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Chapter 1051: Yang Chen is from the Prohibition Demon Clan?_1

“After the Demon Slaying Emperor was captured, Emperor Bai Zang easily suppressed the entire Demon Slaying Branch. It was later discovered that they were also holding other members of the Forbidden Demon Clan captive within the branch.

With Emperor Bai Zang’s abilities, as long as they weren’t Emperor-Level Forbidden Demons, there wouldn’t be any issues. Where could these Forbidden Demons escape to? All of them were captured alive by Emperor Bai Zang, and only two or three demons seemed difficult to deal with and were personally killed by him.

Regardless, this was excellent news. The morale of the human side increased greatly without having to engage in battle first.

Furthermore, many members of the Demon Slaying Branch had cultivated the forbidden techniques of the Demon Clan, becoming neither human nor demon. Upon further investigation, it was concluded that the Demon Clan’s cultivation methods were absolutely evil. Those who practiced these techniques had the potential to become half-human, half-demon, and serve as minions for the Forbidden Demon Clan.

Immediately, all cultivation methods related to the Forbidden Demon Clan were halted.

Yang Chen wasn’t surprised by this. In fact, he’d known that the Forbidden Demon Clan had been slowly corrupting humans ever since he captured the first Red Shura Demon. It was just that they weren’t very lucky; the Demon Slaying Branch was their first target, and they were discovered before they could complete their corruption.

Of course, it couldn’t be denied that there were also numerous minor characters like Lady Silver Fox who were serving the Forbidden Demon Clan.

As a result, the reputation of the Demon Slaying Branch was thoroughly ruined.

The main reason the Demon Slaying Branch became one of the Three Great Factions was because of the Demon Slaying Emperor and the name of the branch itself. The seemingly simple word ‘Demon Slaying’ was the fundamental reason why everyone was willing to rally around them.

However, the Demon Slaying Branch had now become a complete joke. Under the guise of demon slaying, they did all sorts of inhumane deeds.

In the end, it was all because of the Demon Slaying Emperor.

According to the information Zhou Qing obtained, the Demon Slaying Emperor had been just an outstanding, but not exceptional, member of the Bai Family a long time ago. He was an above-average genius at that time, but not indispensable to the family.

At the time, the Demon Slaying Emperor had no intention of leaving the Bai Family. Even leaving the main family to establish a branch was done with the permission of the Bai Family and was a mission assigned to him.

Back then, the Demon Slaying Emperor's value wasn't very high, so the Bai Family didn't make a fuss about it.

However, the Demon Slaying Emperor craved power and longed to prove himself, which led him to fall into the demonic path by accident.

He cultivated the Forbidden Demon Clan's techniques, becoming neither human nor ghost. The Forbidden Demon Clan's techniques accelerated his cultivation speed, and he soon became dissatisfied with his status quo. Eventually, he completely cultivated the Forbidden Demon Clan's techniques and succumbed to them.

Seeing the Demon Slaying Emperor submit, the Forbidden Demon Clan was also eager to cultivate him, ultimately making countless sacrifices to help him gain fame in a single battle. They also used countless resources to promote the Demon Slaying Emperor's strength to the Emperor-Level!

Once he reached the Emperor-Level, the Demon Slaying Emperor became more dependent on the Forbidden Demon Clan's techniques and ended up on a path of no return.

When Yang Chen heard this, he sighed softly and could only say, "The Demon Slaying Emperor's willpower was not strong; even if he hadn't fallen into the demonic path, he would have been used by

others. Speaking of which, is there any movement from the Forbidden Demon Clan, considering the recent Dao Discussion Conference incident and the fact that they've lost their most significant hidden talent in the form of the Demon Slaying Emperor? They should at least show some activity, theoretically."

Zhou Qing replied, "Master, the situation is different than what you think. The Forbidden Demon Clan has been extremely quiet. However, several Great Emperors are on high alert day and night, thinking the same as you, that the Forbidden Demon Clan will not just let this go easily!"

Yang Chen nodded, "Just because the Forbidden Demon Clan is quiet today doesn't mean they will be quiet tomorrow. It's good to be cautious. So, what else has happened besides this?"

"Of course, there's more. After the Dao Discussion Conference ended, most of the martial artists didn't leave since they didn't know when the war would start. So, a trading fair was recently held in the Donghuang Sect's territory. I went to check it out a while ago; the trading fair was very rich and had a lot of variety," Zhou Qing said with a smile.

"Oh?" Yang Chen smiled, "I'm just in need of some treasures, so let's go check it out."

He had plenty of Spirit Stones on hand, and since his strength was now stable, he needed to buy some treasures to further refine his abilities.

But before that, he had to visit Ye Xu first.

Since he was in the Donghuang Sect, it wasn't appropriate for him to leave without informing anyone.

However, within moments, Yang Chen had already arrived outside Ye Xu's great hall. There was no sign of resistance from the guards, allowing Yang Chen and the others from Luosheng Gate to pass freely.

It was clear that the guards had already been informed that they should not stop Yang Chen.

When Yang Chen thought he could meet Ye Xu directly, he suddenly heard some noise from inside the great hall.

“Sect Leader, I am serious about seeking marriage to Jinling. You need to think it through; who in the entire Donghuang Sect is most suitable for Jinling? Only I, Lin Tao, can match her. Would you let Jinling marry a suspicious outsider? You must think twice. Wasn’t Demon Slaying Emperor also considered a hero back then? But what happened later? He ended up having a connection with the Forbidden Demon Clan, so wouldn’t someone like that be even more suspicious now?” Lin Tao stated through gritted teeth at the moment.

It wasn’t difficult to understand who he was referring to.

“Master, he’s talking about you,” Zhou Qing said menacingly, glaring at Lin Tao with an intense urge to slap his face.

He wouldn’t step out when it came to helping the Donghuang Sect, but he was more than willing to badmouth others behind their backs.

Yang Chen didn’t rush to step out; he wanted to hear how Ye Xu would respond.

Ye Xu hadn’t dispersed his soul in the entrance of his residence, so he didn’t notice Yang Chen’s arrival. Hearing Lin Tao’s words, he spoke solemnly, “Lin Tao, although Yang Xilin is not from Donghuang Sect, I hope you and Master Yang will unite. The Dao Discussion Conference is approaching, and you must prioritize the bigger picture.”

In fact, when he heard Lin Tao badmouthing Yang Chen behind his back, he was furious, but since Lin Tao was the number one genius of the Donghuang Sect, he couldn’t reprimand him openly.

“Sect Leader, I am doing this for the sake of the bigger picture. Don’t you think that what I have said makes sense? The appearance of this man surnamed Yang in our Donghuang Sect is extremely sudden and outstanding. Do you not find every aspect of him highly suspicious? If he really is that outstanding, why haven’t we heard about him before? He and the Demon Slaying Emperor of the past are exactly the same, both materializing out of thin air and being exceptionally outstanding and high-profile. I think he is highly suspicious!” Lin Tao cleverly addressed Yang Chen’s status, discussing the matter with great malice.

Admittedly, Yang Chen’s status was indeed very suspicious.

Even Ye Xu couldn't help but frown at this point.

Indeed, Yang Chen's identity was extremely doubtful..."

Chapter 1052: Creating Trouble for No Reason!_1

It has to be said that Yang Chen had to admit that Lin Tao's ability to stir up trouble was indeed not bad.

His real identity is Yang Chen, the man wanted by many forces. Naturally, he couldn't trace his identity back, Lin Tao didn't know, but he just pinpointed this point and targeted him, which made Ye Xu couldn't help but feel a headache.

Although Yang Chen didn't know how to clear up this matter, he knew it was necessary to come forward and explain it.

"To put it bluntly, Brother Lin Tao is suspicious of whether I have any connection with the Prohibition Demon Clan. If so, the method is simple. First, test whether I have cultivated the Prohibition Demon Clan's Cultivation Methods, and second, check if I have the bloodline of the Prohibition Demon Clan." Yang Chen and Zhou Qing stepped forward.

Zhou Qing couldn't help but curse: "Despicable!"

Ye Xu and Lin Tao didn't expect Yang Chen to appear at this moment.

When Lin Tao saw Yang Chen appear, he was also shocked. After thinking of Yang Chen's identity, he couldn't help but feel a little frightened. However, after recalling his own guesses, he immediately shouted, "It turns out to be Master Yang. You appeared just in time. Since you said that these two methods are good, then use these two methods to check, do you dare?"

"These two methods can completely determine whether my identity is innocent or not. I am very willing to accept the inspection, but if I am innocent, how should Brother Lin Tao's slanders be handled just now?" Yang Chen said slowly.

"How? What else can it be?" Lin Tao stared.

“Is it possible to slander someone in the Donghuang Sect?” Yang Chen said solemnly.

Lin Tao fiercely said: “Hmph, Yang Xilin, I did so much, all for the sake of the human race as a whole, and you? You are unwilling to make even a small contribution to the overall situation, what use is the Donghuang Sect for you!”

Yang Chen was so angry that he laughed. He had seen shameless people, but he had never seen anyone as shameless as Lin Tao.

At this moment, he shrugged his shoulders and said: “In that case, Brother Lin Tao, can I tell everyone tomorrow that you have something to do with the Prohibition Demon Clan?”

“You, you are spreading rumors!” Lin Tao shouted angrily.

“Was it me who spread the rumors first?” Yang Chen sneered. “Lin Tao, you just said that everything was for the human race as a whole. Aren’t you willing to make a small contribution for the greater good first? Otherwise, what’s the use of having you in the Donghuang Sect!”

“You, you!” Lin Tao was speechless for a while, completely choked by Yang Chen’s words.

Yang Chen spoke in a deep voice: “Lin Tao, I really don’t know where you got the courage to talk to me about sacrifices. In the Dao Discussion Conference, I helped the Donghuang Sect to win the Alliance Leader position, and never bragged about it. But you put a Prohibition Demon Clan’s hat on me for this, haha, who isn’t a Prohibition Demon Clan? Eating and drinking from the Donghuang Sect like you, and being eliminated in the first round, isn’t this a Prohibition Demon Clan?”

When these words fell, Lin Tao’s face became red and flushed. He pointed at Yang Chen, stammering and wanting to curse but unable to because Yang Chen’s words were completely reasonable, on the other hand, he had no reason at all.

Moreover, Yang Chen’s words undoubtedly hit his pain point.

The Donghuang Sect had been cultivating him in all aspects, but when they needed him, he was eliminated in the first round of the competition. Everyone had been discussing this in recent times. He felt humiliated too, so he came to Ye Xu and fabricated stories about Yang Chen in order to bring him down and regain his dignity.

However, Ye Xu waved his hand, and couldn't help but frown: "Lin Tao, it is true that you started spreading rumors first. Let's not make a fuss."

"Sect Master Ye, I am willing to accept any inspection. If it is proved that I am a Prohibition Demon clan member, you can handle it in any way you like. If I am not, I just hope that the Donghuang Sect and the person who spread the rumors can give me justice. I, Yang Xilin, helped the Donghuang Sect to obtain the Alliance Leader position without asking for any credit, but I don't want to lose even the basic reputation of me and Luosheng Gate!" Yang Chen said coldly, his tone clearly angry.

If it was normal, Yang Chen would not be so angry, but who would have thought that after all his hard work, he would be bitten back!

If it were usual, anyone who dared to talk to Ye Xu like this would have already angered him.

However, considering Yang Chen's current identity and status, Ye Xu couldn't help but think calmly.

Yang Chen appeared to have little identity and status, but on closer thought, Yang Chen's mysterious relationship with Emperor Bai Wei was unclear. It was mysterious why Bai Wei wanted to protect Yang Chen and expose Lin Xi's identity earlier.

When the Great Emperor asked about it, Bai Wei did not mention it. Just because of this, the Donghuang Sect did not dare to wrong Yang Chen!

Moreover, their Old Ancestor also ordered them to take good care of Yang Chen, otherwise, as soon as Yang Chen left the Donghuang Sect today, the Huangdao Sect might open the main gate to invite Yang Chen in tomorrow.

Plus, Yang Chen had helped the Donghuang Sect so much. He never asked for any credit, so the Donghuang Sect couldn't even protect his basic reputation, which was unreasonable.

Thinking about it, Ye Xu looked at Lin Tao coldly and couldn't help but feel angry.

Without saying anything, he slapped Lin Tao's face with a loud slap.

This slap made Lin Tao's face swollen, and he looked at Ye Xu with incredulity. He had never thought that Ye Xu would hit him like this. In the past, he had been one of the most talented geniuses in the entire Donghuang Sect, and Ye Xu had always cherished him.

But now, Ye Xu hit him!

This hurt his self-esteem, but he didn't know that after Ye Xu's brief comparison, his value couldn't be compared with Yang Chen's.

"This slap is to tell you, Lin Tao, that now is the stage of the Alliance's establishment. Unity is the most important thing. You can't question and speculate about others here. Get out of here!" Ye Xu shouted in a deep voice.

Although Lin Tao felt wronged, feeling the coldness emanating from Ye Xu's body, he couldn't help but shiver and dared not stay any longer. He reluctantly glanced at Yang Chen, then left.

He secretly vowed in his heart that he would discredit Yang Chen's name!

Yang Chen could see that Lin Tao was not willing to let the matter go, but for him, soldiers came to block the water and the earth. A mere Lin Tao was not something he was afraid of.

Ye Xu kindly said: "Young friend Yang, it is impossible to test you. I, Ye Xu, still have some ability to judge people. You can't be associated with the Prohibition Demon Clan. Lin Tao was spreading rumors just now, and I have already punished him. I hope you won't take it to heart!"

"Sect Master Ye is joking. I was also rude just now." Yang Chen took a breath, and it was false to say that his heart wasn't a little resentful. However, with his magnanimity, he wouldn't oppress others over such small matters.

Seeing that Yang Chen didn't take it to heart, Ye Xu let out a long sigh of relief and then said, "The reason why young friend Yang came to find me suddenly is..."

Chapter 1053: Tree Technique!_1

"It's nothing big. I heard that there's a trading fair going on near the East Emperor Sect, and I'd like to take a look now that I'm out. I came to report to Sect Master Ye first, so you wouldn't worry!" Yang Chen said with a bow.

Hearing this, Ye Xu's satisfaction with Yang Chen's manners grew even more. Comparing it to Lin Tao, he couldn't help but sigh in his heart.

Ye Xu then said, "Haha, so you're going to the trading fair. That's a small matter. However, there are many treasures at the trading fair that require a lot of Spirit Stones. If you're short, you can come to me anytime. Tens of thousands of Spirit Stones are easily attainable for our East Emperor Sect."

Tens of thousands of Spirit Stones might not be much for Yang Chen, but it was a measure of value, and at least Ye Xu recognized him.

With that in mind, Yang Chen didn't say much: "In that case, I'll take my leave first."

"Hmm." Ye Xu nodded..

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Since people from various parties participated in the Dao Discussion Conference, including the Huangdao Sect and the Bai Family, and they all didn't leave, the trading fair had reached an unprecedented scale!

Many people exchanged treasures at the trading fair, and the Alliance allowed this side as well. After all, trade could strengthen each other's strength, so why not?

Yang Chen arrived at the trading fair and was equally amazed by its scale.

Zhou Qing and the others had obviously been here before and led the way: "Sect Master, what treasures do you need? We can set up a booth for you and directly purchase them for you. You just need to choose what you want."

Yang Chen nodded, understanding the advantages of having more people. Things he couldn't do himself could be delegated to others.

With that thought, Yang Chen rubbed his eyebrows and carefully calculated: "I do need quite a lot of things."

First, he needed materials for body refining. Now that he had plenty of Spirit Stones in hand and had reached a breakthrough in the Body Refining Realm, he could afford the high cost of Spirit Stones.

Second, he needed materials to nurture the Holy Ants. Although the Holy Ants could enhance their strength by utilizing Yun Lu, they still needed various materials for their ultimate evolution.

And third, he needed materials for the new Mountain Collapsing Style technique he had thought of.

He had thought that if the power of the Mountain Collapsing Style could be concentrated together and directly explode at a certain 'point', how strong would that power be?

After a rough estimate, Yang Chen felt that the increase in power would be about ten times.

And this was just a conservative estimate!

The power of the Mountain Collapsing Style itself was already strong, and increasing it by ten times would make it even stronger. With his current strength, it would be easy for him to instantly kill martial artists at the Sixth or Seventh Level of the Earth Martial Realm!

However, when he tried to implement it, he encountered a problem.

That was, when the power of Mountain Collapsing Style exploded and spread at a single point, his body would have to bear too much pressure. This was unavoidable.

Even his current body couldn't withstand it, unless he could refine the Primordial Indestructible Divine Body with the Indestructible Vajra Bead. However, that Divine Body Talent was still far away from him.

So Yang Chen thought of another material, the Aqua-Wood Essence, which was used to resolve power. Its single function had no use, but when combined with a martial artist, it could rapidly dissolve the brute force that spread to oneself.

Of course, Aqua-Wood Essence could only dissolve one's own power and not that of the enemy. So its usefulness was relatively limited. However, when applied to Yang Chen, it was different.

"Unfortunately, the Aqua-Wood Essence is indeed limited, but it's also a rare treasure. I don't know if I can find it." Yang Chen murmured to himself.

Soon, he took out a blank bamboo slip and quickly wrote down all the needed items, then handed it to Zhou Qing.

Zhou Qing looked at the list and was startled. He laughed: "Sect Master, these treasures you want are strange and unusual, even I haven't seen many of them. How many Spirit Stones do you think you need to acquire these treasures?"

Yang Chen replied indifferently: "At least seventy or eighty thousand top-grade Spirit Stones."

"What?!" Zhou Qing's eyes widened: "Seventy or eighty thousand?!"

Yang Chen too felt somewhat helpless. At first, he thought he had a considerable fortune, but when it came to buying these items, he found out that the Spirit Stones he had might not even be enough.

"Here are 80,000 top-grade Spirit Stones. I'll write a rough list of purchase prices. When purchasing later, as long as the price does not exceed what I can afford, buy them all." Yang Chen handed over the top-grade Spirit Stones first.

As far as he was concerned, he still trusted the people of Luo Sheng Gate.

He then wrote another list, handing over the purchase matters to the people of Luo Sheng Gate.

Looking at the remaining Spirit Stones, Yang Chen had a bitter smile on his face.

Zhou Qing quickly made some arrangements and then entered the busy area of the trading fair with Yang Chen. They began to stroll together.

Yang Chen looked around, there were many street stalls and martial artists selling and buying treasures, but he wasn't very interested.

It wasn't that there were no treasures, but that Yang Chen had limited Spirit Stones, so he wouldn't choose anything unless it was very tempting.

Just when he thought nothing would happen for a while, the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey in the Eight Extremities Flowing River Space suddenly said: "Kid, there's a booth about ten feet to your left with a tall, burly man as the owner. Go take a look!"

Hearing what the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey said, Yang Chen was curious.

However, given the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey's experience, if it said so, there was no reason for him not to trust it. So, he went to the booth of the burly man.

"Brother, what treasure do you want to buy? Just say it, we have everything you need here!" The burly man started boasting as soon as he saw Yang Chen.

"Senior Zi Jing, what do you want me to buy?" Yang Chen looked around and saw that there were either things he didn't recognize or things he wasn't interested in.

"Check out the ancient tree branch in the middle!" said the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey.

“Is this ancient tree branch useful?” Yang Chen couldn’t help but be puzzled.

“Humph, kid, this branch has absorbed more than 30,000 years of natural power and is a ten-thousand-year-old ancient tree branch. You tell me if it’s useful or not?” the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey said solemnly.

“Ten-thousand-year-old ancient tree branch?” Yang Chen’s eyes widened, and then he became distressed: “This is indeed a treasure, but, Senior, what use is this ancient tree branch for me?”

The Purple-eyed Demon Monkey suddenly asked: “Kid, have you really never heard of the ‘Tree Technique Divine Secret’?”

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Yang Chen asked in surprise, “Senior, what is the Tree Technique?”

“You don’t even know about the Tree Technique?” The Purple-eyed Demon Monkey widened its eyes and suddenly seemed to remember something, “That’s right, the era you grew up in is different. How could you possibly come across such ancient cultivation methods?”

Hearing the high praise the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey seemed to have for the Tree Technique, Yang Chen was puzzled and asked, “Senior, is this Tree Technique really powerful?”

“Hehe, it’s more than just powerful...” The Purple-eyed Demon Monkey seemed too lazy to explain and simply gave a brief comment.

But Yang Chen’s curiosity was piqued, and he couldn’t help but ask, “Senior, could it be that this branch is the key to cultivating the Tree Technique?”

“You think you can cultivate the Tree Technique just with this ten-thousand-year-old Ancient Tree Branch? Hehe, you’re oversimplifying the Tree Technique. This thing alone won’t be able to accomplish anything. However, you’re lucky to have obtained the Ten Thousand Years Ancient Tree Essence, which

is the key to cultivating the Tree Technique. And obtaining this thing is almost like a dream.” The Purple-eyed Demon Monkey spoke lazily.

Yang Chen was stunned, “Is there such a big difference between the branch and essence, even though they are both ten-thousand years old?”

“Hmph, what did you think? The ten-thousand-year-old Ancient Tree Branch is just a piece of an old tree. Although ten-thousand years is indeed a long time, the growth of trees is far beyond the comparison of humans. Trees have been growing for several eras before the human age, so it’s not difficult to find a hundred-thousand-year-old Ancient Tree Branch, let alone a ten-thousand-year-old one. But the Ten Thousand Years Ancient Tree Essence is different,” said the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey coldly.

“The birth of the Ancient Tree Essence relies on heavenly fate, which requires heavenly thunder to completely condense the essence of the tree. It is a masterpiece of nature, and it may not be born in countless ten-thousand-year-old Ancient Trees. So which do you think has a higher value?”

Yang Chen’s eyes widened, never having thought that the Ten Thousand Years Ancient Tree Essence would be so rare. No wonder he had never heard of it before.

Moreover, the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey had never mentioned these things to him earlier, which left him with doubts and speculations about the Ten Thousand Years Ancient Tree Essence.

“If I want to cultivate the Tree Technique, are the Ten Thousand Years Ancient Tree Essence and this branch the key?” Yang Chen asked curiously.

“Since you have the Ten Thousand Years Ancient Tree Essence, it won’t be difficult to obtain the other rare materials as well. It’s not difficult to gather them all, and if you want to cultivate the Tree Technique, you can definitely buy this branch. It will be useful for you in the future.” The Purple-eyed Demon Monkey said.

Yang Chen frowned and asked, “Senior Zi Jing, has anyone used this Tree Technique after the Ancient Era?”

“Very few. Firstly, because there is very little Ten Thousand Years Ancient Tree Essence and very few people can find it. Secondly, this cultivation method is already nearly lost, and it’s almost impossible to learn.” The Purple-eyed Demon Monkey explained.

“Then why would you let me gather these materials?” Yang Chen said, both crying and laughing.

The Purple-eyed Demon Monkey replied, “I’m just giving you a suggestion. Whether you buy it or not is your business. How you make your choice is also your business.”

Yang Chen rubbed his eyebrows.

Now it was a question of whether he dared to take the gamble or not.

If he couldn’t find a way to cultivate the Tree Technique, even if he managed to gather all the materials, it would all be in vain.

Regardless, he still had to ask about the price of the Ten Thousand Years Ancient Tree Branch first.

As he and the Purple-eyed Demon Monkey had been discussing for so long, the stall owner had already grown impatient. Seeing Yang Chen not responding, he said in a cold voice, “I say, are you here to cause trouble? Just looking and not buying? Are you going to buy it or not? If you’re not, then leave and don’t waste my time.”

Hearing this, Yang Chen couldn’t help but reveal a bitter smile, and then asked, “How many Spirit Stones for this branch?”

“You’re asking about this?” The stall owner stared at Yang Chen, who was just now speaking, and seemed somewhat displeased, “This branch contains an astonishing amount of natural power and is a rare treasure. How many Spirit Stones are you willing to offer?”

On hearing this, Yang Chen couldn’t help but laugh.

So it seemed, the stall owner didn't even know what this branch was, and was trying to trap him in his words.

If he hesitated immediately or asked the stall owner how many Spirit Stones it would cost, the owner would surely realize the extraordinary value of the treasure and immediately raise the price.

So Yang Chen acted calm and collected and said, "Although this branch contains abundant natural ability, any ancient tree branch that has grown for several hundred years would also contain abundant natural ability. You say it's a rare treasure, but that's an exaggeration. I want this item just to practice a certain cultivation method, at most it's worth 100 pieces of top-grade Spirit Stones!"

"Nonsense, the natural power inside this branch is incredibly amazing. How could it be just a few hundred years' worth?" The stall owner was unhappy.

"If you really think this Ancient Tree Branch isn't worth that price, then please find someone else to buy it." Yang Chen clasped his hands and turned to leave.

The stall owner just wanted to trap Yang Chen's words and, seeing him walking away, realized that the Ancient Tree Branch was indeed not very valuable. He quickly said, "Don't be in a hurry, the price is negotiable. One hundred Spirit Stones it is, brother. Take it!"

Yang Chen heard the owner's words and smiled. He then turned back and made the deal with the stall owner, exchanging money in one hand and goods in the other.

The stall owner was extremely happy to get the 100 top-grade Spirit Stones since his strength was only in the True Martial Realm. Getting so many Spirit Stones for nothing, how could he not be happy?

What he didn't know was that if he had insisted, he could have sold this thirty-thousand-year-old Ancient Tree Branch for several tens of thousands or even more top-grade Spirit Stones without any problem.

Yang Chen felt somewhat regretful as well, but he had no choice. Otherwise, with the amount of Spirit Stones he had, he might not have been able to afford this Ancient Tree Branch.

Just as Yang Chen was about to continue strolling around, he suddenly caught sight of the auction house nearby.

“Dragon Scale Auction.”

Yang Chen muttered to himself.

The name wasn't the key, but the fact that the auction house had marked all the items to be auctioned on a stele nearby. This allowed passers-by to see what would be up for auction at the Dragon Scale Auction.

It was a simple rule—you had to pay ten top-grade Spirit Stones to enter. For Yang Chen, this wasn't too harsh a condition.

He initially thought there wouldn't be any valuable treasures in such a temporary auction held during the trading fair. However, after a careful look, his eyes couldn't help but shine with excitement.

“Taichi True Scripture!” Yang Chen exclaimed with joy.

Although he no longer needed to create more flame chambers, the more he learned about the Taichi True Scripture's fire control techniques, the more he could feel their vast profundity. Now that the Taichi True Scripture was up for auction, there was no reason for him not to participate!

He just didn't know which part of the Taichi True Scripture it would be...

Chapter 1055: Rumors Spread_1

No matter which volume it was, he had to fight for it.

However, thinking of the Spirit Stones left in his hands, Yang Chen revealed a bitter smile.

Although the Spirit Stones he had left were not small in number, considering the possibility of accidents, he still felt that he was lacking. So after thinking it over, Yang Chen decided to return to the Donghuang Sect and borrow some Spirit Stones from Ye Xu first.

For him, there was nothing embarrassing about this. After all, he had helped the Donghuang Sect so much, and asking the sect for some Spirit Stones was still reasonable.

With this in mind, he looked at the start time of the auction.

“The time is quite tight; it’s tomorrow night!” Yang Chen looked at the time, then headed back to the Donghuang Sect with Zhou Qing.

The Trading Fair was held within the Donghuang Sect’s territory, so it didn’t take much effort to find Ye Xu.

Ye Xu agreed very readily. Yang Chen asked for 30,000 top-grade Spirit Stones, and Ye Xu gave him 50,000 in one breath. Although for Yang Chen, the difference between 50,000 and 30,000 was acceptable, for Ye Xu, it was a testament to the Donghuang Sect’s acknowledgment of Yang Chen.

After obtaining the Spirit Stones, Yang Chen returned to the Trading Fair.

However, on his way back, Yang Chen heard many Donghuang Sect disciples gossiping about something. He could hear the specifics just by moving his ears slightly.

“I heard that this Yang Xilin might be from the Prohibition Demon Clan.”

“I think so too. How do you explain the sudden appearance of Yang Xilin and his mysterious background?”

“I think Yang Xilin joined our Donghuang Sect and did all these things without any good intentions. The Demon Slaying Emperor’s rise to power was by stepping on the Prohibition Demon Clan, and in fact, it was all their schemes and tricks. Who can guarantee that Yang Xilin’s appearance is not their plot?”

“No way, he died as a Great Emperor; isn’t that a bit exaggerated?”

“Humph, in order to solidify the Demon Slaying Emperor’s reputation among humans, the Prohibition Demon Clan even sacrificed a Black Demon King. That Black Demon King was a Forbidden Demon at the Peak of the Heaven Martial Realm. In the end, they still abandoned him, right? I think the Demon Slaying Emperor’s identity had been exposed, and the other Great Emperors had already noticed, so the Prohibition Demon Clan had no choice but to abandon him. As for Yang Xilin, the hero who exposed the Demon Slaying Emperor, he might just be another pawn of the Prohibition Demon Clan.”

“Now that you mention it, I think so too. How could anyone be that outstanding and have such an understanding of the Prohibition Demon Clan? I just don’t believe in such a coincidence!”

“I don’t believe it either!”

Many people discussed this, and the more they discussed, the hotter the topic became. Some even openly pointed at Yang Chen.

Rumors are stopped by the wise.

Unfortunately, many people are not wise. Instead, the rumors spread more and more intensely, with more and more people suspecting and disregarding Yang Chen himself.

When Zhou Qing heard this, he became furious: “Sect Leader, these people are too arrogant, daring to speculate about your identity!”

Others may not know, but didn’t Zhou Qing know Yang Chen’s identity? Yang Chen was a Bai Family genius.

Furthermore, with Bai Wei’s assistance to Yang Chen, Zhou Qing knew even more that Yang Chen’s identity was not fake, and that was the reason why he became more loyal to Yang Chen.

Yang Chen waved his hand upon hearing this: “These people spreading rumors are just Donghuang Sect disciples without much fame or strength, and there are many of them. If you try to argue with them, you won’t be able to stop the spread of the rumors; instead, my reputation will become even worse. This will only play into the hands of whoever is plotting against me.”

“Sect Leader, you think someone is intentionally spreading these rumors?” Zhou Qing was startled.

“Old Zhou, think about it for a moment. Today, I met with Sect Master Ye twice. The first time, I had a collision with Lin Tao, and the second time, I encountered this incident as soon as I left the meeting with Sect Master Ye. Who do you think the person behind all this is?” Yang Chen said with a smile.

“It’s Lin Tao!” Zhou Qing clenched his fists: “This Lin Tao is really shameless. He dared to spread rumors secretly. Sect Leader, why don’t we go and settle accounts with him!”

Yang Chen shook his head: “Settling accounts with him? It’s meaningless. Since he’s secretly manipulating things, it means that he knows he can’t gain an advantage by fighting me directly. Similarly, if we go to settle accounts with him, he won’t admit to anything. If there’s a commotion, he, as a local snake, will have no shortage of people speaking up for him. Settling accounts with him would be of no benefit to us!”

“So we just let him slander you with impunity?” Zhou Qing couldn’t bear it.

Yang Chen was calm: “Slander? If Lin Tao isn’t stupid, he would know that when the entire sect gets involved, Ye Xu and Emperor Shi Neng definitely won’t turn a blind eye. At that point, it’ll still be Lin Tao who suffers. So Lin Tao will probably only let a few dozen people spread the rumors. The spread of rumors won’t be too wide, at most just annoying us. These are only some of Lin Tao’s small tactics, and his real tactics should be something else. There’s no need to pay attention to them. If he really wants to create trouble for me, these mere rumors won’t be able to do much!”

“Sect Leader, you really have a broad mind.” Zhou Qing said with a bitter smile. If it were him, he would not be able to tolerate it with his explosive temper.

Yang Chen grinned: “Zhou Qing, sometimes you need to learn patience. Let’s go and see how the acquisition of my materials is going.”

“Yes, Sect Leader!” Zhou Qing nodded quickly.

Yang Chen and Zhou Qing came to the acquisition booths set up by several members of Luosheng Gate.

When he arrived, it was already noon on the second day.

“Sect Leader!”

“Sect Leader!”

Several Luosheng Gate members saw Yang Chen, and all greeted him respectfully. This respect came from the heart.

Yang Chen nodded: “How many materials have you gathered for me?”

“Sect Leader, we have gathered about thirty percent of the scattered materials.” An elder from Luosheng Gate hurriedly said with a smile.

“Thirty percent?” Yang Chen nodded: “That’s good enough. You’ve done well to gather thirty percent in one day. Thank you.”

“No, no, it’s mainly because the price offered by Sect Leader is high, so many martial artists with materials prefer to sell them here.” The elder said truthfully.

In fact, his words were true. Yang Chen offered a very reasonable price, unlike other booths that picked up cheap items while purchasing treasures. Their prices were either average or extremely low, so naturally, no one would sell them.

“By the way, Sect Leader, in addition to these materials, we also bought another treasure you need, but the spirit stones spent were a bit high!” Another elder said.

Chapter 1056: Admirer_1

“Oh? What is it? Tell me!” Yang Chen asked.

Elder Luo respectfully said, “It’s the Aqua-Wood Essence that you specifically requested. The price the seller was asking was a bit high, but it happened to be exactly the limit you gave. I thought that you seemed to need it very much, so I took the initiative to purchase it for you.”

“Oh? Elder Luo, you did a good job. The Aqua-Wood Essence is indeed a treasure that I particularly want, so spending some Spirit Stones is no big deal.” Yang Chen laughed heartily.

It must be said that having a few capable and smart subordinates to help was very efficient.

The Aqua-Wood Essence was of great help to Yang Chen,

Upon hearing this, Elder Luo finally breathed a sigh of relief and handed over the purchased materials, including the Aqua-Wood Essence.

Yang Chen roughly checked them, becoming more and more happy. It was beyond his expectations to get thirty percent of the materials he needed in just one day. With these materials, he could accomplish many things.

With this in mind, Yang Chen handed out one thousand Top-grade Spirit Stones, saying, “Take these Spirit Stones as your reward.”

The group opened them and found that there were indeed one thousand Top-grade Spirit Stones, their faces instantly filled with joy.

Yang Chen seldom rewarded them. This time, he gave them a generous reward of one thousand, which made them completely forget any reluctance they had before.

The reason Yang Chen was so generous was that he had never rewarded his subordinates before. If he was too stingy when he finally did, it would be easy for people to criticize him.

With that in mind, Yang Chen put away the materials and went to the Dragon Scale Auction with Zhou Qing.

“Look, it’s Yang Xilin!”

Suddenly, someone recognized Yang Chen and shouted excitedly.

Although some martial artists in the Donghuang Sect believed that Yang Chen had an inseparable relationship with the Forbidden Demon Clan, that was all due to Lin Tao's manipulation. In the eyes of most martial artists, Yang Chen was still the Slaughtering Devil Hero.

Many female disciples from various sects regarded Yang Chen as their idol. However, most martial artists had never seen Yang Chen up close or intimately, only a few had.

Now that they saw Yang Chen, many martial artists turned to look.

"I've seen Yang Xilin, it's really him."

"Slaughtering Devil Hero, keep an eye on him, don't let him go."

"I want to marry the Slaughtering Devil Hero..."

"Yang Xilin, don't go!"

Yang Chen didn't expect his fame to be so great. After all, the first time he came, no one recognized him. But who would have known that when one person recognized him, the result was different. The other martial artists were like crazy.

It would be a lie to say that Yang Chen wasn't anxious. What he was most afraid of were things like this. In a hurry, he said to Zhou Qing, "Old Zhou, hide quickly!"

Without hesitation, Zhou Qing hurriedly found a place to hide with Yang Chen.

Luckily, the situation didn't get out of hand, so the people who followed didn't have strong strength, all within an acceptable range. After hiding, Yang Chen and Zhou Qing made some minor changes in their appearance to temporarily conceal their real identity.

After doing this, Yang Chen finally dared to come out with Zhou Qing.

When they came out, the commotion caused by Yang Chen hadn't subsided yet, and many people were still screaming and looking for him. In particular, the women who admired Yang Chen were full of disappointment.

Zhou Qing smiled and said, "Sect Leader, your fame is extremely high."

"Enough of that, now we should focus on attending the auction!" Yang Chen walked ahead.

The auction began in the evening, but they could already enter now.

Most martial artists started to line up, paying the required Spirit Stones to enter the venue. Yang Chen did the same, queuing up to pay the Spirit Stones to enter.

Once inside, a maid-like woman hurriedly greeted them.

"Two young masters, the auction venue is divided into the ordinary area and private elegant rooms. Which one do the two of you need?" The maidservant asked.

Yang Chen asked subconsciously, "How many Spirit Stones for a private room?"

"Two hundred Top-grade Spirit Stones." The maidservant showed her most charming smile, as the people who could participate in the auction in the elegant room were either powerful martial artists or nobles, which she couldn't help but flatter.

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen said, "Prepare a private room for me, then."

After saying this, Yang Chen directly took out two hundred Top-grade Spirit Stones.

For many people, two hundred Top-grade Spirit Stones were not a small sum, even for many martial artists at the Early Stage of Earthly Martial Boundary. Although they might have that many Spirit Stones, few would spend them on a private room at an auction.

However, Yang Chen was different. He was not short of Spirit Stones, and besides, he did not want to show off. A private room could better hide his identity. After all, he was somewhat of a celebrity now.

Seeing Yang Chen being so generous, the maidservant was delighted and quickly said, "Please follow me, young masters."

Soon, the maidservant led Yang Chen and Zhou Qing to a private room.

Upon entering the room, Yang Chen finally breathed a sigh of relief. He slightly set up a prohibition formation to isolate them and then said, "Now we can show our true faces."

As soon as he finished speaking, Yang Chen removed the disguise that had made him look like Yang Xilin.

He was okay as he changed his appearance all year round, but Zhou Qing was different. He had been holding it in for a long time, and the moment they entered the private room, he quickly changed back to his original appearance.

"I was almost suffocated, Sect Leader. You've really become famous after this battle, haha!" Zhou Qing laughed. "This fame is not worth it. Anyway, let's just wait for the auction to start." Yang Chen rubbed his eyebrows.

As soon as this thought fell, suddenly, with a creak, the door opened. The maidservant from before entered with tea.

"Two young masters, this is the Noble Spirit Tea specially prepared for the auction. As guests in the private rooms, you are entitled to enjoy this treatment. If you need anything else, feel free to call me. I'll be waiting outside." The maidservant smiled.

Just after smiling, the maidservant suddenly froze. She looked at Yang Chen's face and widened her eyes, "You... are Yang Xilin? You are Yang Xilin, ah... I've seen the real person, I've seen the real person."

“...” Yang Chen was a little afraid, seeing the maidservant like this, he asked awkwardly, “Have you seen me before?”

“No, I... I haven’t. But our Chamber of Commerce President has seen you. She has admired you for a long time and looks at your portrait every day. If she knew that you came to her Chamber of Commerce, she would be overjoyed. By the way, this... this is the Spirit Stone. If the President knew that I had charged you for attending the auction, she would kill me.” The maidservant nervously said, and then took out the Spirit Stones for the private room.

“This... This isn’t a good idea.” Yang Chen couldn’t help but laugh and cry.

Chapter 1057: The Struggle_1

Yang Chen had been somewhat well-known before, but not to this extent. He really didn’t know that being famous would bring about such benefits, not even having to spend spirit stones on accommodation.

“Young Master Yang, please accept it, otherwise, the President will not spare me,” the maidservant said nervously.

Now Yang Chen was curious about who this president was. If he wasn’t truly admiring him, why would he scare this maidservant to such extent?

Thinking about this, Yang Chen could only say, “Alright, then I’ll accept the spirit stones.”

The maidservant stared at Yang Chen, her face flushed, and seemed reluctant to leave. Finally, she left excitedly, seemingly going to tell the good news to their President.

“Sect Leader, will the President of this Chamber of Commerce barge in later?” Zhou Qing asked with a grin.

Yang Chen was quite headache now, and he could only say, “Let’s take one step at a time. The auction is about to start soon, let’s focus on the auction first.”

At this point, there wasn’t much time left before the auction began.

After more than half an hour, as night fell, accompanied by a long bell sound and most martial artists entering the venue, the auction officially began.

The person in charge of the auction was a beautiful woman. Her Martial Arts Cultivation wasn't worth mentioning, but she was indeed a stunning beauty. She chuckled, "Thank you all for supporting our Dragon Scale Auction. To be honest, our Dragon Scale Commerce has been founded for a hundred years in the area of Donghuang Sect. While we don't have a profound background, we do have a lot of resources available. Due to the Trial Conference, we have prepared many precious treasures for this auction, and we believe we can satisfy everyone."

Many martial artists couldn't wait, as even from the treasures listed on the stele before the auction started, there were quite a lot of treasures prepared by Dragon Scale Auction.

Seeing everyone so impatient, the beautiful woman smiled, as if guessing everyone's thoughts, "Don't be impatient, everyone. The treasures we have listed on the stele for auction are just a part of them. There are many more treasures that we haven't listed. We will definitely make everyone satisfied this time."

Hearing this, many people were astonished.

After all, just looking at the treasures listed on the stele, there were already quite a few prepared by Dragon Scale Auction.

Zhou Qing couldn't help but say, "Isn't this Dragon Scale Auction too high-profile? With so many treasures prepared for just a hundred years, can they handle it?"

Yang Chen shook his head: "Yes, they can definitely handle it."

"How can Sect Leader be so sure?" Zhou Qing was surprised.

Yang Chen said with a smile, "Old Zhou, think about it, Dragon Scale Auction has been able to stand in the vicinity of Donghuang Sect for a hundred years. Could it be possible without any backing? The area

near Donghuang Sect is the world of Donghuang Sect. Who dares to set up a Chamber of Commerce in the territory of Donghuang Sect?”

Hearing this, Zhou Qing suddenly realized and quickly said, “Sect Leader, you make a good point.”

While the two were discussing, the first treasure for auction was brought on stage.

The beautiful woman dragged the treasure, which turned out to be a round pearl. The pearl was crystal-clear and everyone loved it. However, everyone looked at the pearl curiously, as they didn’t know its purpose.

Everyone’s eyes were gathered on the beautiful woman, waiting for her to speak with curiosity.

The beautiful woman smiled and said: “This pearl is a rare treasure with a very magical effect...”

So, she began to briefly introduce the treasure’s use.

There were countless treasures with various effects in the world, and although Yang Chen had seen a lot, there were still many he couldn’t recognize. However, whether he recognized them or not, he wasn’t interested in other treasures because they didn’t provide much substantial help to him.

What he wanted more now was the Taichi True Scripture.

Before the appearance of Taichi True Scripture, he had been indifferent and had no intention of meddling in the auction of other treasures.

But when a Lingcao called Colorful Cloud Flower appeared, Yang Chen finally showed some movement.

It wasn’t that Yang Chen was interested in this treasure, but Zhou Qing obviously had a desire for it. Although Zhou Qing hastily concealed it, Yang Chen noticed it.

Yang Chen was never stingy with his subordinates, and he said, "Zhou Qing, is this Colorful Cloud Flower useful to you?"

Seeing that Yang Chen had discovered it, Zhou Qing couldn't help but sigh at Yang Chen's sharp eyes and no longer hid it, saying, "Sect Leader is right, this item is indeed very useful for me. My Cultivation method just requires the aid of this item. I have been searching for this item for many years, and I didn't expect it to be available here since it wasn't written on the stele. However, this treasure costs too many spirit stones, the starting price is already 3,000 Premium Spirit Stones. Sect Leader, you still have to bid for other treasures, and every spirit stone is extremely important. Don't waste it on me."

Upon hearing Zhou Qing's words, Yang Chen waved his hand, "What are you talking about? Since you need it, it's only right that I help you."

If it was just the starting price of 3,000 spirit stones, Zhou Qing could afford it.

However, the price of spirit stones soon reached more than 8,000, and there was even an upward trend.

It wasn't surprising since the Colorful Cloud Flower was a treasure, and the person in the eastern private room obviously held onto the Colorful Cloud Flower, raising the price a lot.

"Ten Thousand Premium Spirit Stones!" The person in the eastern private room shouted, seemingly determined to secure the Colorful Cloud Flower.

Hearing the price raised to Ten Thousand Premium Spirit Stones, many martial artists couldn't help but take a deep breath. Seeing the price had reached such a level, they had to give up and didn't have the intention of continuing to compete.

Seeing that there was no one competing, the beautiful woman on the stage responsible for the auction smiled and said, "Ten Thousand Spirit Stones once, Ten Thousand Spirit Stones twice..."

Just as she was about to shout for the third time, Yang Chen suddenly spoke up: "Eleven Thousand Premium Spirit Stones!"

"What!" The person in the eastern private room obviously didn't expect someone to interfere at this critical moment.

“Eleven Thousand Five!”

At this point, he only added five hundred, obviously running low on funds, or not willing to spend that much more spirit stones on this Colorful Cloud Flower.

Yang Chen continued, “Twelve Thousand Premium Spirit Stones.”

“Twelve Thousand Five!”

“Thirteen Thousand!”

“You!” The elder in the eastern private room suddenly raised his voice, “Brother in the western private room, I am Elder Lin from Beacon Fire Gate, and I urgently need this Colorful Cloud Flower. I wonder if Brother can give me a little face and let me have this treasure?”

When this statement fell, many people exclaimed.

“Beacon Fire Gate? Isn’t that one of the top ten first-class forces?”

“It’s someone from Beacon Fire Gate!”

“Whoever from the Beacon Fire Gate wants this Colorful Cloud Flower, it seems the ownership of the Colorful Cloud Flower is determined. There aren’t many forces to provoke the Beacon Fire Gate.”

Chapter 1058: Trouble Arrives_1

It wasn’t an exaggeration to say that not many forces dared to mess with the Beacon Fire Gate.

Aside from a few scattered forces among the top ten, the only ones stronger than the Beacon Fire Gate were the Bai Family and a few other superpowers.

So, in a sense, even if the Beacon Fire Gate people didn't swagger around, no one dared to offend them outside their organization, which was true.

Therefore, Elder Lin's words could have been effective if someone else had been in Yang Chen's place; they might have been scared by Elder Lin.

But unfortunately, he met Yang Chen.

Setting aside whether Yang Chen was currently afraid of the Beacon Fire Gate or not, even if he was, he would not back down.

"Elder Lin must be joking; I also urgently need the Colorful Cloud Flower, so I'm afraid I can't give it up." Yang Chen said lazily, "If Elder Lin really needs it, he can simply raise the price more."

Elder Lin couldn't help but get angry. He still had to bid for another treasure later, so how could he spend so much on the Colorful Cloud Flower?

At this moment, all he could do was say viciously, "Fine, friend, you better take good care of the Colorful Cloud Flower after the auction."

Everyone who heard this knew that it was a clear threat.

"Didn't they say no infighting was allowed at the Trading Fair?"

"Are you stupid? He's an elder of the Beacon Fire Gate. Can't he threaten someone with just a few words?"

"I think Elder Lin's obsession with the Colorful Cloud Flower goes far beyond just threats. If someone secretly takes action without anyone noticing, who can do anything about it?"

Many people started to discuss and feel sympathy for Yang Chen, thinking that he committed a very foolish mistake by offending Elder Lin.

“Oh? Then there’s no need for Elder Lin to worry.” Yang Chen said coldly, without any intention of backing down.

“Hmph!” Elder Lin snorted coldly.

In his private room, Elder Lin’s appearance gradually became clear. He was an old man who looked around seventy or eighty years old. Upon sitting down, he released a strong aura, which surprisingly indicated that he had reached the Heaven Martial Realm.

A beautiful woman lay in his arms, snuggling against him like a little bird. She said softly, “I hate you, how could you let someone take away the Colorful Cloud Flower? It’s important to me.”

“Zi Ling, don’t be angry,” Elder Lin said with an intoxicated expression. He hugged Zi Ling tightly and salivated at her perfect figure. “So what if that kid temporarily takes the Colorful Cloud Flower away? After the auction, I will immediately make him return it to me.”

“But didn’t they say there’s no fighting allowed during the Trading Fair? What if someone finds out?” Zi Ling asked coyly.

“Don’t worry, it won’t happen. I’ve observed him earlier. Although I didn’t see his appearance, his strength should be only at the Second Level of Earth Martial Realm. He does have a bodyguard at the peak of Earth Martial Realm, but it’s not a big problem.” Elder Lin confidently assured her while kissing Zi Ling, making her tremble and act coquettish in his arms.

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Yang Chen didn’t know about Elder Lin’s situation, but at the same time, the treasure had already been sent to his room. The female servant who delivered it looked at him with excitement. Just from her gaze, it was easy to tell how much she missed him after a short separation.

“Young Master Yang, this is the Colorful Cloud Flower that you won at the auction.” The maidservant’s voice trembled slightly.

Yang Chen took the Colorful Cloud Flower and said, "Thank you, girl."

"Ah? No thanks, no thanks." Hearing the words "thank you," the servant girl was even more delighted and excitedly left.

After taking the Colorful Cloud Flower, Yang Chen immediately handed it over to Zhou Qing.

Zhou Qing took the treasure and couldn't help but say, "Sect Leader, you are too good to me. You really didn't have to do this. You don't owe me anything."

"Old Zhou, I got this treasure for you not because you owed me anything, but because I trust you, and I consider you one of us. Don't mention 'owing' or 'not owing' anymore." Yang Chen said somewhat annoyed.

Hearing Yang Chen's words, Zhou Qing touched his nose and said, "Sect Leader is right. I misspoke just now."

"Haha, that's more like it," Yang Chen laughed heartily.

After the Colorful Cloud Flower auction ended, Yang Chen began awaiting the arrival of the Taiyi True Scripture.

After waiting for three more rounds, Yang Chen finally got his wish to participate in the auction for the Taiyi True Scripture.

"The next item up for auction is the fourth volume of the Taiyi True Scripture that our Chamber of Commerce has obtained. Everyone should know the value of this Taiyi True Scripture if they have heard of the great name of the Taiyi True Monarch. Although this isn't the original, but rather an abridged copy, it is still valuable. The starting price for this item is 5,000 Top-Grade Spirit Stones!" said the beautiful female auctioneer.

"Five thousand five hundred."

“Six thousand.”

“Six thousand two hundred...”

Everyone began to gradually bid, but the momentum was clearly somewhat weaker compared to the previous treasures. Only a few fire control enthusiasts were reluctantly offering their prices, not showing much enthusiasm.

The reason for this was that although the Taiyi True Scripture was valuable, its utility was not widespread. Moreover, people had misconceptions about the scripture, and they were bidding for the fourth volume. So not many people competed for it.

“Seven thousand five hundred!”

This time, the price settled at 7500.

Yang Chen muttered to himself, “7500, it’s much more expensive than the second volume auction, but it’s worth the price for me. The only pity is that this is the fourth volume of the Taiyi True Scripture, and I haven’t found the third volume yet. It seems that I can only put the fourth volume aside for now.”

Thinking this way, Yang Chen began to place his own bid: “Eight thousand five hundred!”

He increased the price by a thousand.

Combined with the momentum he had just now when he suppressed Elder Lin of the eastern private room, many people did not want to provoke Yang Chen. Those who had just bid on the Taiyi True Scripture didn’t care too much, and in the end, they all gave up, letting Yang Chen win the item.

Yang Chen secretly rejoiced, and as soon as the Taiyi True Scripture arrived, he began to flip through it. The more he read, the more he felt the horror and greatness of the Taiyi True Scripture.

“It’s unbelievable. The fourth volume of the Taiyi True Scripture contains so much. The only pity is that I can only cultivate to the second level. Without the third volume, I can’t risk cultivating the fourth volume, otherwise, it could easily lead to deviation, causing my realm to fall.” Yang Chen made a simple judgment.

Although he was anxious, he was not impulsive. He put the Taiyi True Scripture into his storage bag to deal with it later.

After that, several more eye-catching treasures appeared, but Yang Chen was no longer interested.

And so, they continued until the end of the auction.

Yang Chen intended to just leave with Zhou Qing, but as they were leaving, he suddenly encountered some trouble.

Because an old man stood in his way, blocking his path!

Chapter 1059: Yang Chen’s Doubt!_1

Next to the old man was an enchanting woman who closely followed him, casting seductive glances at Yang Chen from time to time.

Yang Chen didn’t respond immediately, and as she looked at him, he also began to examine the pair.

From the old man’s words, Yang Chen could more or less guess his identity, as his attire revealed everything. What caught Yang Chen’s attention was the enchanting woman beside him.

The enchanting woman’s strength was not high, and her level seemed to be the True Martial Realm. However, what caught his attention was the faint demonic Qi enveloping the woman!

Only those from the Prohibition Demon Clan or demon cultivators possess such characteristics.

He couldn’t determine which kind the enchanting woman belonged to, but he knew that she was no ordinary character.

Yang Chen remained calm, and if he were to show too much excitement now, it would easily alert them and give away his discovery. He didn't hurry to withdraw his curious gaze, instead, he changed his expression into one of playful disrespect.

In doing so, his earlier observation of the enchanting woman would become completely normal, making it impossible for the other party to notice and judge anything suspicious.

The enchanting woman seemed oblivious to Yang Chen's scrutiny, focusing instead on twisting her waist and acting coquettishly in the old man's arms, trying to convince him to help her get her way.

The old man was already radiating the aura of the Heaven Martial Realm, making Zhou Qing wary and growl, "Who are you two? What are you here for with me and the sect leader?"

This old man, of course, was no stranger. He was Elder Lin, who had clashed with Yang Chen over the Colorful Cloud Flower.

Elder Lin glanced coldly at Zhou Qing and Yang Chen, apparently not recognizing Yang Chen's identity.

He said coldly, "You two dared to fight me for the Colorful Cloud Flower, huh? How come you don't recognize me now?"

"So it really is Elder Lin, nice to meet you!" Yang Chen said with a smile.

"Nice to meet my ass. Let me tell you, kid, if you're sensible, hand over that Colorful Cloud Flower. It's better to resolve a grudge rather than create one. At least I'm someone you can't afford to mess with. I advise you to obediently hand over the Colorful Cloud Flower!" Elder Lin said coldly.

Hearing this, Yang Chen laughed, "What if I don't give it up?"

Elder Lin didn't expect Yang Chen to be so unwilling to relent and laughed mockingly, "Fine, very good. I've seen many people with guts like you, but in the end, they all died. We'll see!"

Having said this, Elder Lin intended to leave.

However, just as Elder Lin was about to leave, a soft voice of a middle-aged woman intervened, "Elder Lin, if you leave like this, you'll really leave a lasting grudge. Once this grudge is formed, it will be difficult for you to resolve it." The speaker was a beautiful woman dressed in rhombus silk, followed by several maidservants, demonstrating her status.

Moreover, the faint Heaven Martial Realm aura emanating from her made it impossible not to take her seriously.

Beautiful Woman's arrival made even Elder Lin, a Heaven Martial Realm powerhouse, frown.

"It turns out to be Chairman Gong!" Seeing the beautiful woman's arrival, Elder Lin respectfully said, "Chairman Gong, I respect you. I don't mind admitting it, but what do you mean? Can't I handle a mere second-level Earth Martial Realm brat? What if we have a grudge?"

"Well, Elder Lin, just don't blame me for not warning you. This young man, you really can't afford to provoke him," Chairman Gong said with a smile.

Although she was smiling, there was no trace of joking in Chairman Gong's eyes.

Elder Lin was a smart man, adept at reading between the lines. Upon seeing that Chairman Gong was not joking, he couldn't help but ask, "Who is this kid?"

He really didn't believe that an Earth Martial Realm youngster could be so important!

"He's none other than the renowned Yang Xilin, Luo Shengmen Sect Leader, a vassal of Donghuang Sect, and also a favorite in front of Emperor Shi Neng." Chairman Gong replied amiably.

However, her seemingly friendly words sent a shock through Elder Lin's heart.

He looked at Yang Chen, considered Yang Chen's second-level Earth Martial Realm strength and Zhou Qing nearby, and recalled the rumored characteristics of Yang Chen before breaking into a cold sweat.

Out of ten thousand second-level Earth Martial Realm cultivators, there was only one he couldn't provoke, and he had just met him today.

The multiple identities of Yang Chen, regardless of whether he was Luo Shengmen Sect Leader or a vassal of Donghuang Sect, didn't scare him, as the position of his Beacon Fire Gate was still stable.

However, there was one identity of Yang Chen that Elder Lin couldn't even begin to compete with.

That was – a favorite in front of the Great Emperor!

Moreover, Yang Chen had a subtle relationship with Bai Wei, which was visible to any discerning eye. It was just that Bai Wei didn't mention it, and everyone dared not say anything about it.

It was precisely because of this identity that Elder Lin was sweating profusely.

Chairman Gong laughed and said, "How about it, Elder Lin? If you still want to form this enmity, you might as well pretend I didn't say anything. Which do you think the Beacon Fire Gate will choose: protect you or offend Master Yang?"

Even if Elder Lin overestimated his worth, he knew the difference between him and Yang Chen.

As Chairman Gong had said, it was inevitable that he would be the one discarded in such a situation.

This made Elder Lin quickly change his tune, hurriedly showing a flattering smile, "Master Yang, it was a misunderstanding just now, purely a misunderstanding. I can't believe I failed to recognize such a talent as you. It's truly embarrassing. Now that I think about it, I'm so ashamed of myself for making a big deal out of a mere Colorful Cloud Flower with you, a demon-slaughtering hero. It's really shameful. It was my mistake, and I apologize to you!"

Yang Chen looked at Elder Lin as he stepped forward to apologize, his expression cold and indifferent, without saying anything in a hurry.

After all, it was not easy for Elder Lin, a Heaven Martial Realm powerhouse, to lower his head and apologize to someone in the Earth Martial Realm like him. The fact that he did so to this extent showed that Elder Lin was genuinely afraid.

However, the enchanting woman apparently hadn't realized the seriousness of the situation and clung to Elder Lin, saying, "What's the matter? Are we just letting it go like this?"

"Slap!" In his haste, Elder Lin slapped the enchanting woman, reddening her face.

Elder Lin scolded, "Shut up!"

Only then did the enchanting woman realize the gravity of the situation and immediately closed her mouth, not daring to say anything more.

Elder Lin quickly smiled and said, "Master Yang, this was my fault. My wife doesn't know better. I hope you can forgive us."

"It's nothing. Elder Lin, you were so gracious in apologizing, and I felt your sincerity. But I'm curious, this Colorful Cloud Flower doesn't seem to be something you want?" Yang Chen asked casually.

"Well, it's something my wife needs. You know, women love beauty, and it can't be helped. I hope Master Yang can understand and not take it to heart," Elder Lin said nervously.

Chapter 1060: Reverse Offer?_1

If it were any other time, Yang Chen might not have been so imposing, but he wouldn't have let Elder Lin off so easily either. However, today was different. His attention was subtly focused on the enchanting woman.

"What does the Prohibition Demon Clan want with the Colorful Cloud Flower?" Yang Chen asked, puzzled.

It was clear that the enchanting woman still had a lot of attachment to the Colorful Cloud Flower. If it were just a mere love for beauty, Yang Chen wouldn't believe it. Otherwise, Elder Lin wouldn't have pressured him so much.

Since that was the case, it proved that the Colorful Cloud Flower had some use for the Prohibition Demon Clan. But what that use was, was worth pondering deeply.

With this in mind, Yang Chen looked playfully at the enchanting woman and Elder Lin and asked, "Oh, what's the name of Madam Lin?"

Hearing Yang Chen's words, Elder Lin became completely flustered.

What does Yang Chen want to do? Is he interested in the enchanting woman by his side?

Although the enchanting woman was called his concubine, she was not his real wife. If Yang Chen were to take her away, he would have no grounds for complaint. However, others didn't know about this. Only he knew that he was now somewhat dependent on this woman.

This enchanting woman, every inch of her skin seemed to be seductive to the bone, making people
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He absolutely couldn't let Yang Chen take her away.

The enchanting woman also seemed to misunderstand that Yang Chen was interested in her. She didn't show any change on the surface, but secretly she had already cast a few flirtatious glances at Yang Chen.

Yang Chen also acted as if he was interested and asked again, "Elder Lin, I'm asking you a question."

"My concubine, her name is Wang Yueru!" Elder Lin gritted his teeth and replied.

"Oh? I see." Yang Chen waved his hand, "Elder Lin, there's nothing else, you can leave with your wife now."

Elder Lin breathed a sigh of relief, realizing that Yang Chen hadn't actually asked him to hand over Wang Yueru and was willing to let the matter go. A heavy weight was finally lifted from his heart.

But now that he had experienced Yang Chen's intentions, he doubled his vigilance, making sure not to let Yang Chen take advantage of the situation to take Wang Yueru away.

Just now, everything was being watched by Chairman Gong. The beautiful woman who had been admiring Yang Chen, saw his gaze at Wang Yueru just now, and her admiration for Yang Chen fell quite a bit.

However, considering Yang Chen's remarkable achievements, she still forced herself to mimic the enchanting woman's seductive manner and walked a few steps up to Yang Chen.

"Young Master Yang, I guess there's no need for me to introduce myself, is there?" Chairman Gong said with a coquettish look.

Yang Chen shrank back when he saw Chairman Gong looking at him like this, confirming that what the rumors said was true. It seemed that the President of the Dragon Scale Commerce really fancied him.

Yang Chen awkwardly said, "Um, my respects to Chairman Gong!"

Chairman Gong couldn't help but feel surprised. Seeing Yang Chen being indifferent towards her, she had a thousand questions in her heart. Was Yang Chen interested in this enchanting seductiveness? Why was he indifferent to her?

She couldn't help but move two steps closer to him.

Yang Chen was startled and stepped back two steps.

Chairman Gong said softly, "My name is Gong Rulan!"

“Um, Chairman Gong.” Yang Chen said with a bitter smile.

Seeing that Yang Chen still showed no interest, Gong Rulan stomped her foot, “Young Master Yang, I’m actually a member of the Donghuang Sect as well. We are all part of the same family.”

“Ah? Is that so?” Yang Chen said.

Gong Rulan could see that Yang Chen still didn’t show any interest, and her heart was completely worried.

Look at how Yang Chen was looking at Wang Yueru earlier, and then look at how he was looking at her. Wasn’t she pretty? Wasn’t she seductive enough?

Why did Yang Chen’s gaze on the other woman look like he was looking at a woman, yet when he looked at her, it was like he was looking at a pig? And moreover, his gaze was so pure, it couldn’t be purer.

The saddest thing for a woman was when a man looked at her with...

Such pure eyes.

Gong Rulan felt that this hadn’t happened to her in decades, and now she was experiencing it again with Yang Chen. She couldn’t sit still any longer and said with a soft huff, “Young Master Yang, I know you like enchanting women, and I’m actually that type too. Why don’t we get to know each other first?”

Seeing Gong Rulan being so proactive, Yang Chen quickly raised both hands and stopped her, “Well, Chairman Gong, I think you got it wrong. I’m not interested in enchanting women. Also, thank you, Chairman Gong, for helping me out earlier. It’s getting late, I’ll leave first.”

After saying these words, Yang Chen immediately left with Zhou Qing.

Watching the direction Yang Chen left in, Gong Rulan wanted to chase after him but thought better of it. In the end, she could only stomp her foot lightly and let the matter rest.

She muttered unhappily, "What's going on? Just now, he was obviously flirting with that Wang Yueru. He's clearly a lustful person. Why didn't it work on me? Is it because I'm not as good looking as Wang Yueru? Although I am older, my beauty should not be any less."

"Chairman, you are a powerhouse in the Sky Martial Realm, and you were a stunning genius back in the day. Why did you suddenly take a fancy to Yang Xilin? It doesn't make sense, he is only at the Second Level of Earth Martial Realm, and he might not even be worthy of you." A curious maidservant asked by her side.

"Hmph, what do you know? It's not entirely false that I'm interested in this kid, but I haven't reached the point where I'm throwing myself at him." Gong Rulan said.

"Then, Chairman, you are..."

"I've reached the Second Layer of the Sky Martial Realm now, and this is already my limit. It's almost impossible for me to improve any further. Even if I find someone with equal or stronger abilities than me, so what? Can they truly treat me well? Or help me? It's not easy to find someone who can give me a hand. And Yang Xilin is a good choice."

"Why do you say that?" The maidservant was puzzled.

Gong Rulan explained, "Yang Xilin is favored by Emperor Shi Neng and has a connection with Emperor Bai Wei. Just with this identity alone, it isn't difficult for me to improve in strength. Moreover, Yang Xilin is indeed talented. At such a young age, he has reached the Second Level of Earth Martial Realm. And he's also a Slaughtering Devil Hero. I'm also a woman, so why can't I have an interest in a hero? Which part of him doesn't deserve me to pursue? The only pity is that he rarely visits our Commerce, and I didn't seize this opportunity well. I don't know when the next chance will come."

"Chairman, you really think far ahead." A few maidservants hurriedly flattered her.

Gong Rulan waved her hand, "Alright, enough with the nonsense, go back to work. By the way, have you all had a good look at Yang Xilin's face? Draw a few more portraits of him for me. I want to hang them on the wall to look at later!"

