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Chapter 351: Under the Heavy Reward, There Must Be Brave Men

The Second Soul Division finished speaking and waved its arm, and immediately the Blue Lotus Divine Flame appeared in the palm of its hand.

Through combining with the formation buried underground, a powerful force instantly dispersed to everyone present, aiding them in refining the Redflame Firestone in their hands.

As one of the strongest flames between heaven and earth, the Blue Lotus Divine Flame possesses the ability to refine all things in the world, so naturally, the refining of the Redflame Firestone was not a challenge and could be completed quickly and with ease.

However, although the formation that Lin Chen had set up could accelerate the process of refining the Redflame Firestone, all the martial artists within the formation were acting as focal points of the formation, so the actual speed at which they could refine the Redflame Firestone in their hands was determined by their individual ability to absorb energy.

"What's going on, why am I absorbing the energy within the Redflame Firestone so quickly!?"

"Could it be that my cultivation has become more profound? No, that's not right, it's because of the formation around us, it seems that the formation laid out by Senior Brother Lin Chen is playing a significant role, helping us refine the Redflame Firestone in our hands."

"This is fantastic, if this continues, we'll truly be able to refine the Redflame Firestone and enhance our strength within an hour."

The crowd murmured quietly to themselves as they opened their hearts and wildly absorbed the energy from the Redflame Firestone.

However, after all, the Redflame Firestone contains fire attribute energy, and even though under Lin Chen's formation, the converted energy was extremely pure, the absorption process still encountered some resistance, but it was still faster than absorbing spirit stones.

Just an hour had passed, and some martial artists had already made a breakthrough in their cultivation.

Yet, there were also some martial artists with faces full of dejection.

Because during their refining of the Redflame Firestone, despite the speed being rapid and the absorption smooth, not all martial artists were rewarded with a Redflame Firestone.

Some martial artists only received half of a low-grade Redflame Firestone because they had excavated too few Redflame Firestones during the three days, resulting in their rewards being halved.

And there were some martial artists whose results from mining were pitifully low, and they weren't rewarded at all, they could only watch enviously as others absorbed the Redflame Firestone during the designated time, and they were left in a state of urgency.

Now they deeply regretted slacking off while mining the Redflame Firestone.

But one can't entirely blame them, as the Jade Cauldron Sect often gave them no rewards at all for their hard labor in the past, which led to the habit of shirking and taking shortcuts.

And sometimes, even when there were rewards, the Sect would deduct a portion of them, such as the contribution points for Sect tasks, which were always less than the described amount, and when exchanging for rewards, they never received the best.

However, now it was different, the rewards promised under Lin Chen's leadership in the ore mining operation were genuine.

There were also some diligent disciples who truly struck it big this time. The rewards they obtained allowed them to refine as many as five Redflame Firestones within an hour, significantly boosting their cultivation.

Now they truly understood how fortunate they were to be chosen for this task, not only for receiving the Redflame Firestones as a Sect reward but also for the formation laid out by Lin Chen.

If it were any other day, let alone five Redflame Firestones, even refining a single Redflame Firestone would take them several days, and impurities would accumulate in their bodies. How could it compare to absorbing the pure energy like in Lin Chen's laid out formation.

"An hour has passed, everyone stop refining."

"The next reward distribution will be in five days. I hope everyone puts in good effort to mine during this time. It's tiring, I know, but I can assure you, the rewards in five days won't be any less than what you've seen today."

"The next rewards will be distributed as Sect Contribution Points: one hundred Redflame Firestones for one hundred Sect Contribution Points. These contribution points won't stack with the usual contribution points from the Sect. After this mining operation ends, you must exchange these points for treasures at the Sect; don't delay, or the opportunity will pass. You can choose to exchange for Redflame Firestones like those you saw earlier, or you can exchange for elixirs, talisman inscriptions, magic artifacts, and of course, Cultivation Techniques."

Lin Chen said to the crowd, speaking indifferently.

He had distributed rewards on the third day to inspire everyone to mine the ores with enthusiasm.

This approach by Lin Chen was a hundred times more effective than simply urging the crowd while they mined the Redflame Firestones.

With the taste of reward, Lin Chen wasn't worried they wouldn't mine diligently.

To increase everyone's anticipation and motivation even further, Lin Chen waved his hand and listed all the treasures they could exchange on a list.

"We can even exchange for the lowest-level treasures, which are Second Grade Intermediate elixirs, as well as Third Grade Elixirs, third-grade talismans, third-grade magical weapons, and Profound High-Grade Techniques."

"Heavens, am I dreaming? What we've got here isn't tough work at all, it's more like a cushy job that the Sect has given us to take care of us."

The disciples were incredibly excited after seeing the list that Lin Chen had laid out.

Even if they had risked their lives back when they were at the Jade Cauldron Sect, they couldn't earn rewards as good as what they were seeing now.

Exchanging for such treasures usually required accumulating a lifetime's worth of Sect Contribution Points, but now, they only needed to mine the veins desperately.

In fact, to Lin Chen and the current state of the Jade Cauldron Sect, these treasures weren't a big deal.

What Lin Chen truly wanted was to increase the speed at which everyone mined the Redflame Firestone veins.

After all, there was some distance from this place to Divine Sun City, and if the Black Cloud Sect and Moon Shadow Pavilion were to attack at this time, they would be at a disadvantage.

Another reason Lin Chen was so generous with the treasures was that these offerings would surely elicit exceptional disciples among the lower-ranked ones.

Normally, at the Sect, because of the equality, they might be overlooked.

But in extraordinary times, extraordinary measures are needed. With such 'great' incentives, the truly talented disciples were bound to achieve something, and that was precisely what the Jade Cauldron Sect needed at the moment.

After Lin Chen listed the treasures, he continued to urge the crowd to keep working and mine the Redflame Firestone veins.

He, on the other hand, waved his arm and began to store all the Redflame Firestones into the space of the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron.

Seeing Lin Chen use such a storage technique, Wang Dachui, Li Hanyi, Hong Yanbing, and others were immediately stunned.

In front of them were millions of Redflame Firestones, and Lin Chen had managed to clear out mountains' worth of them in just a few breaths.

#### Chapter 352: The Crazy Uncle Master Zhao

The crowd was stunned not only by Lin Chen's rapid collection of so many Redflame Firestones, but also by the sheer size of his storage space.

That was millions of Redflame Firestones, equivalent to several small mountains. One can only imagine how large Lin Chen's storage ring must be.

As for the wonders of Lin Chen's person, everyone had become accustomed to seeing strange occurrences around him.

Wang Dachui and his two companions couldn't help feeling envious of Yang Yuemin as they watched Lin Chen; they had heard that Yang Yuemin also received a space ring from Lin Chen and wondered if her ring was also as capacious.

At this moment, Lin Chen's main body ignored the gazes of Wang Dachui and the others, while his Divine Sense secretly warned the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron not to get any ideas about those Redflame Firestones.

Previously, when they were underground, the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron had already snatched the energy from the Redflame Vein that Lin Chen was absorbing.

By the time Lin Chen realized what happened, it was already too late to hold it accountable.

Fortunately, the Jade Token that contained the energy of the Redflame Vein was filled to capacity, so Lin Chen did not quarrel with the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron over this issue.

However, this time, Lin Chen needed those Redflame Firestones to refine the Purple Thunder Suit for the disciples of the Jade Cauldron Sect, a matter critical to the survival of everyone in Divine Sun City, including Yang Yuemin, Zhao Yijing, and others. Thus, he was extremely cautious and could not allow the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron to devour them again.

After receiving Lin Chen's warning, the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron, knowing it was in the wrong from the previous encounter, adhered to the agreement that it could only share forty percent of Lin Chen's treasures. Therefore, after having taken energy underground earlier, it did not attempt to seize any of the Redflame Firestones that Lin Chen placed in his space this time.

The Dragon Fang Dagger, which was originally looking forward to sharing the spoils with the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron, was left without a share after the cauldron capitulated, leaving it without any gain.

This was the space of the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron, so if it didn't touch Lin Chen's possessions, naturally the Dragon Fang Dagger dared not.

As the digging continued, Lin Chen entered a period of cultivation, while his Second Soul Division took advantage of the Redflame Firestones in this underground location to refine Magic Artifacts.

During Lin Chen's absence deep in the mountains, Xu Ma'an, Yang Yuemin, and others had not received any news from him, causing them great unease, so they decided to come over.

Only upon seeing with their own eyes that everyone was safe and sound were they finally able to set their minds at ease.

Having come underground, Zhao Rushi, who accompanied them, was interested to see Lin Chen's Second Soul Division refining elixirs and Magic Artifacts and went over to watch.

After all, Lin Chen's Alchemy and Artifact Refining skills now far surpassed her own, it's just that Zhao Rushi was too stubborn to drop her pride and admit it.

After all, she had lived for several decades and practiced Alchemy and Artifact Refining for just as long, but now a youth of barely seventeen or eighteen had surpassed her, a fact that would be hard for anyone to stomach.

"Wait a minute... the flame he's using for Alchemy is... Divine Fire!?"

Zhao Rushi, having approached Lin Chen's alchemy practice, was visibly shocked and envious upon realizing that the flame in Lin Chen's hand was Divine Fire.

Divine Fire, that was something every Alchemist and Artifact Refiner dreamed of possessing.

Zhao Rushi could never have imagined that Lin Chen had mastered Divine Fire.

This stirred her already intense interest in Alchemy even more, and the moment she saw the Divine Fire in Lin Chen's hand, an idea was born.

What a scene it would be if Lin Chen were to lend her the Divine Fire.

The elixirs she had failed to refine in the past, could she succeed with the help of Lin Chen's Divine Fire?

Regardless, Zhao Rushi decided to give it a try.

"Nephew Master, is this ethereal green flame in your hand Divine Fire?"

"No, it's not!"

Lin Chen's Second Soul Division replied earnestly.

At these words, Zhao Rushi immediately rolled her eyes.

"Nephew Master, why hide it from me? Isn't that flame just Divine Fire?"

Zhao Rushi pressed.

Hearing this, Lin Chen felt utterly speechless inside, musing that if she already knew, why bother pretending to ask?

"Uncle Master Zhao, if you're inquiring about Divine Fire, is there something you wish to request?"

Seeing the look in Zhao Rushi's eyes when she observed his flame, a bad premonition rose within him.

"Lin Chen, my nephew, I would like to borrow your Divine Fire for a moment."

Zhao Rushi's eyes shone as she looked at the flame in Lin Chen's hand and said unabashedly.

At her words, Lin Chen was at a loss for words; he had never heard of anyone borrowing Divine Fire before.

He had indeed refined the Blue Lotus Divine Flame, but as for lending it to someone else, he had no idea whether it was feasible.

Lin Chen initially did not want to agree, but he couldn't withstand Zhao Rushi's relentless pestering and eventually had to capitulate.

Watching Zhao Rushi take out various alchemy materials, Lin Chen's apprehension deepened.

"Uncle Master Zhao, these... these are Fourth-Grade materials?"

Lin Chen blurted out in surprise at the materials Zhao Rushi had produced.



All of these materials were Fourth-Grade, indicating Zhao Rushi was planning to use Fourth-Grade elixirs as auxiliary substances to refine a Fifth Grade Elixir.

Indeed, only the intention to refine a Fifth Grade Elixir would explain the vast amount of Fourth-Grade Elixirs Zhao Rushi intended to use as auxiliary substances.

"Yes, indeed, they are Fourth-Grade materials. What about it?"

Zhao Rushi responded to Lin Chen with a puzzled look.

"Uncle Master Zhao, are you planning to refine a Fifth Grade Elixir?"

Lin Chen continued to probe.

"Exactly, I intend to refine a Fifth Grade Elixir, a Void-Breaking Pill."

Zhao Rushi answered without any attempt to conceal her intentions, her eyes even carrying a hint of longing.

Hearing this, Lin Chen truly didn't know what to do.

That was a Fifth Grade Elixir, after all. Even with Lin Chen's full ability and his Second Soul Division's cooperation, there was no certainty of successfully refining it, and with Zhao Rushi's alchemy skills, the likelihood of failure was immense.

Chapter 353: Master, Why Is Your Face Red?

"Uncle Master Zhao, could you... could you consider it once more, and perhaps start with refining another elixir?"

Lin Chen looked toward Zhao Rushi, and although he didn't point it out directly, his implication was very clear.

Did Uncle Master Zhao not have the slightest awareness of his own alchemy abilities?

To attempt refining a Fifth Grade Elixir was to risk provoking an explosion in the pill furnace.

Lin Chen didn't even dare to imagine how terrible the aftermath of a pill furnace explosion with a Fifth Grade Elixir could be.

"What other elixirs should I change to, with such a good opportunity at hand, I must try to refine the Void-Breaking Pill, quit the nonsense and summon the Divine Fire quickly," said Zhao Rushi, who clearly had no intention of changing the elixir she was going to refine and promptly urged Lin Chen.

Hearing these words, Lin Chen felt somewhat helpless and could only wave his arm, slowly guiding the Blue Lotus Divine Flame towards Zhao Rushi's hand.

"Uncle Master Zhao, please be careful, this Blue Lotus Divine Flame is immensely powerful, and I can't yet fully control it, not to the extent of being able to release and retract it at will. Don't injure yourself when the time comes," Lin Chen cautiously warned.

However, Zhao Rushi paid no heed to Lin Chen's words and released her own Spiritual Power. She immediately drew the Blue Lotus Divine Flame towards herself and then used her Spiritual Power to maintain the Divine Flame.

Lin Chen, witnessing this scene, realized that no matter what, he would not be able to dissuade Zhao Rushi today.

So, he swiftly took out several formation flags and began setting them up around the area, constructing a Defensive Array.

In doing so, even if the pill furnace exploded during the alchemy later, it would not cause too much damage to the surroundings and avoid affecting the other disciples' mining activities.

After stabilizing the Blue Lotus Divine Flame in her hand, Zhao Rushi was filled with excitement.

She immediately took out a Pill Furnace and carefully guided the Divine Fire into it. Then, she sequentially placed various alchemy materials into the furnace.

Whoosh whoosh—

"As expected of the Divine Fire, its power is more than five times stronger than my own Flame. With this Divine Fire in the refining of elixirs, my alchemy level is bound to rise significantly. Today, I will certainly succeed in refining the Returning Void Pill," Zhao Rushi muttered excitedly to herself while smelting the herbal materials, full of confidence in her current refining endeavor.

However, Lin Chen, watching Zhao Rushi's alchemy process, couldn't help but furrow his brows tightly.

From Lin Chen's perspective in Alchemy, it was uncertain whether Zhao Rushi would successfully create the elixir today, for her control over the various herbal materials was still lacking.

Time flew by, and before long, two hours had passed, and Zhao Rushi's alchemy had reached its final stage.

There were no major issues during the refining process, but Lin Chen's brows remained tightly knit throughout. He even kindly reminded Zhao Rushi once, advising which herbal materials needed to solidify earlier or be cooled down in advance, and so on.

Although Zhao Rushi was a bit dissatisfied with Lin Chen's unsolicited advice, upon checking carefully, she found his tips to be spot on. This caused her to swallow any resentment she had felt toward him.

Zhao Rushi never imagined that Lin Chen's alchemy skills could have reached such an extent, completely surpassing hers.

But Zhao Rushi was always proud and strong-willed; she would not willingly admit that Lin Chen's alchemy skills were stronger than her own.

At this moment, Zhao Rushi's alchemy had finally reached the last step, Melding pill.

As various liquids continued to solidify and merge together inside the Pill Furnace.

Lin Chen's nerves tightened along with it, his gaze fixated on Zhao Rushi, not blinking as he watched her form hand seals and control the heat.

"Not good!"

Boom—

As soon as Lin Chen finished speaking, the Pill Furnace controlled by Zhao Rushi indeed let out a bursting sound.

Lin Chen, seeing this, hurriedly focused his mind and withdrew the Blue Lotus Divine Flame.

But even with Lin Chen's swift action, there were still flames that flew out from the Pill Furnace, heading straight for Zhao Rushi.

After the thick white smoke had cleared, Lin Chen looked over at Zhao Rushi, fearing she might have been injured.

However, when Lin Chen's gaze fell on Zhao Rushi, he saw a very enticing scene.

The exploding flames had actually torn Zhao Rushi's clothes apart.

At that moment, Zhao Rushi was also looking at Lin Chen, their eyes locked, and suddenly the atmosphere became quiet.

Zhao Rushi's cheeks instantly turned bright red, and even though she had lived for several decades, she was now flustered and unsure of what to do.

"You..."

Zhao Rushi was trembling with anger because at that moment Lin Chen's gaze was indeed looking her up and down.

"I... Uncle Master Zhao, I swear I saw nothing."

Lin Chen said, hastily covering his eyes with his hands, but the tips of his fingers still left a small gap through which a pair of eyes could be seen, round with curiosity.

"You..."

Zhao Rushi, with her cheeks burning red and her body incredibly hot, immediately raised her hand to summon a white robe and put it on with a twist of her body.

Just as Zhao Rushi got dressed, Wang Yilin suddenly walked in from outside.

"Master, did you succeed in your alchemy?"

The moment Wang Yilin entered the cave, she immediately inquired of Zhao Rushi, completely unaware of the awkward tension between her master and Lin Chen.

"I... The alchemy failed,"

Zhao Rushi, upon seeing her disciple, had planned to give Lin Chen a good scolding.

However, the sudden entrance of Wang Yilin made it inconvenient for her to lose her temper in front of her disciple.

She had lived for most of her life, and her body had never been seen by a man. Today, though, Lin Chen had taken advantage, and she was calculating in her heart that she couldn't let him go so easily, no matter what.

When Lin Chen saw Wang Yilin enter the cave, he felt as though he had seen a savior and immediately ran to hide behind her.

"Master, why is your face so red? Did you get hurt while doing alchemy?"

Wang Yilin asked, looking at Zhao Rushi's flushed cheeks, puzzled.

"It's nothing,"

Upon hearing this, Zhao Rushi immediately turned and walked out of the cave, giving Lin Chen a fierce glare as she left, a look that seemed to convey a message: If Lin Chen dared to let out even a whisper about what had happened, she would never let him off the hook.

"What a hassle, I already said we should have tried refining a different elixir, but no, wouldn't listen..."

Lin Chen watched Zhao Rushi's retreating figure and shook his head to himself.

However, looking at the smoky remains of the exploded furnace, the image of Zhao Rushi's clothes being torn apart involuntarily came back to his mind, and he couldn't help but gulp.

He had to admit, Zhao Rushi's figure was the best he had seen so far, even better than Yang Yuemin's.

## Chapter 354: Establishing the War Department

"Junior Brother Lin Chen, what did you just do to my Master? You've really got her worked up into that state."

Wang Yilin approached Lin Chen, looking at him with an all-seeing gaze.

Of course, Lin Chen didn't believe that Wang Yilin knew what had happened in the cavern, because he had set up an array around the area, making it impossible for Wang Yilin to see clearly what was inside.

Seeing that Lin Chen showed no guilt whatsoever, Wang Yilin thought to herself that it seemed she couldn't benefit from him this time and thus left the cave.

Watching Wang Yilin leave, the corners of Lin Chen's mouth couldn't help but turn upwards. He had now seen through some of Wang Yilin's schemes; extorting treasures from him wasn't as easy as before. The current Lin Chen was no longer as naive as he once was.

In the following days, Lin Chen's main body continued to oversee everyone digging for Redflame Firestones, while his Second Soul Division planned to return to Divine Sun City to check on the disciples' practice of the Divine Fire Troop Killing Array.

Although he had taught some key points of the array to Li Xuanming and asked him to oversee the training, the array was extremely profound, and Lin Chen worried Li Xuanming might not grasp its essence quickly. This could prevent the disciples from achieving the most perfect synergy.

At this moment, within Divine Sun City.

Jade Cauldron Sect disciples were all training the Divine Fire Troop Killing Array. With the disciples' flawless cooperation, each individually weak disciple, when combined in the killing formation, could unleash a force dozens of times more powerful than their own.

"Such an exquisite killing formation—no wonder Jade Cauldron Sect was able to claim Divine Sun City for itself."

"Indeed, it's an incredible formation. Many of these disciples are just in the Body Tempering Realm, yet, through the synergy of this formation, they can burst forth with power comparable to the peak of the Spirit Gathering Realm. It's truly unbelievable."

"You're all focusing on the killing formation, but have you not noticed that each of these martial artists possesses magic artifacts, and not just one per person, at that?"

The members of Floral Transfer Palace were immensely shocked in their hearts while observing the Jade Cauldron Sect disciples practicing the formation at the plaza in Divine Sun City.

After witnessing the powerful force of the Jade Cauldron Sect's killing formation, they too began to aspire towards it.

After all, Lin Chen had previously promised them that he would allow the members of Floral Transfer Palace to also form their own faction.

However, the members of Floral Transfer Palace were well aware that with their financial and human resources, it was impossible to build a force that surpassed that of Jade Cauldron Sect.

Currently in Divine Sun City, there were many commoners, some of whom were martial artists who had undertaken training. However, to enlist them under their command, they would need to offer substantial benefits; otherwise, why would they join, especially at this critical moment?

Joining them would mean opposing the Black Cloud Sect. Although they knew their own strength to be weak, as long as they didn't oppose the Black Cloud Sect, even if Divine Sun City were occupied by it, that wouldn't necessarily be a disaster for them.

After all, if Divine Sun City changed masters, to these commoners, it would mean only a change in whom they served and offered tributes to.

Yet, those people had guessed wrong. They couldn't possibly imagine that behind the Black Cloud Sect stood the cruel Red Soul Hall, whose brutality they could not fathom.

While the members of Floral Transfer Palace were marveling at the Jade Cauldron Sect disciples practicing the killing formation, Lin Chen's Second Soul Division had returned to Divine Sun City, accompanied by Zhao Rushi and Wang Yilin.



The moment Bi Qiuyan saw Lin Chen's Second Soul Division, her face couldn't help but show a hint of confusion.

She perceived that Lin Chen's cultivation had increased significantly, from the Fifth Layer of the Melding Earth Realm to the Fifth Layer of the Heaven-reaching Realm.

This was simply too defying for the heavens, and Bi Qiuyan had no idea that the Lin Chen in front of her was the second soul, not the Lin Chen they had known before.

However, Hua Lianxin did know the reason and thus explained it to everyone.

Upon hearing this, Bi Qiuyan and the others were incredibly shocked and looked at Lin Chen with disbelief.

They could never have imagined that such powerful techniques existed in the world, and what's more crucial was that Lin Chen had mastered them at the Fifth Layer of the Melding Earth Realm.

This was a technique that allowed the cultivation of an avatar that could also improve one's cultivation, a technique that no doubt any martial artist would envy.

However, everyone understood that they must not harbor any greed for such secret techniques; otherwise, it would only bring disaster upon them.

After seeing Lin Chen, Bi Qiuyan approached him and shared her thoughts; she too wanted to establish her own War Department in Divine Sun City and start practicing killing formations, to contribute a sliver of strength in the upcoming battle against the Black Cloud Sect.

Naturally, they were aware that the Jade Cauldron Sect wouldn't let them reside within Divine Sun City for nothing.

They also knew the ambition of the Black Cloud Sect; if the Jade Cauldron Sect were to be destroyed, their own fate would not be pleasant either.

As for Bi Qiuyan's decision, Lin Chen naturally allowed it, for this was what he had previously promised them.

The Jade Cauldron Sect would not interfere with their efforts to strengthen their own force, but in establishing a War Department, the Jade Cauldron Sect would not provide any help, and it was impossible for the sect to send people to join them.

Moreover, to develop a War Department, resources like elixirs, magic artifacts, talisman inscriptions, etc., would not be provided by the Jade Cauldron Sect; they had to find their own way.

However, Lin Chen did offer to provide them with a killing formation.

In the space of Lin Chen's Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron, there were countless readymade killing formations. Lin Chen casually picked one and gifted it to Bi Qiuyan.

However, the level of the killing formation was inferior to the Divine Fire Troop Killing Array; it was just an ordinary Third-Grade Killing Formation.

The Divine Fire Troop Killing Array, on the other hand, was comparable to a Fifth-Grade Killing Formation, and its power was naturally not on the same level.

But the reason Lin Chen offered a Third-Grade Killing Formation was precisely because he saw that it was the most appropriate for the Floral Transfer Palace to practice in a certain period of time due to their strength.

The killing formation Lin Chen taught Bi Qiuyan and the others was called the 'Floral Transfer Formation', and if practiced and operated correctly, its power would not be inferior to an ordinary Fourth-Grade Killing Formation.

For this, Bi Qiuyan and the others were extremely grateful, for the highest level killing formation in the Floral Transfer Palace was only Second Grade Intermediate,

Now that Lin Chen had given them a Third-Grade Formation, how could they not be excited?

After all was arranged, Lin Chen's second soul returned to the Royal Court to prepare for seclusion and alchemy.

Just as Lin Chen was about to enter seclusion, Zhao Rushi suddenly came to the court and handed Lin Chen a scroll.

It was a Pill Recipe, and it appeared very ancient, extraordinary at first glance.

Chapter 355: Searching for Herbal Materials

"What is this?"

Lin Chen subconsciously took the Yellow Hide Scroll from Zhao Rushi's hands.

"This is actually a Pill Recipe."

He opened the scroll to look and discovered it was a recipe for a Fifth Grade Elixir.

"Transformation Pill, reviving the dead and regenerating bones, where the soul does not perish, the body does not fade."

"Such a potent elixir, as long as the body remains intact, it can restore the body to its original state, truly worthy to be called the Transformation Pill."

As Lin Chen looked at the Pill Recipe handed over by Zhao Rushi, his eyes suddenly brightened, and he found himself unable to part with the Transformation Pill Recipe in his hands. For Lin Chen, this Pill Recipe was currently the highest-level elixir formula he possessed.

Moreover, this elixir was specifically designed for healing injuries. Lin Chen knew that Zhao Rushi, a woman who cherished elixirs as her life, would only give such an important Pill Recipe to him because she felt guilty for the injury he suffered due to her cauldron explosion.

With Lin Chen's current level of Alchemy, he might really attempt to refine it, although the ingredients listed on the Pill Recipe included several herbal materials not commonly available.

Hence, if Lin Chen wanted to refine it, he would still need to gather the required herbal materials, and most high-grade materials were with his main body—his Second Soul Division currently had no materials for refining.

"Thank you, Uncle Master Zhao. Actually, about that day, I really didn't see anything, so Uncle Master Zhao, please don't be angry anymore."

The moment Lin Chen thought about Zhao Rushi suddenly being so kind to him, he felt a bit guilty inside and thus brought up the cauldron explosion incident to apologize.

However, had he not mentioned it, it might have been better. As soon as he spoke, Zhao Rushi's face changed, and her anger flared up immediately.

"You just had to bring up the one thing you shouldn't have; go to hell for all I care," she snapped.

Seeing that Lin Chen brought up the incident again, Zhao Rushi immediately became furious and made a move against him.

With Spiritual Light flickering in her hand, Zhao Rushi was not merely joking around, she was genuinely attempting to deal a killing blow.

When a woman gets ruthless, she can be truly merciless. In Zhao Rushi's view, Lin Chen's clone had demonstrated combat power in the battle of Divine Sun City that even combatants of the Reverting Void Realm would somewhat fear; thus, Zhao Rushi did not hesitate to strike with lethal intent.

Seeing Zhao Rushi take action, even as he tried to apologize, Lin Chen was utterly speechless inside. At this juncture, he knew that no matter how he explained, it would be difficult to quell the fury in Zhao Rushi's heart, so he simply decided to flee.

As Lin Chen tried to flee, Zhao Rushi kicked him in the buttocks, sending him flying out of the room.

"Junior Brother Lin Chen, what are you up to now?"

Just as Lin Chen was kicked out of the secret chamber, Wang Yilin appeared outside unexpectedly. At that moment, several True Disciples of the Jade Cauldron Sect happened to pass by and witnessed the scene. They immediately walked away with serious expressions, and soon they began whispering among themselves.

Lin Chen had excellent hearing; he could hear everything those disciples were discussing clearly, and he felt utterly at a loss for words.

All he wanted was to apologize, so how could it have turned into flirting with Uncle Master?

Lin Chen didn't bother to pay attention to the nonsense talked by these fellows, and instead, he went straight to the Library Pavilion.

With Zhao Rushi there, it was definitely impossible to go into seclusion and refine elixirs today.

Lin Chen's Second Soul Division arrived at the Scripture Pavilion, which now, located within the Royal Family's domain, was not limited to the scripts and secret texts of the Jade Cauldron Sect alone, but contained a collection of texts from the Jade Cauldron Sect, the Great Flame Imperial Family, and Wanxing Commerce Association.

Lin Chen came to search because he wanted to find sources for the herbal materials on the Pill Recipe that Zhao Rushi had given him.

The herbal materials listed on the Transformation Pill Recipe were unfamiliar to Lin Chen, hence he needed to peruse the information carefully.

It should be noted that Lin Chen had already read many books in the Jade Cauldron Sect, yet the materials in this Fifth-grade Elixir Recipe puzzled him, which reflected the preciousness of this Pill Recipe.

The Library Pavilion before him was one of the important treasure spots of the Jade Cauldron Sect, and it wasn't a place just anyone could enter to browse at will. After all, it housed a variety of geographical knowledge and many powerful secret techniques.

To gain entry to the Scripture Pavilion, one needed to reach a certain level of Contribution Value, and each entry required a deduction of these points.

But Lin Chen had no such restrictions; with his current position in the Jade Cauldron Sect, he could come and go freely at any time.

Upon arriving at the doors of the Scripture Pavilion, the two Guardian Elders appeared and greeted Lin Chen, then opened the restrictions of the Scripture Pavilion for him.

Seeing this, Lin Chen nodded and then entered the Scripture Pavilion.

After searching inside the Pavilion, Lin Chen finally found the sources for those particular herbal materials.

"These herbal materials are actually all located within the Black Cloud Mountain Range," he murmured in surprise.

After examining the books, Lin Chen knew the production sites for the herbal materials needed to refine the Transformation Pill, but he was greatly astonished.

Black Cloud Mountain lay to the north, close to the territory of the Black Cloud Sect, and it was unknown what kind of dangers it might harbor.

Now in Divine Sun City, Lin Chen's combat power could be considered the strongest. Xu Ma'an was at a critical point in his breakthrough, and after the breakthrough, his Cultivation might compare to Lin Chen's Second Soul Division. However, it was uncertain who would be the stronger with the support of the Killing Formation.

At this moment, Lin Chen's main body was still in the mountain gorge, mining Redflame Firestone, and presumably needed another four or five days before returning.

However, the injuries Lin Chen sustained were not healing quickly, and now, refining the Transformation Pill was the fastest way to recover.

Only if the Black Cloud Sect attacked would Lin Chen be able to exert his greatest power to protect everyone.

Yet if Lin Chen left now to search for the herbal materials, Divine Sun City would be without his presence, possibly resulting in danger.

After much deliberation, Lin Chen still decided to head for Black Cloud Mountain himself.

Lin Chen, after consulting with Xu Ma'an and Li Xuanming, handed over the Dragon Vein Jade Seal to Li Xuanming and instructed him on how to use it.

Though when in Li Xuanming's hands, the power of the Dragon Vein summoned by the Jade Seal was not as strong as when Lin Chen used it. After all, the Divine Fire Troop Killing Array directed by Lin Chen had greater lethality.

#### Chapter 356: Heavenly Human Realm Powerhouse

Hearing Lin Chen's plan, Xu Ma'an and Li Xuanming both seemed somewhat worried. After all, Black Cloud Mountain was fraught with dangers, and it was not far from the Black Cloud Sect. If Lin Chen's movements were discovered by the Sect, the consequences would be unthinkable.

Despite this, faced with Lin Chen's resolute attitude, Xu Ma'an and Li Xuanming, though feeling helpless, could only advise him to be extremely careful.

For safety reasons, they proposed sending several elders from their sect to accompany Lin Chen, but Lin Chen declined this suggestion.

In his view, acting alone was actually safer, and it would be easier to escape danger if encountered. If he were to travel with the elders, it might actually increase the burden, so he chose to refuse.

"If that's the case, be very careful, go quickly and return quickly, we're in Divine Sun City for you."

Xu Ma'an could only agree to this.

Afterward, Lin Chen took the flying boat towards Black Cloud Mountain.

The small flying boat driven by Lin Chen, although not nearly as spacious as the large ones, was quite fast. He had refined it later according to the Green Bird.

It took Lin Chen two full days to reach Black Cloud Mountain. Alighting from the flying boat, he began walking through the mountains.

This place was very close to the Black Cloud Sect. If people from the Sect discovered Lin Chen's trail here, the consequences would be unimaginable.

It was not entirely out of fear of the Black Cloud Sect, but rather, Lin Chen was worried that if the Sect learned he was not in Divine Sun City, they might immediately launch an attack on the city.

While making his way through Black Cloud Mountain, Lin Chen saw several flying magical beasts in the sky, all of them fifth-grade beasts, equivalent to martial artists of the Reverting Void Realm.

Lin Chen was shocked, not expecting Black Cloud Mountain to be so dangerous.

The battle power of those fifth-grade magical beasts before him was such that even martial artists at the peak of the Reverting Void Realm might not be their match. Lin Chen naturally did not dare to be careless, carefully concealing his aura and quietly passing through their territory.



When Lin Chen left Divine Sun City, he had found a map of Black Cloud Mountain in the Scripture Pavilion. After avoiding the territories of the strong beasts, he slowly headed towards his destination for the herbal materials.

All along the way, Lin Chen proceeded with extreme caution.

Releasing his Divine Sense and using the sensitivity of the Spiritual Bee, Lin Chen would avoid any strong magical beasts he encountered. When he came across some he was confident he could defeat, he made quick work of them, killing them swiftly, and their bodies were instantly collected into the space of the Primordial Myriad Transformation Cauldron. He took care not to let any blood spill out to avoid attracting more magical beasts.

After another two days, Lin Chen finally reached the depths of Black Cloud Mountain. Upon his arrival, Lin Chen wanted to search for those materials as soon as possible. The sooner he found them, the sooner he could leave Black Cloud Mountain, as it was no place to linger.

He had heard of the dangers of Black Cloud Mountain early on, and Lin Chen did not believe his cultivation was strong enough to ignore the dangers there.

Whoosh—

However, just as Lin Chen released his Divine Sense to detect the whereabouts of the herbs, he immediately felt a powerful presence emanating from somewhere in the mountains.

This powerful presence had Lin Chen's hair standing on end the instant he perceived it.

It was far beyond the Reverting Void Realm.

"Is this... the presence of a sixth-grade magical beast, comparable to a creature of the Heavenly Human Realm?"

Lin Chen stopped in his tracks, his back already soaked with sweat, and he hurriedly retracted his Divine Soul.

If that magical beast also sensed Lin Chen's Divine Soul, there would be big trouble.

If targeted by a sixth-grade beast, Lin Chen was not confident he could escape from its clutches.

"Damn it, what bad luck, to come across a sixth-grade magical beast."

Lin Chen was speechless, his eyes constantly scanning the surrounding mountains, vigilant.

Now that he dared not use his Divine Sense, he could only rely on his eyes.

Releasing Divine Sense against an enemy far stronger than himself would be tantamount to revealing his location.

If Lin Chen had known that Black Cloud Mountain harbored sixth-grade magical beasts lurking within, he wouldn't have dared to come here, even if he had a hundred times the courage.

It was like a lamb walking into a tiger's den. What Lin Chen wanted to do now was to quietly slip away at once, leaving this cursed place.

However, just as Lin Chen was cautiously planning his escape,

a powerful presence suddenly erupted in the woods.

In the sky above, a strong Wind Blade swept across, instantly dispersing the clouds, followed by a white figure swooping down from the horizon, appearing right in front of Lin Chen, hovering over his head.

Lin Chen was shocked and looked up to the sky, only to see a creature with snow-white feathers like a fluffy coat, revealing some of its white skin underneath, beautiful as a fairy.

For a moment, Lin Chen was stunned, thinking to himself that such beautiful women could exist in this world.

However, he quickly came to his senses, silently reproaching himself for nearly succumbing to her Bewitching Technique that could captivate the soul.

"Where did you come from, martial artist, to dare enter my territory uninvited?"

Her gaze fell upon Lin Chen, as if she looked down on everything in the world.

The voice, upon reaching his ears, sounded like music from the heavens, but Lin Chen did not see her mouth move.

Not only did the woman's voice reach Lin Chen's ears, but it also transformed into a strong presence, spreading for miles in all directions.

The nearby magical beasts immediately became agitated and knelt down, trembling in fear.

Witnessing her methods, Lin Chen was deeply alarmed, thinking to himself that her power was indeed extraordinary. Was this the strength of the Heavenly Human Realm?

"I'm lost and didn't mean to intrude into your territory. Please spare me, miss."

Lin Chen looked up at the woman in the sky and quickly spoke in a supplicating manner.

He couldn't exactly say that he came to the mountains to look for herbs. After all, this was this woman's territory. Wouldn't that be confessing to stealing? If he told the truth, she would surely see him as an enemy.

"Lost?"

"What is your purpose for coming to the mountains?"

The woman's gaze locked onto Lin Chen, as if trying to see right through him. Clearly, she did not believe Lin Chen's claim of being lost.

#### Chapter 357: Battle Between the Strong

"I won't lie to you, miss, I came here for the Biluo Tidal Dew,"

Lin Chen knew he couldn't fool the woman before him, so he straightforwardly revealed his purpose.

While speaking, he also discreetly sized up the woman in front of him, Lin Chen slightly furrowed his brows, feeling that something was amiss.

The aura emanating from the woman was extraordinarily powerful, but it was not that of the magical beast Lin Chen had previously sensed.

Moreover, the woman seemed more like a human than a magical beast.

While magical beasts can transform and change their appearance, they absolutely cannot alter their aura; they can only hide it.

However, Lin Chen distinctly sensed the aura of a martial artist from the woman before him.

"You're also here for the Biluo Tidal Dew?"

The woman looked at Lin Chen with eyes tinged with surprise.

In her eyes, Lin Chen's cultivation was merely at the Heaven-reaching Realm Fifth Layer, and from any perspective, he was absolutely not someone who would have use for such herbal materials.

Roar—

"Arrogant humans, continually invading my territory, and now you even covet the Biluo Tidal Dew; today, both of you shall remain here forever,"

As the woman expressed surprise at Lin Chen's purpose for coming, a roar of rage suddenly came from the distant woods, followed swiftly by a massive shadow leaping towards Lin Chen and the girl in white.

Boom—

Rumble—

As the huge shadow appeared, the trees and foliage around were instantly knocked down by its powerful body, its formidable presence uprooting trees and overturning the earth.

Lin Chen looked up to see a massive python, a hundred meters long, emerging in the distance.

"Black Flame Red Python!"

Lin Chen exclaimed in astonishment upon seeing the distant python.

The girl beside him glanced at Lin Chen a few more times upon hearing his exclamation, her thoughts veiling the question of Lin Chen's true identity, and how he recognized the Black Flame Red Python.

It was known that the might of the Black Flame Red Python surpassed that of a martial artist in the Heavenly Human Realm, being a Level Seven Monster Beast.

If this python set its sights on Lin Chen, the consequences would be dreadful to imagine.

Even if Lin Chen used all his trump cards, he could not possibly contend with the Black Flame Red Python before him.

Swoosh swoosh—

The Black Rock Python attacked, luckily its target was not Lin Chen, but the girl in white, who was closer to it.

"If you're determined to fight, then let's fight,"

After an angry shout from the girl in white, Spiritual Light flickered and her hands were suddenly holding a green long sword that shimmered brilliantly—an obviously extraordinary weapon.

Upon summoning the green long sword, the girl in white positioned the sword to the side of her right hand, taking up a defensive stance. Sword Qi erupted from behind her instantly, forming countless streams of Sword Qi.

Seeing this scene, Lin Chen was completely stunned.

Having cultivation like this girl, releasing Spiritual Power and Martial Arts Skills without relying on preparatory motions, she could directly execute killing moves.

For a martial artist like Lin Chen to deal a powerful, decisive killing move still requires going through numerous set-up moves before being able to unleash the actual strike.

This was the disparity between realms; higher cultivation meant less preliminary forms, saving not only Spiritual Power but also allowing for the instant execution of killing moves, achieving surprise attacks during battle.

The girl in white slightly raised her sleeves, and the green long sword in her hands gathered an intense Spiritual Light. Behind her, tens of thousands of Sword Qi strokes emerged out of thin air.

"Seeking death!"

Seeing the girl in white dare to engage in combat, the Redflame Python immediately flew into a rage, its enormous body moving to strike at the girl in white.

At this moment, Lin Chen had already fled from the area, watching the battle before him with trepidation.

The surrounding woods had already been transformed beyond recognition by the battle.

Lin Chen now had a clearer picture; it seemed the girl in white had also come for the Biluo Tidal Dew, a critical ingredient for refining the Transformation Pill.

It appeared that when the girl had seen Lin Chen arrive earlier, she had somewhat guessed his purpose for being there.

However, who would have thought that while they were negotiating, the true master of the land, the Redflame Python, would take offense.

It was still present here, and these two humans were already plotting to divide its treasure.

Boom—

At this moment, the battle had commenced in the distance, with countless Sword Qi strikes landing on the body of the Redflame Python.

However, strikes that could easily annihilate a Warrior of the Heaven-reaching Realm, when landing upon the Redflame Python, could not inflict even the slightest damage to its scales but merely caused the beast to scream in pain.

"Damned human, you do have some skill, but if your attacks are only to this extent, then prepare to die,"

After consecutive attacks by the girl in white, the Redflame Python became utterly enraged.

With a long roar, it opened its gaping maw and spat out black flames of Dragon Breath.

Lin Chen's eyes lit up at this sight; the Redflame Python was a mutated bloodline, possessing part of the dragon lineage.

If one could slay this beast, its whole body would be a treasure.

However, Lin Chen's thoughts were merely hypothetical at the moment; after all, it was a being beyond the Heavenly Human Realm, not so easily dispatched.

Meanwhile, facing the Dragon Breath of the Redflame Python, the girl in white stood her ground, positioning her long sword vertically in front of her and uttering some Spell. She then slashed out with her sword and countless Sword Lights immediately cut through the Dragon Breath.

An immense collision of forces ensued, followed by a loud explosion.

Lin Chen constantly repositioned himself, dodging and weaving through the woods, thinking that if Jade Cauldron Sect also had such a powerful ally, not even a multitude from Black Cloud Sect could survive a single strike from her.

In his heart, Lin Chen couldn't help but yearn for the day he would reach such a level, what kind of spectacle that would be.

But at the moment, it was just wishful thinking for Lin Chen. His immediate priority was to preserve his own life and avoid being caught in the crossfire.

He fled for quite some time before finally moving away from the battlefield and began to observe secretly from a distance.

From what Lin Chen had seen of the girl in white before, she seemed not to be a bloodthirsty person. Perhaps he could cooperate with her, so that both might get what they wanted.



## Chapter 358: Repelling the Redflame Python

"A Level Seven Magical Beast has appeared!"

Far away in the mine, while digging for ore, Lin Chen's body suddenly trembled. He shared a consciousness with his Second Soul Division, and at this moment, whatever the Second Soul Division encountered, he perceived everything clearly.

"What do you mean a Level Seven Magical Beast? Isn't that equivalent to a warrior of the Nirvana Realm?"

Wang Dachui and the others were currently surrounding Lin Chen's main body, as the vein had almost been completely mined, and they were planning to pack up and return to Divine Sun City.

However, they saw Lin Chen talking to himself, and his expression didn't make them think he was joking.

"Yes, indeed, it is the Nirvana Realm."

Lin Chen did not keep Wang Dachui and the rest in the dark, sharing the situation encountered by the Second Soul Division in Black Cloud Mountain with them.

They might have been able to escape from a Heavenly Human Realm warrior, but facing someone from the Nirvana Realm, Wang Dachui and the others admitted they would have absolutely no chance of escaping.

Consequently, didn't that mean Lin Chen's Second Soul Division was doomed at Black Cloud Mountain?

In everyone's eyes, the Second Soul Division was no different from Lin Chen's main body.

If Lin Chen were to die, then the defense of Divine Sun City would weaken, as they also knew that only Lin Chen's Second Soul Division could bring out the full potential of the Power of the Dragon Vein.

"Don't worry, the person battling that Magical Beast is also strong, and I am not in any danger at the moment," Lin Chen reassured them, seeing the concern on Wang Dachui and the others' faces.

At this time, the Second Soul Division was watching the battle from afar. For Lin Chen's Second Soul Division, this battle was an invaluable treasure.

After all, having such an opportunity to witness combat between high-level combatants was a rare chance for someone at his level of cultivation.

Even though the Redflame Python was a Magical Beast, the paths of cultivation all lead to the same destination; the principles within them are always interconnected. By observing the fight between both parties, Lin Chen was certain to benefit in his own cultivation.

At that moment, Lin Chen's Second Soul Division was on a mountain peak, watching the battle between the Girl in White and the Redflame Python.

The battle caused a lot of commotion, and the impact range was vast.

Many powerful Magical Beasts in the vicinity had already fled because of the confrontation between the Girl in White and the Redflame Python.

Jokingly speaking, even a slight impact could prove fatal.

After observing for a while, Lin Chen indeed had some insights, reaping significant benefits.

But as the battle intensified and seemed close to determining a victor, Lin Chen knew it was time for him to leave.

Regardless of who won, Lin Chen's objective was always to harvest the Biluo Tidal Dew, and to the Girl in White and the Redflame Python, he was a threat.

At that moment, Lin Chen moved swiftly, quickly traversing the mountains, heading towards the location on the map where the herbal materials were recorded.

Upon reaching the spot, Lin Chen, without a word, immediately harvested some of the precious nearby herbal materials.

As for the Biluo Tidal Dew, according to the map, it was supposed to be in a cave at the deepest part of the canyon.

After harvesting some herbal materials, Lin Chen then made his way into the cave.

After entering the cave, Lin Chen felt the temperature around him rising rapidly.

Fortunately, Lin Chen had mastered the Blue Lotus Divine Flame, Otherwise, an ordinary martial artist from the Heaven-reaching Realm wouldn't even have been able to set foot in the doorway of this cave to search for treasures, let alone come inside; they would have perished in the high temperatures.

Lin Chen raised his hand, and a flame rose up, encircling his body to protect him from the high temperatures of this place.

Upon reaching the innermost part of the cave, Lin Chen caught sight of the Biluo Tidal Dew.

At the center of the cave, there was a natural skylight that allowed the sunlight from outside to shine into the cave and directly onto the location of the Biluo Tidal Dew.

Next to the Biluo Tidal Dew, there was also a pool, and to pick the Biluo Tidal Dew, one must swim across it.

Lin Chen stared at the pool, his eyes slightly furrowing.

He always felt an unusual energy inside the pool and, to be cautious, decided not to immediately enter it, choosing instead to wait and observe.

Meanwhile, outside the canyon, the girl in white and the Redflame Python were fighting fiercely, nearing a decisive outcome.

The Dragon Breath sprayed from the python's mouth was extremely hot and lethal, but the girl in white was no pushover. She bit her finger and dripped blood onto the green sword in her hand.

"Secret Technique, Ice Flame Slash!"

The girl in white shouted angrily, and, subsequently, her aura rapidly climbed, becoming comparable to that of the Redflame Python. The secret technique she used clearly had the effect of boosting her strength.

The energy gathering on her green sword was the Extreme Cold Power. She swung her sword through the air, and instantly an Ice Flame Slash fell from the sword, colliding with the Redflame Python.

The collision of the Ice Flame with the python's assault rapidly reduced the python's breath until it dissipated.

And that wasn't all; after extinguishing the python's breath with her Ice Flame Slash, the attack landed on the body of the python, unexpectedly freezing it solid.

"Impressive Ice Flame, I'll remember this move. Wait and watch, I'll get you," said the python as it exerted all its strength, its body emitting light to shatter the freezing ice encasing it and then rapidly fled the scene, shaking its tail.

In the end, the victor of the battle between the girl in white and the Redflame Python was the girl in white.

Watching the Redflame Python flee, the girl in white didn't give chase but instead swept her Divine Sense around the area. She didn't detect Lin Chen's presence.

Afterward, with a flash, the girl in white quickly flew towards the canyon.

She was going in search of the Biluo Tidal Dew.

Before long, the girl in white found the cave Lin Chen had discovered earlier.

Seeing the Biluo Tidal Dew by the pool, she felt an immense joy in her heart, finally able to obtain the Biluo Tidal Dew.

She raised her hand and a Spiritual Light struck the pool, intending to freeze the water and then walk across.

Even though her Spiritual Power had the extreme cold attribute, to her surprise, her cold aura did not freeze the pool's water.

"There seems to be something wrong with this water. Since it can't be frozen, I'll have to fly over," the girl in white thought, and with this idea, she leapt up, but as soon as she flew over the pool, she heard a "plop" sound, and she had fallen into the water.

#### Chapter 359: Return My Innocence

"Even flying is prohibited? It seems there is a reason why the Biluo Tidal Dew grows here."

The Girl in White muttered to herself. Unable to fly or freeze the pool's water, she could only swim across.

Although the water was icy and bone-chilling, it posed little problem for her, who possessed an extreme cold physique.

Hiss-ho——

However, just as the Girl in White was swimming freely in the water, about to reach the Biluo Tidal Dew, her eyes suddenly widened as she felt a powerful force emanating from within the pool.

An electric current instantly assailed her entire body. She tried to leap out of the water to escape, but a red light screen suddenly appeared above the surface of the pool, quickly forming a barrier that trapped her inside. As soon as she attempted to fly up, she fell back into the water.

"Damn it, this python still had such tricks up its sleeve."

The Girl in White said angrily.

At this moment, she could think of no way to escape. Even in her prime, she might not have been able to escape from this pool, as she discovered that it contained not just a man-made Formation but also natural forces, like the prohibition on flying.

This must also be why the Biluo Tidal Dew could be produced here.

The strong electrical current continued to assault the Girl in White's body until she gradually lost strength and flopped limply onto the water's surface.

At that moment, Lin Chen stepped out from his hiding spot.

"It's you!"

"You're not dead and even found your way here."

The shock was evident in the Girl in White's heart upon seeing Lin Chen appear.

Lin Chen's Cultivation was only at the Fifth Layer of the Heaven-reaching Realm. He had come out unscathed from the battle between her and the Redflame Python and even managed to find this place.

It seemed that the man before her was no ordinary individual.

At this moment, Lin Chen was sizing up the Girl in White. Maybe it was because of her powerful Cultivation, but Lin Chen felt that the Girl in White had a transcendent quality, quite different from Yang Yuemin, Zhao Yijing, and others.

Right now, as the Girl in White floated on the surface of the pool, her clothes thoroughly wetted, her curvaceous figure was fully revealed, involuntarily stirring a reaction within Lin Chen.

However, Lin Chen was not a man ruled by his lower half. If he were to harbor any thoughts towards the woman before him, she would likely hunt him to the ends of the earth once she broke free.

Lin Chen examined the Formation before him. Although it was somewhat sophisticated, after all, it was set up by a Magical Beast, Lin Chen could easily decode it.

But Lin Chen had no intention of directly saving the Girl in White. Who knew if she would strike at him once her restrictions were lifted?

Slowly, Lin Chen walked into the pool and swam up to the Girl in White.

"You're not affected by the Thunder and Lightning?"

The Girl in White exclaimed in surprise, even starting to wonder whether Lin Chen had set up the Formation himself.

But she knew very well that with Lin Chen's strength, he was unlikely to have set up such a powerful and intricate Formation.

Lin Chen did not answer but instead moved close to the Girl in White, randomly touching her while setting up several restrictions, sealing her Cultivation.

This way, even if the Girl in White managed to break free from the pool's Formation restriction, she wouldn't be able to do anything to harm him.

"You rascal, let go of me, I swear I'll kill you."

The Girl in White, feeling him touching her chaotically, was profoundly shaken. She had never been in such close contact with a man.

If looks could kill, Lin Chen would have been slain thousands of times over by now.

"You lecher, release me at once, or you will certainly meet a terrible end. Do you have any idea who I am?"

The Girl in White was frightened by Lin Chen's actions and immediately began to scold and threaten him relentlessly.

Upon hearing the words of the Girl in White, Lin Chen's heart couldn't help but tremble.

From the implications of the Girl in White's words, it appeared that her identity was anything but ordinary.

But thinking about it, that made sense. She was about the same age as him and had already reached such a Cultivation Realm, which clearly indicated she was from some major family line; perhaps she was even a sacred girl.

Lin Chen sized up the Girl in White, his gaze eventually lingering on two particular prominent features of hers.

"You lecher... you dare to lay hands on me, I will not let you off even in death," she bellowed.

"Stop, whatever you want, I agree to it, just take the Biluo Tidal Dew and go," she pleaded.

The Girl in White was truly scared now, fearful of the indecent things Lin Chen might do to her.



"You've called me a lecher so many times, if I really didn't do anything, wouldn't that mean I'm unfairly labeled with such a huge accusation," Lin Chen said teasingly.

As he spoke, Lin Chen reached out toward the front of the girl's body.

"You, you're shameless!"

The Girl in White shouted angrily, and then her eyes rolled back, causing her to faint on the spot.

Seeing the Girl in White faint, Lin Chen was at a loss for words internally.

He hadn't done anything yet; was there a need for her to be this overwrought?

Helplessly, Lin Chen carried the Girl in White to the side of the Biluo Tidal Dew and dropped her on the ground.

He then collected the Biluo Tidal Dew into the Spatial Ring, and afterward, turned his attention to the restrictive Formation above the pool.

"This Formation is not very impressive, but it's filled with Spiritual Energy. If I could absorb it, perhaps my cultivation could advance further," Lin Chen thought to himself.

With this in mind, he began to dismantle the Thunder and Lightning restrictions and absorb the Spiritual Energy from the pool.

And sure enough, as Lin Chen absorbed the Spiritual Power from the pool and dismantled the Formation, he indeed made a breakthrough to the Sixth Layer of the Heaven-reaching Realm.

However, just at that moment, the Girl in White also slowly came to her senses.

Seeing her clothes in disarray, her heart shuddered.

"You scoundrel, I'll fight you to the end."

"How could you do such a thing to me, I will never forgive you. Give me back my innocence," she demanded.

At this moment, Lin Chen had placed numerous restrictions on the Girl in White, making it impossible for her to mobilize the Spiritual Power within her body. Now, she was no different from an ordinary person, but even so, she was set on fighting Lin Chen to the death.

Lin Chen had just woken up from meditation to see the Girl in White charging at him like a madwoman, grabbing and biting him chaotically, which left him utterly speechless.

"You crazy woman, who did anything to you; stop talking nonsense," Lin Chen said.

Chapter 360: Formidable Enemy Incoming

"Shameless rogue, you did such a thing to me, watch as I take your life."

The girl in white was now almost in a frenzy, punching and kicking at Lin Chen, looking like she was determined to fight to the death.

Seeing her like this, Lin Chen felt very helpless and made a gesture to cast an Array, imprisoning the girl.

"Don't you feel for yourself whether I have done anything to you?"

Lin Chen was utterly speechless at this moment.

This woman, before she fainted and now upon waking up, hasn't changed at all, and without even checking, she recklessly lashes out at him, completely unaware of the situation.

"Are you serious?"

The girl in white, upon hearing Lin Chen's words, checked herself up and down, only to realize her disheveled clothes were purely due to being soaked by the pond water, indeed not because Lin Chen had done anything to her.

Thinking of this, the girl in white felt a mix of relief and an inevitable sense of defeat.

She secretly wondered whether Lin Chen was really a man; facing her unconscious self, Lin Chen had actually not been tempted and really hadn't done anything to her.

"Since you haven't done anything to me, I shall let you off this time, but quickly lift my restrictions, and I won't hold it against you," said the girl in white to Lin Chen in a naive manner.

Hearing this, Lin Chen couldn't help but sneer to himself, thinking that there must be something wrong with the girl's brain.

In such a situation, how could he possibly lift the restrictions on her so easily?

The girl in white was at the level of the Heavenly Human Realm, certainly someone Lin Chen couldn't deal with. If he lifted the restrictions on her and she turned against him, wouldn't Lin Chen be in danger? So of course, he wouldn't be so foolish as to remove her restrictions.

"Do you not understand the situation? Right now, I have imprisoned you. Shouldn't it be you who begs me nicely to release you instead of threatening me with that tone? Do you really think I wouldn't dare to do something to you?" Lin Chen said coldly to the girl in white.

Seeing Lin Chen's unkind face, the girl in white quickly shut her mouth, truly afraid that Lin Chen would do something to her.

It seemed she could no longer afford to aggravate Lin Chen with rash words.

Seeing the girl in white quiet down, Lin Chen no longer paid further attention and began cultivating in a seated position once again, and she noticed Lin Chen could actually break down the Array's energy in front of him for his own absorption.

This showed that Lin Chen's mastery in Formation was extremely high. The girl in white frowned in contemplation, realizing Lin Chen was no ordinary martial artist.

With such high Formation mastery, could he be from the Cloud Sky Pavilion?

The girl put aside her thoughts and turned her gaze back to the pond before her, realizing that Lin Chen wasn't only absorbing the Spiritual Power from the Array in the sky, but the water in the pond contained strong medicinal power as well.

It seemed that because the presence grew in this place, the pond water had, over many years, diluted some of its medicinal power.

Meanwhile, millions of miles away, the real Lin Chen had finally finished mining the Redflame Firestone with others.

Apart from Lin Chen, everyone's faces showed joy.

They had never been so happy before.

The rewards they received this time were quite exceptional.

"All right, everyone take a break, and then we will return to Divine Sun City," Lin Chen commanded, looking at the people.

At this moment, in the Outer City of Divine Sun City.

A row of soldiers dressed in Purple Thunder Suits patrolled the area. The leader was not a disciple of the Jade Cauldron Sect but a former low-ranking soldier of Divine Sun City.

For the past thirty years, Jiang Zhengyi had been nothing more than an ordinary defense soldier of Divine Sun City.

Their treatment was not good. Apart from daily expenses, there were few Cultivation Resources left for their cultivation.

But since the Jade Cauldron Sect took over Divine Sun City, things had changed.

As long as they contributed, they would be rewarded, and this encouraged a shift from their former laziness.

As long as they continued to contribute to Divine Sun City and the Jade Cauldron Sect, they could receive rewards.

Jiang Zhengyi now earned ten times more Cultivation Resources in one day than he did before. This was true not just for him, but for other soldiers as well.

He had even climbed the ranks among the city guards of Divine Sun City and was now in charge of five hundred soldiers.

Five hundred soldiers made up a small squad, and he was the captain of that squad.

Apart from him, the other soldiers also worked their hardest, a sense of responsibility they never felt while serving the Great Flame Imperial Family.

Above the small squads of five hundred were platoons, consisting of five thousand soldiers each, and above those were companies, each comprising ten thousand soldiers.

Li Xuanming was in charge of these forces. Apart from overseeing the Dragon Vein Jade Seal of Divine Sun City, he also took charge of all military forces.

It was a necessity; apart from him, everyone else in the Jade Cauldron Sect had their own territories to manage.

The arrangement Lin Chen made upon leaving Divine Sun City was for a reason.

Only in this way, if Divine Sun City faced an enemy attack, could Li Xuanming activate the Power of the Dragon Vein and merge with the defending soldiers to exert the most powerful force to protect the city.

Right now, far away from Divine Sun City, countless Flying Boats appeared in the sky, large-scale Flying Boats that far exceeded the configuration inside Divine Sun City in both scale and number.

Moreover, the Flying Boats in the sky were not ordinary; they were equipped with cannonballs and Thunder Light Cannons.

These were warships designed for battle, not for transporting people.

At this moment, on one of those warships, a young man in green clothes stared into the distance towards Divine Sun City, his eyes burning with flames of hatred.

This person was Jiang Qibai, who had participated in the great battle of Divine Sun City and was eventually defeated and fled. Upon returning to the Moon Shadow Pavilion, he was immediately demoted by the higher ranks of Red Soul Hall.

Apart from Jiang Qibai, there was another figure in black, his fingers adorned with Spatial Rings, each ring appearing extraordinary, obviously from someone from a distinguished family.

The man in black glanced at Jiang Qibai with disdain, a mocking smile curling on his lips.

"To think that a mere city guarded by a few Reverting Void Realm martial artists could not be taken down by us, even with twice the number of soldiers. Furthermore, the person who repelled you was just a Heaven-reaching Realm martial artist, what a bunch of trash," he said.

"I had to travel a long distance to come here and clean up your mess."