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Chapter 184 Xiaoyu Goes Missing
"You you actually dared to hit Young Master Zhang, do you know who he is!?"
The lackeys surrounding them, seeing their boss and the chubby man being knocked unconscious with a slap from Lin Chen, immediately spoke up, attempting to continue using Zhang Wenkai's identity to threaten Lin Chen.
"Scram!"
Lin Chen raised his eyes to look at those fellows, frightening the crowd into retreating two steps. Although their young master was usually arrogant and domineering, he was genuinely a martial artist at the first level of Spirit Gathering Realm, yet he was knocked unconscious by a slap from Lin Chen. Naturally, they knew that the person before them was not someone to be trifled with.
"You just wait for me!"
The group of lackeys, terrified, lifted up the unconscious Zhang Wenkai and the chubby man, leaving a threatening remark for Lin Chen before they scrambled away.
Lin Chen couldn't be bothered to even glance at those guys; he thought it best to get back to the Lin Family and pick up Xiaoyu as soon as possible before leaving the place.

Having a conflict with those people from Desolate Sky City wasn't something Lin Chen feared; he simply felt it was a waste of his time.
"Young Master, what is your cultivation now? You're so strong!"
Lin Xue, after seeing Lin Chen resolve the situation with Li Wenkai and the chubby man with a single slap, was incredibly shocked. She had clashed with the chubby man before and had been injured without even lasting ten moves against him.
Now Lin Chen had just slapped the man unconscious, and the aura surrounding him was something she couldn't see through at all.
"It's just the Spirit Gathering Realm, nothing to be considered strong."
Lin Chen stated indifferently. He wasn't being humble; he was stating the facts. Compared to the female disciples of the Jade Cauldron Sect, Lin Chen's cultivation was far from being considered strong.
Lin Xue heard his words but thought Lin Chen was being modest.
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Just then, the gates of the Lin Residence opened, and the Great Elder emerged with several descendants of the Lin Family in tow.

When the Great Elder saw Lin Chen, his expression stiffened in surprise.
"Young Master, you've returned."
The Great Elder approached Lin Chen with a trembling stance, his eyes even appearing slightly moist.
Then the Great Elder first inquired about what had just taken place here, and Lin Chen informed him of the events.
Upon hearing this, the Great Elder's face turned very unsightly. Shaking his head, he then ordered the disciples behind him to support Lin Xue, and together they all entered the Lin Residence.
Back at the Lin Residence, the Great Elder took Lin Chen to his own dwelling and informed him of the current situation of the Lin Family.
From the Great Elder, Lin Chen learned that his father, Lin Batian, had not been heard from since he left the Lin Family, claiming to be in search of spiritual medicine. They were even beginning to suspect that something might have happened to their patriarch.
However, Lin Chen remained remarkably calm because, while others might not know, he was clear about the situation: his father was perfectly fine and living well.

Lin Chen looked at the space ring in his hand, a gift from Lin Batian when Lin Chen came of age, within which was a wisp of Lin Batian's vital energy. Lin Chen could sense his father's presence through it.
The vital energy within the ring was now thriving, even stronger than when Lin Chen first received the space ring. This indicated that Lin Chen's father, in terms of strength and cultivation, had grown more powerful than before he left.
Although Lin Chen did not know what had happened, he could be certain of one thing: his father was no ordinary martial artist.
What surprised Lin Chen was actually another matter.
That was the fissure within the Lin Family; Uncle Lin Chen even intended to seize the position of Patriarch of the Lin Family, and had become very close to the people from the City Lord's Mansion in the past year.
The people from the City Lord's Mansion seemed to also want to support Uncle Lin Chen as the new Patriarch of the Lin Family.
Realizing this, Lin Chen finally understood why Lin Xue made such a commotion at the gate earlier with the people from the City Lord's Mansion, and yet no one within the Lin Family had noticed.
It seemed they didn't want to get involved at all, allowing Zhang Wenkai to act brazenly here.

Lin Chen's Uncle, Second Elder, and the other elders of the family could not hide their shock upon seeing that Lin Chen's cultivation had reached the Seventh Layer of the Spirit Gathering Realm.
In just one year, Lin Chen had broken through from the ninth level of the Body Tempering Realm to the Seventh Layer of the Spirit Gathering Realm.
Although four years earlier, Lin Chen's cultivation had already reached the First Layer of the Spirit Gathering, he later became crippled, didn't he? When Lin Chen left Desolate Sky City, his cultivation was clearly only at the ninth level of the Body Tempering Realm.
For an ordinary martial artist, breaking through three levels of cultivation in a year would already be considered defying the heavens, yet Lin Chen had directly broken through seven levels, which was simply monstrous.
Lin Chen's Uncle and Second Elder watched him with increasingly unfriendly eyes.
However, they hid their feelings, seemingly waiting for something before they erupted completely.
Afterwards, the Lin Family held a banquet to welcome Lin Chen back to the family.
The Lin Family had always had two factions, one that supported Lin Chen and one that supported the lineage of Uncle Lin Chen.

At the moment, everyone in the Lin Family appeared very enthusiastic, but Lin Chen could feel that many within the family were not truly welcoming him back.
He even sensed a hint of hostility from his Uncle, Second Elder, and many of the other elders.
Lin Chen secretly thought that these old fools couldn't possibly believe that he had returned to compete with them for the position of family patriarch, could they?
After witnessing the strength of the Jade Cauldron Sect, Lin Chen felt that the entire Lin Family and the whole Desolate Sky City were too small for him. His stage was the vast Mysterious Heaven Continent, so how could he be confined to the tiny Desolate Sky City?
Not wanting to contend with his Uncle and Second Elder, Lin Chen returned to his Crown Prince Courtyard to find Xiaoyu and planned to take her back to the Jade Cauldron Sect in two or three days.
However, having searched his entire courtyard, Lin Chen found no trace of Xiaoyu.
Lin Chen had a bad feeling, worrying that his Uncle and Second Elder had gotten rid of Xiaoyu. He hurriedly went to the Great Elder to ask about her.
"Xiaoyu Xiaoyu was taken away,"

The Great Elder wore a look of guilt and spoke the truth.
"What!? Taken away, by whom?"
Lin Chen was tense; Xiaoyu was not just a maid to him, but his family.
Under Lin Chen's questioning, it was revealed that three months ago, a mysterious figure came to Desolate Sky City, discovered Xiaoyu, and wanted to take her as a disciple, teach her the Cultivation Method, and make her an unparalleled warrior.
Xiaoyu refused to go no matter what, but that mysterious person was just too powerful. With just a flick of his finger, he created a pillar of light that formed a cage and forcibly took Xiaoyu away.