimed insane excellence in language. However, in comparison with you, they are just like ordinary people!” He said. Yun Yazi was very shocked. He looked at Su Yu from head to toe, as if trying to see through him.

“To be proficient in the Mu words I left, it’ll take the mediocre people a century, and half a century for the ordinary people, while the prodigies require twenty years. However, you only spent two years,” he exclaimed. Yun Yazi stared at Su Yu, as if he had just discovered a rare, noble treasure.

Su Yu was sheepish. He had accomplished his current success by relying upon the Power of Time of the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron. If calculated strictly, he had spent about forty to fifty years of time on it. His talent in language was in fact, only equivalent to an ordinary person’s. “You compliment me too much, Master,” Su Yu said humbly.

An idea occurred to Yun Yazi. He brooded over it for a long time, and finally said, “In that case, it’s time to impart another book to you. Initially, I had thought that it would take you a lifetime to study the words that I passed on. If your talent in language is wasted just like that, it would be a great pity.” As he spoke, Yun Yazi took out a mass of transparent fluorescence from the spot between his brows. The fluorescence then turned into the form of a book and flew onto Su Yu’s palm.

A diversity of complex words flickered in the book, which appeared very unfamiliar to him. Not only that, but every word contained some kind of intangible, subtle profound meaning. While flipping and skimming through the book, Su Yu felt as though he had plummeted into the great path of the universe, as he sank himself into the endless wonders and awe. Primitive eras, the universe, constellations, all living creatures, life, death, reincarnation, destiny... Countless supreme profound meanings of the heavens and the earth were displayed in Su Yu’s mental space. He seemed to have seen the origin of the world, the birth of the immense universe, the reproduction of all living creatures, life and death, the unfathomable mysterious reincarnation, and the laws of destiny.

He even saw the figure of a young man playing chess. He was surrounded by the world and the universe, as well as all the creations, the celestial bodies, and the galaxies. It was as if the entire world and all lives were revolving around him. He was the center of everything. Su Yu stared at the young man’s figure and felt great bewilderment... Who is that, why am I seeing him?

Right at that moment, the young man turned to look as if he had sensed some presence. The look turned Su Yu's entire body transparent. It was as if he had been seen right through and had no way of escape. Even the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron buried deep inside his soul was seen as well. Like a bolt from the blue, Su Yu felt his soul crumbling, as if it was about to turn into ashes and dust under the person's gaze.

"Su Yu, wake up!" Right at that moment, a loud, clear rebuke sounded like rolling thunder in his ears. Su Yu shuddered. The constellations, galaxies and the universe in his head dissipated just like that, as the reality materialized before his eyes once again.

Yun Yazi queried solemnly, "What did you see?"

Su Yu said, "Everything." From the book, he saw everything that had ever existed in the universe, as if the book itself was a world that accommodated everything.

Yun Yazi nodded lightly, a smile of pride and satisfaction on his face. However, Su Yu's next words made his brows crease.

"And a young man playing chess," Su Yu said.

Yun Yazi's smile froze, as iciness gradually crept onto his face. In a grave voice, he asked, "You saw him?"

Su Yu nodded, still as baffled as ever. "Master, who is he, and why are the world and the universe revolving around him?"

Emotions flickered in Yun Yazi's eyes, which were shining with a light that Su Yu had never seen before. He fell into a long silence and did not answer. "You'll know when the time comes for you to know," Yun Yazi finally said.

Su Yu tried to recall that young man's look, but no matter how hard he tried, he kept failing, as if a formless power of the world was erasing that piece of memory.

"You can call this book the 'Book of First Heavens'. It is said that during the beginning of the universe, the first to be created was these ten thousand words," Yun Yazi said. "The words of every other race in the world had been derived from a single word in this book."

Words from the beginning of the world? Su Yu was remarkably stunned.

Humans selected one word to derive from, hence human words were born. Demons selected one word to derive from, hence demonic words were born. Mu selected one word to derive from, hence Mu words were born.

Yun Yazi said, "It is said that if one could thoroughly comprehend all the words in the 'Book of First Heavens', they will gain enlightenment in the eight Heavenly Law's Profound Meanings of the world: destiny, reincarnation, death, life, time, space, soul, fortune." This was the very first time Su Yu had heard about Heavenly Law's Profound Meanings.

Su Yu said, “Eight profound meanings. Mastering just one of them would make one the paramount entity of all races, who overrides all lives.” A shrewd thought occurred to him. “What if one masters all eight of them?”

“All eight...” Yun Yazi shook his head. “There is only one who has ever mastered all eight Heavenly Law’s Profound Meanings since the birth of the world. He is the one whom you have just seen, the young man playing chess. He isn’t a living creature anymore: he is an existence of the Heavenly Law’s incarnation,” Yun Yazi said.