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Chapter 591 - Unless His Adventure Cost Ten Dollars

In the next half hour.

Uther vividly described to Xu Lingjun and Zophie how amazing the new cultivation technique was... just how powerful the King of the Secret Realm truly was.

He detailed the confrontation process with the King of the Secret Realm meticulously, even admitting, to increase credibility, that he might not be a match for the King of the Secret Realm.

But one must know, he has been at the Creation Realm for over 30 years, while that King of the Secret Realm is obviously new, probably not even thirty years old...

This left both Xu Lingjun and Zophie looking grave, clearly not expecting something so terrifying to exist within the Secret Realm.

"So, speaking of which, the Four Great Martial Mansions have always used the demon beasts in the Secret Realm for practice, as if dancing on the edge of a knife. If that King of the Secret Realm were to suddenly strike at us, the Great Xia Empire would not fear him, but caught off guard, we might suffer heavy casualties."

Xu Lingjun exclaimed, "Once we return, I must instruct the Martial Mansion to immediately cease the intrusion into the Secret Realm and deploy heavy troops for guarding."

"In the face of such a level of enemy, no precautions taken are excessive!"

Zophie also agreed wholeheartedly.

"Alas, I would never have expected that there are such miraculous individuals in this world, and such a powerful character isn't even from our Human Race, but from that Secret Realm."

Uther glanced at Xu Lingjun and said, "Commander in Chief Xu, although still young, you are already the youngest Grandmaster on all of Blue Star, with formidable strength, coupled with astounding military talent. You are truly a remarkable and gifted person; even if we searched all over the Great Xia Empire, we might not find someone more outstanding than you."

Xu Lingjun modestly said, "Ashamed, truly ashamed, there's still a long way to go to reach the Creation Realm."

"No need to be ashamed, if not for the appearance of the King of the Secret Realm, you would probably undoubtedly be the most outstanding figure among the younger generation."

Uther sighed deeply, "Unfortunately, that King of the Secret Realm is comparable to you in both age and form but is greater by not just tenfold... I am not belittling one to praise another, but the fact truly is such!"

Xu Lingjun nodded and said, "Yes, in the vast world, capable people emerge, I understand the meaning of there's always someone better."

"Indeed, I too never expected it before, and all of this is entirely thanks to that miraculous cultivation technique, and after thorough investigation, we found that almost all of the Secret Realm People have cultivated with this technique!"

Uther said, "What does this mean? This means that the King of the Secret Realm did not obtain such strength through a fortuitous encounter, but that this kind of strength has a systematic cultivation method, although there may be only one, even just one is invaluable."

Xu Lingjun nodded in agreement and said, "Indeed, the King of the Secret Realm resides in the Secret Realm all year round, what kind of fortuitous encounter could he have? It's impossible he happened upon a shabby street-sold one for ten bucks and then cultivated to his current realm, if that's the case, I would want as many of such cultivation techniques as possible..."

"Hahaha, Commander in Chief Xu is truly humorous."

As the chatting atmosphere became harmonious.

Uther's mood greatly improved, letting out a hearty laugh, he said, "So, I would like to ask the two of you to convey to all the Grandmaster Level figures upon your return that Uther wants to invite them to enter the Secret Realm together, strike straight at the heart of the problem, capture the King of the Secret Realm, and force him to reveal the technique that differs from our current cultivation system!"

Zophie contemplated for a moment, then said, "After all, even though it's a discussion with us, we are not the ones directly involved. We cannot make decisions for others, so I can only act as a messenger, but whether it succeeds or not, is beyond my control."

"I am already very grateful that Captain Zophie is willing to convey the message."

"But there is another issue."

Xu Lingjun said, "Some things cannot be openly stated, but that doesn't mean these issues don't exist."

Uther said, "Please speak."

"The Three Great Empires have been in a competitive environment over the years, and the development of Blue Star to its current state in just over a hundred years has greatly benefitted from this positive competition, which no one can deny."

Xu Lingjun said, "But we cannot deny that if it weren't for external pressures, if it weren't for the incessant invasions by the mysterious races of the heavens, this positive competition might have already degraded, and perhaps even war could have broken out between the Three Great Empires."

Zophie nodded thoughtfully.

Xu Lingjun continued, "So, my question is... since you've discovered such an advantageous cultivation system, which could even help Grandmasters stuck at the Creation Realm to enhance their power, why aren't you digesting it on your own? Don't talk about Blue Star's Common Prosperity Circle which is sickening to hear. The reputation of your Baoxue Empire internationally is well-known to Lord Uther, I'm sure. You want to snatch everyone else's good things, let alone the fact that this is something you discovered yourselves."

"Then there's another issue."

Zophie said, "How did you discover that there are such hidden treasures within the Secret Realm... you should know, the Three Great Empires and the Secret Realm have always respected each other's boundaries. Although there might be snoring neighbors beside your bed, due to the presence of the mysterious races of the heavens, as long as the demon beasts don't act, we would never provoke them. Where did you get the confidence to take action against both the Secret Realm and the mysterious races of the heavens simultaneously?"

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Xu Lingjun nodded and said, "Could it be that you have colluded with the mysterious races of the heavens, or simply have already joined them, allowing you the leisure to make a move against the secret realm?"

Uther resolutely replied, "Of course not."

"Then explain why you are willing to risk the mysterious races of the heavens breaking through the Desperate Great Wall to attack the secret realm..."

Uther and Laine exchanged a glance.

They couldn't help but let out a long sigh. Indeed, none who could make it here were fools; if they weren't honest, it would be hard to gain their assistance.

Unfortunately, some words can be said, while others definitely cannot be.

Thinking of this, Uther explained, "It's not that we didn't want to go it alone; in fact, we had already made a move, but the King of the Secret Realm was truly terrifying. Not afraid to tell you, Lord Caludia of the Baoxue Empire, King of Blades Renault, and Heiyin Envoy Aemon. The four of us tried to capture the King of the Secret Realm together, but in the end, only I managed to escape; the other three were trapped and perished."

"What? That dangerous?!"

Zophie couldn't help but exclaim.

Though he didn't know exactly how strong the King of Blades and Heiyin Envoy were, a Creation Realm Grandmaster was a pinnacle figure in human martial Tao... He really couldn't imagine that even with four of them joining forces, three were lost.

"The King of the Secret Realm just picked us off one by one. We fell into his trap, but in one-on-one combat, his strength indeed surpassed any one of us. Now, the Baoxue Empire has only one Creation Realm Grandmaster, and that's me."

Uther smiled bitterly, "It's not that the Baoxue Empire doesn't want to monopolize it; we simply got choked. If we obtain the cultivation technique, their sacrifices would be worthwhile, but if not, they truly died in vain."

"Why did you make a move against the secret realm then..."

"Because Lord Carlos was captured by them, right after the last three-party talks. It was on that occasion that we witnessed the power of the King of the Secret Realm and realized that such a mystical martial arts technique was hidden inside."

Uther righteously declared, "We don't know what kind of enmity Lord Carlos has with the inside of the secret realm that would drive them to such madness as to capture him, but the Baoxue Empire has always advocated democracy and freedom, absolutely never abandoning the life of any soldier!"

At this point,

Zophie and Xu Lingjun both sneered contemptuously, not even trying to hide it...

To be so blatantly self-righteous after such selfish intentions, only someone from the Baoxue Empire could manage this feat.

Xu Lingjun asked, "So, the root of the problem lies with Carlos?"

"Exactly, since they captured Lord Carlos alive, we can be sure he's still alive. Once we rescue him, we can ask what enmity he bears with the secret realm."

Uther's goal was clear.

The cultivation technique could no longer be monopolized... It must be shared, or abandon the idea altogether.

Since that's the case, everyone should share it together.

With the same cultivation technique, he was able to lead others in achieving the status of a Creation Grandmaster. Even now, if they jointly obtain the cultivation technique, he has absolute confidence in not being weaker than others.

But as for the secrets inside the secret realm...

He deliberately focused everyone's attention on the King of the Secret Realm.

Clearly... he still wanted to monopolize the secrets inside the secret realm.

Now that Laine was his puppet emperor, if the Baoxue Empire could leap to become the Master of the Blue Star thanks to those mystical secrets, wouldn't Uther then be like a supreme emperor?

Although the concept of a supreme emperor didn't exist in the Baoxue Empire, it didn't stop him from dreaming it.

Zophie thought for a moment and said, "As I said, I'll convey your words, but the choice is not ours to make."

Xu Lingjun also nodded in agreement.

Understanding clearly in his heart...

This Uther obviously had already made preparations. Since the four-person alliance failed, he intended to gather more experts.

The foundations of the other two empires were no less than that of the Baoxue Empire, and the number of Creation Realm experts must be considerable.

So he planned to ally with the other two empires. By then, with more Creation Realm experts... perhaps they might even succeed... or maybe not.

Xu Lingjun couldn't help but sneer again.

And seeing Xu Lingjun's somewhat dismissive expression, Uther sighed, "It's a pity that Commander in Chief Xu is not yet at the Creation Realm level, otherwise you could join this expedition. However, if we succeed, Commander in Chief Xu's future path will be completely smooth."

"Hmm, thanks for the kind words."

Xu Lingjun said, "After I return, I will convey the matter."

"Much appreciated!"

The two didn't stay long in the Baoxue Empire.

After a banquet.

After resting for a night...

Early the next day, they each took their subordinates back to their respective empires.

Days later.

They returned to the Great Xia Empire's border.

"You should first return to guard the secret realm. Now that Uther wants to gather all Creation Realm experts to deal with the secret realm, it should be safe until they succeed."

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Xu Lingjun said, "Jingjun, let's go, and return to the Imperial Capital with me this time. It seems we need to have a proper discussion with Your Majesty."

"Alright!"

Li Jingjun nodded seriously.

Han Yun City had already learned the truth of the matter from Xu Lingjun.

It is precisely because of this...

He understood even more that Uther's plan was indeed ruthless.

It was an open strategy, making two great empires serve his purposes.

Yet, there was not a single Creation Realm Grandmaster who could refuse such a great temptation...

In fact...

If not for the fear of provoking the Great Xia Empire, Uther might have already secretly contacted these Creation Realm Grandmasters personally.

Therefore, a timely countermeasure must be devised.

Xu Lingjun parted ways with Han Yun City and waved to release the Infinite Justice Mecha.

He climbed into the cockpit and then let Li Jingjun join him... closing the cockpit door.

The Mecha flew towards the Great Xia Imperial Capital.

Two days later.

The Mecha returned to the Imperial Capital.

Xu Lingjun didn't even have the time to wait at home for Wang Qingya's return from the Zhanzheng Academy... he hurriedly left Li Jingjun temporarily at the villa, promising to return in the evening.

Then he proceeded to the Imperial Palace.

"That's basically the situation."

Meeting with Han Xu Yang, he informed him of the truth he discovered on this trip.

And then summed it up in a sentence.

"Is that so... Anduin was actually killed by Uther?"

Han Xu Yang, upon hearing the true cause of Anduin's death, showed no joy but rather a feeling of poignant reflection.

Anduin was actually his old rival; the two had only truly met once before... but they had openly and secretly clashed many times. Such a worthy opponent ended in such an absurd manner.

He sighed wistfully, "A hero violates the law with martial prowess, and worldly power faces the greatest restriction. Just like now, Xu Qing, if you wanted to kill me, you could probably do it quite easily. I have many protective forces at my side, and there's even a Creation Grandmaster stationed within this Imperial Palace, but I'm afraid they cannot ensure my safety."

"You're joking, Your Majesty. I wouldn't do such a thing."

"I know you wouldn't, I'm merely expressing a sentiment."

Han Xu Yang said, "Yun Qing, come out."

As he spoke, a figure appeared within the Imperial Study.

This figure appeared about fifty to sixty years old, with slight hints of age, but brimming with energy. Especially wearing a rather loose martial arts uniform, he seemed like a muscular old man intending to go demonstrate swordplay at the plaza...

Xu Lingjun didn't show any sign of surprise.

Previously, due to inadequate strength, he couldn't detect it.

But now, the moment he entered, he sensed there was a skilled protector by Han Xu Yang's side.

Clearly... this was the true foundation of the Great Xia Empire.

Creation Realm Grandmaster!

"Your Majesty, you can trust in my strength."

Yun Yi glanced at Xu Lingjun's face without any change in expression, merely speaking to Han Xu Yang.

Han Xu Yang smiled, "However, the gap is now apparent. Xu Qing noticed your presence long ago, yet you haven't sensed his uniqueness!"

"This..."

Upon hearing this, Yun Yi's expression slightly changed.

Han Xu Yang asked, "Yun Qing, you've just heard everything. What do you think?"

"If there truly is a way to break through the constraints of the Creation Realm, Your Majesty, please permit me to leave for a time!"

Yun Yi actively requested.

Han Xu Yang replied, "That King of the Secret Realm can consecutively kill three Creation Grandmasters. This journey might be very dangerous."

"I am not afraid of danger. For years, I haven't progressed, and I can't even cultivate anymore... I have long endured such a life, and even if it means death, I wish to make a final desperate effort!"

"If you wish to fight, you need not leave."

Han Xu Yang pointed at Xu Lingjun, saying, "Allow me to introduce, this is Commander in Chief Xu, who is now the King of the Secret Realm, the ruler of the last territory of Blue Star, the Lawless Zone, and the one who slew three Creation Realm Grandmasters!"

He smiled and said, "Now, do you still have confidence in your ability to protect me from him?"

Yun Yi: "....."

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Hearing Han Xu Yang's words.

Yun Yi, in his astonishment, instinctively shielded Han Xu Yang directly...

He truly did not expect that this young man, who seemed so handsome and gentle, could have such formidable battle achievements.

Especially considering he allowed this person to be so close to Your Majesty.

For a moment, the heart that had been barren for many years began to beat violently.

His entire body was tense, and for the first time, he felt a rare touch of nervousness...

"Alright, Yun Qing, there's no need to be overly concerned. Xu Qing is like a nephew to me, I trust him completely."

Han Xu Yang waved his hand and said.

"Yes, Your Majesty!"

Upon hearing Han Xu Yang say this, Yun Yi knew that Your Majesty would not joke with his own life, so he nodded and retreated.

However, his heart instantly tightened even more, as he gazed at Xu Lingjun in shock, exclaiming, "So, Commander in Chief Xu... that Technique Uther spoke of, which could aid a Creation Realm Grandmaster in breaking free, is truly in your hands?!"

Xu Lingjun nodded and said, "I have indeed created a new path different from the current Martial Tao, and by relying on this path, I have attained power not inferior to the Creation Realm in the Guiyuan

Realm. In fact, my Qisha Legion currently has around forty-seven people who have successfully broken through from the Profound Realm to the Guiyuan Realm, whereas originally, their journey's end was the Profound Realm!"

He continued, "I have named this system Cultivation!"

Yun Yi exclaimed in shock, "Is it... the miraculous way of directly absorbing Heaven and Earth Spiritual Qi into the body and using it for oneself?!"

Clearly, he had seen Xu Lingjun's Dragon Gate Examination paper back then.

Xu Lingjun nodded.

Yun Yi further asked, "Is this Cultivation Technique truly so miraculous that it can enable a Creation Realm Grandmaster to... break through constraints?!"

"That I am not sure about."

Xu Lingjun replied, "Uther concluded that this Cultivation Technique could help him break free after our encounter, but since I'm not in the Creation Realm, I cannot be certain."

"Commander in Chief..."

Yun Yi finally understood why his nephew Yun Che unhesitatingly entrusted him with the duty of protecting Your Majesty, then joined the Qisha Legion...

That brat said he admired Commander in Chief Xu's personal charisma, and was willing to serve under him as a humble soldier.

That little rascal was setting him up here.

No wonder when asked for the real reason, he refused to tell... if he indeed had, then perhaps the one staying behind to protect Your Majesty would still be him, and he would have joined the Qisha Legion instead.

Yun Yi couldn't help but breathe rapidly and said, "Commander in Chief, may I ask if the entire Qisha Legion has already cultivated this Cultivation Technique?"

Xu Lingjun nodded and said, "Some have not yet cultivated because their strength has not reached the Profound Realm... Currently, they are striving to cultivate the Cultivation Technique."

Can one cultivate it in the Profound Realm?

Are those in the Qisha Legion too fortunate?

Yun Yi concernedly asked, "Commander in Chief, may I ask when the Qisha Legion will recruit new soldiers? Is there an age limit... I'm already one hundred and thirty-two years old, so I shouldn't be considered too old..."

"Enough, Yun Qing, why not have your entire Yun Clan join the Qisha Legion."

Han Xu Yang rolled his eyes and said, "Seeing Xu Qing once costs me a capable assistant, hence I'm really hesitant to summon him again."

Xu Lingjun also smiled and said, "Mr. Yun, don't worry, this Cultivation Technique isn't as precious as you think. In fact, I plan to make it widely available so that everyone in the Great Xia Empire can read and cultivate, if Mr. Yun is interested in the Cultivation Technique, I would be willing to discuss it with you, and see if this Cultivation Technique can indeed assist the Creation Grandmaster."

Yun Yi rejoiced, "Thank you, Commander in Chief Xu!"

Han Xu Yang knocked on the table and said, "Elder Yun, have you finished speaking? If so, may I discuss official matters with Xu Qing..."

"Ah... hahaha, see, I've been too eager."

Yun Yi chuckled a few times, stepping back two paces...

Still staring intently at Xu Lingjun, yet unwilling to retire behind the scenes.

Han Xu Yang noticed the usually indifferent Yun Yi looking like a child forbidden by parents to eat candy, couldn't help but laugh, sighing, "Alright, let's make this quick."

He asked, "Xu Qing, what do you think about this situation?!"

Xu Lingjun replied seriously, "The Baoxue Empire must not be allowed to remain!"

He stated, "Just like you said before, Your Majesty, although Anduin is as cunning as a fox, he possessed the bottom line of a king. Everything he did was to make the Baoxue Empire stronger. The so-called sacrifices were for greater gains, so his moves were predictable. However, now he's dead, and King Laine is nothing more than a puppet. Currently, the true ruler of the Baoxue Empire is Uther, who has gone mad in his quest for my Cultivation Technique!"

"On this point, I can testify!"

Yun Yi sighed, "Reaching the Creation Realm solidifies one's strength completely, Your Majesty, you cannot understand that feeling... decades of arduous cultivation, finally breaking through the most challenging barrier of life, only to find no path forward, and the more diligently one practiced before, the emptier one feels after the breakthrough because cultivation has already been engraved in our bones, yet we have to forcibly change it."

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"Indeed, Uther initially wanted to seize the cultivation techniques for himself, relying on the Baoxue Empire's military might. But now he knows that it's impossible to succeed with just the Baoxue Empire's strength, so he's considering an alliance with our two nations."

Xu Lingjun shook his head and said, "When he talked to me about this, I realized the cause of King Anduin's death. It seems Anduin didn't want the secrets within the Secret Realm to fall into anyone

else's hands, hence his reluctance to ally with the two nations. But for Uther, this refusal was fatal because his desire for the cultivation techniques surpassed everything."

"Yes, otherwise he wouldn't have acted so irrationally."

Yun Yi thought to himself, you actually approached Commander in Chief Xu to discuss an alliance and then planned to snatch the cultivation techniques from him...

This Uther dared to commit regicide, but all he achieved was useless destruction, and he's destined to fail.

"That's why I say the Baoxue Empire cannot be allowed to stay. Uther has already lost his mind; to acquire the cultivation techniques, he would stop at nothing. Keeping him around is like having a ticking time bomb, and one slight mistake could implicate all of Blue Star."

"What do you intend to do then?"

"Doesn't he want the cultivation techniques? Then I'll give them the techniques... but not through Uther..."

Xu Lingjun asked, "Your Majesty, I require your assistance with something!"

"Speak; there is nothing you cannot ask of me!"

Han Xu Yang laughed, "The title 'King of the Secret Realm' was given to you by the Baoxue Empire, but I realized that if you were to become the fourth monarch of Blue Star, it might be an excellent thing."

Xu Lingjun was momentarily stunned and about to speak.

But he waved his hand and said, "Rest assured, I am not a narrow-minded person, and I have said, a chivalrous act breaks the law. This world is destined not to let power remain unchallenged. Since you

have the strength to stand over all, your status is no less than mine, and this move can also strengthen Blue Star. I have no reason to deny it."

He asked, "But what of you? What is your plan?"

"I want all the positions of the Creation Realm Grandmasters!"

Xu Lingjun said, "He's trying to gather all the Creation Realm masters and seeks my cultivation techniques, so I'll destroy his plan... And not only that, I'll seize this opportunity to completely overthrow the Baoxue Empire!"

"Do as you wish, remember, the Great Xia Empire will always stand behind you!"

Han Xu Yang deeply scrutinized Xu Lingjun and couldn't help but sigh, "I've grown old, truly old. The Baoxue Empire's strength is no less than the Xia Dynasty's, but in your words, they are no more than paper tigers and clay dogs... Just remember nuclear weapons, they must not be detonated; otherwise, Blue Star is in grave danger."

"Yes!"

Xu Lingjun nodded.

The discussion ended swiftly.

And as Xu Lingjun took his leave...

Yun Yi apologized, "Your Majesty."

"Go now, who else in this Imperial Palace could harm me?"

Han Xu Yang waved his hand, signaling to Yun Yi, whose thoughts were already elsewhere, to leave quickly...

Once he was alone in the great hall.

He let out a long sigh, talking to himself, "Xu Lingjun's power is completely beyond control. His close relationship with the small city signifies that the Secret Realm and the Great Xia watch over each other well. But whether his descendants will be as close to the small city's descendants is hard to say. It seems necessary to have the Han family bloodline join the Secret Realm."

Unfortunately, Han Qingxue is a bit too old, and she has clearly expressed no interest.

But isn't Qingyun a bit too young?

Just celebrated her fourth birthday...

He then shook his head; after all, Xu Lingjun is still young. Yes, she is young now, but will she still be in ten years?

Fourteen years old is reasonable.

Or perhaps have both sisters together...

Yes, this must be settled.

At this moment.

Yun Yi caught up with Xu Lingjun's pace and called out, "Commander in Chief Xu..."

Xu Lingjun smiled and said, "Elder Yun, let's find a quiet place to discuss. To be honest, to overthrow the Baoxue Empire, we still need your help."

Yun Yi immediately assured, "Whatever is needed, I will not refuse!"

The two found a place to settle...

With Xu Lingjun narrating.

He began to recite "Infinite Immortal Technique" word for word.

Though Yun Yi is not one with photographic memory, as his realm advanced, his memory strengthened, but unfortunately, this technique was unlike anything he had cultivated before. Just by hearing a few lines, Yun Yi couldn't help but become excited and breathe rapidly, entering a state of seeming enlightenment.

He could barely listen to the latter part of the cultivation technique.

The short technique had to be repeated by Xu Lingjun seven or eight times.

Finally, he sighed, "Mr. Yun, perhaps you should find some paper and pens, and I'll transcribe a copy for you. Otherwise, this is too slow."

"I apologize, Commander in Chief Xu, the technique is just too wondrous, I couldn't help but get lost in it!"

Yun Yi's apology contained traces of excitement, "But now I understand why Uther was so intrigued by this cultivation technique. Although many parts are still unclear, I sense that this technique indeed holds great potential to solve our confinement!"

"If that's truly the case, then I can be at ease!"

Xu Lingjun nodded.

Yun Yi fetched paper and pens, and Xu Lingjun transcribed the cultivation technique for him, then explained each of its profound and difficult parts in detail.

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The more Yun Yi spoke, the more excited he became.

Finally, as night fell, Xu Lingjun took the initiative to take his leave. Only then did Yun Yi reluctantly bid farewell to Xu Lingjun and leave happily...

Uther did not hesitate to slay the king, even sacrificing three Grandmasters of the Creation Realm, and yet he obtained so easily what they could not.

Just thinking about it made him feel overwhelmed with happiness.

At the moment, he felt even more grateful to Xu Lingjun.

Xu Lingjun then made his way back to his residence...

He left the Imperial Palace and got into his private car.

Half an hour later, he returned to his villa.

The return of Commander in Chief Xu was naturally known to all the dignitaries and nobles living nearby.

So, on his way back... he encountered quite a few lavishly dressed women with heavy makeup trying to catch his eye,

but alas.

Xu Lingjun had no interest in paying them any attention.

He went straight back to his villa...

At this time, inside the villa.

Wang Qingya and Su Huanqing had already returned.

Wang Tiancheng was also there, attentively inquiring about Li Jingjun's comfort...

He had met Li Jingjun at the Bei Xuanwu Martial Mansion, but at that time, Li Jingjun was just a classmate of Xu Lingjun. However, now her status had clearly changed, becoming Xu Lingjun's confidante, or perhaps his fiancée?

Since Xiaojun's mother passed away early, as his Father Wang, Wang Tiancheng felt a strong sense of responsibility to care about his son's romantic life.

Seeing Xu Lingjun return.

He laughed heartily with his characteristic ah-ha-ha.

He stepped forward to give Xu Lingjun a bear hug, then nodded in satisfaction, praising, "Getting stronger and stronger, in the past when Father Wang hugged you, you were all dodgy and evasive. You're a man now, not bad, not bad!"

Xu Lingjun had not seen Wang Tiancheng for more than half a year.

In just six months, Wang Tiancheng had changed greatly...

Although he still acted playfully and carefree when facing Xu Lingjun,

Xu Lingjun could tell that there was an added aura of authority about him...

Hmm, is it okay that he's the richest man in Great Xia?

In just six months, he had achieved in a lifetime what ordinary people could not... Father Wang's experience was undoubtedly as rich, if not more bizarre and outrageous than Xu Lingjun's.

Anyway, as long as it involved money, the ultimate beneficiary was always Wang Tiancheng, and that's for sure.

People simply assumed it was due to having a good son-in-law and a good son.

But only Xu Lingjun and those closely related to him knew...

Xu Lingjun?

He may have played a part in all this, but even without him, Wang Tiancheng was the one who was sure to profit without fail.

He's the most underestimated person of them all.

That evening...

He accompanied Father Wang, happily becoming drunk.

Of course... Wang Tiancheng was the one mainly drunk; Xu Lingjun originally planned to drink only lightly.

Since making an extremely foolish mistake once before, Xu Lingjun never drank more than a little bit.

He was very aware of his limits, and that awareness wouldn't diminish with the enhancement of his cultivation.

However, after taking a sip of that pure white liquor...

Xu Lingjun's face slightly changed, thinking it was water?

He glanced at Su Huanqing, who was pouring him a drink.

Su Huanqing kept her head down, seemingly oblivious, but her pretty face had already taken on a faint blush... slowly spreading to her tender pink earlobes.

Xu Lingjun understood immediately.

His gaze swept over Li Jingjun and Wang Qingya, who were sitting beside them.

Hmm... a long-awaited reunion.

It seemed that tonight, he could indulge to his heart's content.

The night was tantalizing...

The captivating eyes of the beauties, shy but full of admiration and anticipation, were even more alluring.

Xu Lingjun understood that tonight's night was bound to be very long indeed.

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Xu Lingjun hadn't rested for a long time.

The greater the ability, the greater the responsibility?

This saying indeed makes a lot of sense...

Obviously, no one is pushing Xu Lingjun from behind, yet unconsciously, he has taken on too much responsibility on his own shoulders.

From initially fighting on the Polar Star Battlefield to now voluntarily residing in the Secret Realm, becoming the first line of defense against the Baoxue Empire... he has even earned the title of King of the Secret Realm.

All for the safety of the Great Xia Empire.

Even Xu Lingjun himself is quite bewildered.

What was supposedly just a misunderstanding by Uther has been accepted without objection by both Han Xu Yang and the real King of the Secret Realm, the Ancient Tree.

It's simply ridiculous... how can one sleep soundly beside another's bed, don't they understand?

The behavior of these people isn't quite right.

Could it be...

I've indeed become the man destined to be King of the Secret Realm?

Unable to comprehend, he decided not to think about it.

Just in time to take a good rest while Han Xu Yang investigates the whereabouts of many Creation Realm experts...

The experts of the Great Xia Empire are naturally registered.

But it takes considerable effort to keep track of the Grandmasters of the Land of Light.

Fortunately, during this period...

Not only them, but even Uther is actively contacting those Grandmasters.

Han Xu Yang's actions don't seem all that surprising.

In the following days,

Xu Lingjun led a carefree life for a while.

Helping Su Huanqing improve her constitution, accompanied by Li Jingjun and Wang Qingya.

Sparring with Li Jingjun in Martial Skills, with Wang Qingya and Su Huanqing as company.

Exploring the mysteries of various research weapons with Wang Qingya... with Li Jingjun and Su Huanqing as company.

Finally getting what he wished for, his heart felt infinitely satisfied.

During the day, he even accompanied Father Wang to several banquets... well... after all, Wang Tiancheng carries the Wang surname, and Xu Lingjun carries the Xu surname, which leads to people still treating him as Xu Lingjun's father-in-law, despite his frequent claims to be Xu Lingjun's father.

To Wang Tiancheng, this is an intolerable insult.

Now that Xu Lingjun finally has time, he naturally wants to pull him along to attend several public events more often, to prove that Xu Lingjun is indeed his son.

Several days of carefree and leisurely life passed quickly.

And after waiting several days, Xu Lingjun finally received the news he wanted.

Detailed information on each Creation Realm Grandmaster...

"Great Xia Empire, including me, has a total of five Creation Realm Grandmasters, and the Land of Light has four. Here is the detailed information and current locations of these eight."

Yun Yi, to show his respect for Xu Lingjun, personally delivered the materials.

At the time, Xu Lingjun was having tea and discussing martial arts with Li Jingjun in the pavilion.

Seeing a guest arrive...

Li Jingjun politely stood, paid respects, and went to fetch a new cup.

Facing Xu Lingjun, Yun Yi seemed somewhat reserved.

The more he studied that cultivation technique upon returning, the more he understood its mystical and profound nature. He found Xu Lingjun more and more astonishing, making him reluctant to show any disrespect.

Were it not for Xu Lingjun being so young, he might have already been unable to resist treating him with the respect due a disciple.

Graciously accepting the tea cup, Yun Yi seriously said, "And during this time, aside from us, another group of people has tried contacting those Creation Realm Grandmasters. According to our investigations, that group should be from the Baoxue Empire."

Xu Lingjun asked, "So Uther not only asked us to pass on messages, but he's also taking action himself?"

Yun Yi nodded and said, "That's right. In fact, maybe his so-called message-passing was just a courteous reminder. He was informing us that he wanted to contact our Creation Realm Grandmasters, but had no ulterior motives, purely for Martial Tao matters... so we shouldn't think too much."

"Makes sense."

Xu Lingjun said, "You didn't receive a message?"

Yun Yi chuckled and said, "That's how I can be certain of his intentions."

As he spoke, he took out an exquisitely crafted letter from his bosom.

He said, "Uther invited me to the Baoxue Empire, claiming he has the secret to breaking the constraints of the Creation Realm."

Xu Lingjun took the letter.

He gestured to Yun Yi for permission to read, and Yun Yi nodded, allowing him to view freely.

Xu Lingjun then opened it, reading carefully.

The content of the letter was straightforward...

And contained nothing targeted, making Xu Lingjun suspect the letter might have been group-written.

In fact, everyone who received the letter likely saw identical content.

The letter conveyed a simple message...

Uther, in very humble language, claimed he found a way to break through the Creation Realm from within the Honey Realm, but with the Baoxue Empire's strength alone, he was incapable, so he invites fellow cultivators to join him in exploring the Secret Realm's safety together.

Xu Lingjun shook his head and sighed, "Uther's Xia language is truly lacking... there are even typos."

"But the important thing is the content of the letter."

Yun Yi said, "If I hadn't already received this technique from you, Commander in Chief, to be honest, I would surely be tempted upon seeing this."

"Aren't you afraid he's deceiving you?"

"He wouldn't dare to lie."

Yun Yi said seriously, "Nine Creation Realm Grandmasters united could overturn an empire entirely; unless he doesn't care about the survival of the Baoxue Empire at all, he must consider carefully before offending all of us."

Chapter 598 - Reunion with Old Friends_2

"The time is the ninth of next month, meeting in Baofeng City!

Xu Lingjun said: "It seems he's quite anxious. Considering the time for contacting and the travel time, it's already very rushed."

Yun Yi smiled and said: "No one can remain calm knowing there's a solution to their predicament, so this timing isn't too tight... And a dignified Creation Realm Grandmaster surely wouldn't act without reason, so the credibility is reliable."

"It seems I need to be as fast as possible then."

Xu Lingjun stood up and said: "Thank you very much for this information, Mr. Yun. This thing is very important to me... I have some matters to attend to now, so I won't keep you here any longer."

"Not at all, glad to be of help to Commander in Chief Xu."

Yun Yi got up and tactfully took his leave.

Xu Lingjun looked at Li Jingjun.

Li Jingjun earnestly said: "Leave it to me."

"Hmm, thank you for your hard work."

Xu Lingjun gently patted Li Jingjun's shoulder.

Although Li Jingjun might now have the identity of Xu Lingjun's fiancée or romantic partner, she has not simply become Xu Lingjun's subordinate.

During this time, she has been diligently cultivating.

Now, with the characteristics of the "Infinite Immortal Technique," she has successfully broken through to the Creation Realm Grandmaster level!

Even with her current strength, she can match a few hands against Han Yun City... Her strength has never surpassed Han Yun City, yet she has never been left behind by him either.

Bringing her back, it is not as a bedmate but as the most capable assistant.

Now that he got what he wanted.

Xu Lingjun no longer lingered and directly contacted his private plane by phone.

A moment later.

The exclusive flying device already rose into the sky, carrying Xu Lingjun, speeding into the distance.

Four hours later.

Yu Xu City!

Winter all year round, the climate is cold.

Accompanied by endless snow, it is indeed a world of white makeup.

The name Yu Xu City truly lives up to its name.

And in this city hidden in ice and snow...

In the bustling district's bun shop, the steaming aroma brought a touch of the human world to this cold place.

After a busy morning, nearing noon...

Clearly, it was only halfway through the day, yet they were already preparing to close up.

Usually, the boss Monarch Luo would personally help out, but now, he watched his son and granddaughter busy themselves.

Monarch Luo had a tall stature, nearly two meters tall... looking quite robust, but he always had a friendly smile on his face, giving a few more hints of sincerity.

Over the past decades,

The surrounding residents have gotten used to eating buns at Old Luo's bun shop, with thin skin and large filling, genuinely authentic, and the taste was quite good, and thus business naturally thrived.

Speaking of that always smiling Old Luo, no one doesn't praise him.

But on this day,

Old Luo's eyes, which were usually filled with smiles, had a rare hint of gloom.

In the pocket of his apron in front of his chest, a letter had been rubbed greasy with oil.

Who could imagine that the boss of a bun shop could receive a letter from the current Regent King of the Baoxue Empire?

And the content of the letter stirred the mind of his long-quiet heart...

Seeing that the stand was almost closed,

A figure came and directly sat at the only table that hadn't been cleared, and said: "One steamer basket of buns, a bowl of soup, and two tea eggs!"

"Sorry, customer, we've already put out the stove, and the remaining buns aren't fresh anymore."

Monarch Luo's face suddenly tightened, seeing his son walking towards the person.

He hurriedly took a couple of steps...

Already crossing a distance of ten meters, blocking in front of his son.

He fixed his eyes on Xu Lingjun.

His pupils narrowed; the visitor was right in front of him, yet he couldn't see the true appearance. The surrounding spiritual qi seemed to swim like fish, obscuring his vision, making it impossible to see clearly.

A master!

At the very least, a master on par with him.

He waved his hand and said: "This is my friend, Xiaochun, you go on with your work. I'll serve him!"

Luo Chun responded, giving a curious glance at Xu Lingjun, thinking when his dad got acquainted with such an extraordinary-looking person.

After Luo Chun walked away,

Monarch Luo shed his previous honest businessman demeanor, with a fierce glint in his eyes, coldly asking, "What are you here for?"

Xu Lingjun asked: "Aren't you curious who I am?"

"Someone from the Baoxue Empire?!"

Monarch Luo sneered: "I just received the letter two days ago, and now you're here... who else besides someone from the Baoxue Empire?"

Xu Lingjun smiled: "You're mistaken, in fact, I'm from the Secret Realm!"

He explained: "Didn't you receive the letter, with Uther inviting you to visit the Secret Realm to find the secrets of breakthrough cultivation techniques? Uther didn't tell you everything, the secret of breakthrough cultivation techniques is actually in the hands of the King of the Secret Realm, and as for me, I'm your ultimate purpose, the King of the Secret Realm!"

Seeing Monarch Luo's face change with shock, Xu Lingjun smiled and said: "See, Uther's goal is to gather all of you together to deal with me, but I'm much more considerate than he imagined; I came to you voluntarily."

Monarch Luo suddenly stood up.

A multitude of thoughts appeared in his mind.

Strike first?

Divide and conquer?

I haven't even agreed yet, and he's already making a move...

And the fact that Uther would invite him, someone from the Great Xia Empire, for assistance, clearly shows that the strength of the King of the Secret Realm is beyond what the Baoxue Empire can handle alone.

Chapter 599 - Reunion with Old Friends_3

This person is dangerous.

He leapt up, casually summoning a longsword which flew out from behind the sign of the bun shop and fell into his palm.

About to make a move...

But then he saw the opponent raise a hand, and a blazing white light shone directly onto Monarch Luo's body.

While in the air, his figure, initially agile like a monkey despite being overweight, instantly froze and fell down with a thud, completely unable to move.

Even the burning sensation on his skin made him feel as if he might be completely melted in the next moment...

Monarch Luo couldn't help but feel terrified. What a frightening King of the Secret Realm!

Once a person reaches the Creation Realm in strength, they become permanently solidified.

Although Monarch Luo hadn't cultivated for many years, in fact, his strength hadn't diminished in the slightest, yet now, facing this young King of the Secret Realm, he found himself utterly incapable of resistance; he even felt a life-threatening danger within mere inches.

And at this moment.

Xu Lingjun withdrew his hand and said, "If I wanted to kill you, not only you but also your sons and granddaughters behind you would probably already have died once... Do you believe what I'm saying?"

Cold sweat dripped off Monarch Luo's forehead.

Though wielding a sword, his skin was burning; in just those few fleeting seconds, he could feel he had already sustained no small injury.

This was with the opponent showing mercy, otherwise, he probably...

"I believe!"

Though holding the sword in his hand.

Yet this sword couldn't be delivered, he understood why Uther had invited them all to travel together.

The power of this King of the Secret Realm was far stronger than they had imagined.

Monarch Luo slowly sat in front of Xu Lingjun and said, "What do you intend to do here?"

"I want to invite you to a place; in fact, not just you, but all martial artists in the Creation Realm!"

Xu Lingjun said, "On the 4th of next month, come to the Secret Realm, and I will reveal to you the true culprit imprisoning your realm, and how to break through it!"

Saying this, he couldn't help but feel secretly smug.

Indeed, the decision to use the Talent Source Heavenly Mirror was wise beyond compare.

A mirror...

Especially with an initial overwhelming advantage, it left people defenseless...

After all, who could imagine that a small mirror could contain such boundless power?

Monarch Luo's strength wasn't weak, but he mistakenly considered the Heavenly Mirror as part of Xu Lingjun's own power.

This led to the gap between them being widened to an extreme level.

Monarch Luo asked, "What exactly are you planning to do?"

"You'll know when you go; as long as you go, I don't mind sharing the cultivation techniques with you. Besides, you're planning to attend the invitation from the Baoxue Empire, right? In that case, come by place first; if you're not satisfied, you'll have plenty of time to make it to the Baoxue Empire. Give yourself more options... A man should treat himself better!"

Seeing the sudden constriction of Monarch Luo's pupils, Xu Lingjun smiled and said, "Don't worry about me having ulterior motives. If I had ulterior motives, wouldn't there be a better opportunity now? Your life is in my hands; I could kill you anytime, which can surely determine that I basically have no ill intentions, right?"

He stood up and said, "What a pity, I originally wanted to taste your craft, but it's a bit late for the journey, maybe next time."

Saying this, he got up and walked out.

Monarch Luo did not dare to stop him.

Just touched the letter in his hand again.

The date on it was the 9th.

And here, it's the 4th.

Obviously, this King of the Secret Realm is targeting the Baoxue Empire.

Could it be that he's trying to win me over?

Monarch Luo thought, is the Secret Realm looking to go to war with the Baoxue Empire... so, they're trying to seek help from the top experts of the other two countries?

He couldn't help but sigh softly. He originally thought it was just a matter of going or not going, but now it seems that it's not a matter of going or not going, but the whole of Blue Star might be about to have big trouble,

This time wanting to stay out of it might be impossible.

"Dad... why did you take out the sword?"

At this time, his son Luo Chun walked out and saw Monarch Luo holding the sword, he asked in surprise.

"It's nothing."

Monarch Luo sighed and looked down at the sword that had accompanied him for many years... since breaking through the Creation Realm, he had been unwilling, struggled, resisted, but cultivation had lost all meaning.

Even his once most beloved weapon was discarded like worn-out shoes.

And now it seems...

"I might have to take a trip."

He said.

The King of the Secret Realm had a word that he didn't say, but he could understand his meaning.

He knew where he was living...

He had already taken root here, although the other said he had no ill intention, but in fact.

Monarch Luo couldn't afford to take such a risk.

He could only make a trip.

In the following few days.

Within the Great Xia Empire.

Under the surging waterfall, amidst the vast desert.

Xu Lingjun found all the Creation Realm Grandmasters one by one, and then gave each of them a beating.

With his current strength, unique cultivation techniques, plus the enhancement of magical treasures, facing these Creation Grandmasters who hadn't made any progress since their breakthrough, there was undoubtedly no problem in winning.

Especially the existence of the Heavenly Mirror.

Made the enemies bound hand and foot, unable to escape because they couldn't expose their backs in front of Xu Lingjun.

Couldn't attack with full force because they would fall under the control of the Heavenly Mirror.

Even Xu Lingjun himself was now a bit confused on how he could defeat himself?

Probably even he couldn't do it.

Beating each one is the invitation...

Only when it came to the last Creation Grandmaster.

Xu Lingjun eventually encountered an unexpected situation.

When he blocked the last Creation Realm Grandmaster in the bustling city, he found the other dressed in ragged beggar clothes, carrying a large snakeskin bag.

He was selling martial arts classics to a young man.

"Is it him?"

This time, Xu Lingjun was truly stunned.

Chapter 600 - Faking an Accident for Only ¥50, Truly Principled

This person, Xu Lingjun, has been thinking about for many years.

Or rather, his friends... like Guo Zheng, have really been thinking about him for a long time, even going so far as to use their parents' connections to find him.

But they never found anything.

This person seems to have disappeared, and even the authorities have no information on him.

Xu Lingjun also really wants to find him; the more he understands the rules of the Talent Source, the more he realizes that the "Infinite Divine Demon Body Refining Technique" he bought from him for ten bucks is not just a simple scam Technique.

And naturally, he became quite interested in those other Techniques he had.

After all, these cultivation techniques might indeed contain the profound truths of Martial Tao...

It's just that, due to lack of guidance, they took the wrong path at the crucial parts, leading only to futile dreams.

Everything seems reasonable but is actually a scam.

And this old beggar definitely can't be an ordinary character...

Looking at it now, this old guy turned out to be a Creation Realm powerhouse, which explains why that "Infinite Divine Demon Body Refining Technique" was sold so cheaply at the time of the Talent Source.

After all, there's a theoretical basis for it.

But does this count as a twist of fate?

Xu Lingjun touched his chin, looking at the information in his hand...

Good grief... Sun Bumie's guy was getting close, turned out to be as precise as a prophecy.

Sun Bumie, I, Xu Lingjun, am willing to call you the strongest prophet.

And at this moment,

The old beggar was clutching his leg as if injured and was passionately deceiving a handsome young man in front of him.

"Young man, I've actually been observing you for a long time. With your unique bone structure and perfect heavenly court, you are a martial arts genius, one in ten thousand. Now, with the Spiritual Energy Revival, foreign clans are invading from outside, and spirit beasts are wreaking havoc within. We, the citizens of Blue Star, are in great peril. We are fated to meet, and here is a copy of the 'Primordial Tai Chi Receiving and Transforming Technique.' Once mastered, you can achieve the Primordial Body. I'll give it to you for fifty bucks. The task of maintaining world peace in the future will be up to you."

Xu Lingjun was speechless.

So many years, and you don't even want to change your lines?

Except for the name of the technique, the rest hasn't even changed a punctuation mark... although that's because this part was completely copied by the author.

But the price has indeed gone up, and by several times at that.

Damn swindler.

Xu Lingjun walked up to the person and said, "Don't believe him, he's a fraud."

"What nonsense... I've roamed Blue Star for hundreds of years, and now I've seen through the bustling world and turned to amuse myself. By chance, I've met this peerless talent..."

The old beggar instinctively countered.

But before getting halfway through, he suddenly realized.

This person approached him so silently, if they had intended to launch a sneak attack, wouldn't he have been caught off guard?

A master.

The originally unruly and dirty face showed a serious expression, clenched the palm into a claw, and instinctively looked up...

Then couldn't help but let out a yelp.

Pointing at Xu Lingjun in shock, "You, you, you, you..."

"What, the victim comes knocking and you're surprised?"

Xu Lingjun said to the young man, "He's a fraud. He scammed ten bucks off me several years ago, and I didn't expect he would get even worse and go for fifty now, don't fall for it..."

"I was just thinking, how could a cultivation technique be so cheap?!"

The young man couldn't help but roll his eyes and said, "But even if you didn't say anything, I would know this is a trap. It's just that this guy managed to extort only fifty bucks, and I felt he has integrity, so I stayed a little longer to hear him out..."

With that, he took out fifty bucks from his wallet, handed it to the beggar, and said, "Alright, here's the money, but I don't want the technique. At the Extreme Martial Arts Hall, my teacher already values me highly, I don't lack techniques."

The old beggar took it, watched the man leave gracefully.

He muttered, "I'm not a scammer, I have principles, you didn't even take the technique..."

"Alright, come with me."

Xu Lingjun dragged the old beggar off to the corner.

The old beggar exclaimed, "What are you doing, young brother, let go... I'm dirty, don't get yourself mucked up... wait... you brat..."

He tried to escape Xu Lingjun.

But after struggling for a bit,

He realized the hand clutching him was like an iron claw, firmly gripping him, from average struggling to slowly using some True Power, and then gradually increasing force until going all out...

Still unable to move that hand in the slightest.

The old beggar's eyes showed a shocked expression.

He had been in the Creation Realm for no less than sixty years, although his power hadn't advanced much in recent years, he didn't lose heart, honing his True Power to a perfect mastery, knowing every thread and wisp.

Confident in his own strength, considering himself at the forefront even within the Creation Realm.

But now, going all out, he couldn't break free from this young man's grip...

He couldn't help but be secretly terrified, this young man's strength was far beyond his own.

Damn... how many years has it been?

Is he cultivating on a rocket?

And at this moment, Xu Lingjun directly dragged him into the corner.

Resist?

Sorry, blame it on how you made the "Infinite Divine Demon Body Refining Technique" sound so formidable...

Hmm, he's quite the braggart, I like it.

He gave the old beggar a playful look and said, "This really is quite the coincidence, I searched for you for so many years without success, and now I've stumbled upon you so easily. Does this count as a case of 'the flower you intentionally plant does not bloom, while the willow you accidentally stick turns into shade'?"