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Chapter 731: Song of Fire

At this moment, the veil of night had already descended, and it was deep into the night.

But the entire Taotie City didn't seem like a city at night because it was covered in lanterns and hanging streamers. Lanterns that flowed with dazzling glows of a variety of colors hung all over the city, causing it to be illuminated brightly and seem as if numerous flame dragons resided in the city. Moreover, it was actually even brighter than during the day.

When one looked up from the ground, this city that floated beneath the sky and within the clouds was flowing with multicolored lights and emanated a brilliance that illuminated an extremely far distance, causing it to be gorgeous and magnificent to the extreme, just like a miracle.

When Chen Xi and A'xiu walked out of the courtyard and entered the wide and bustling streets, it was as if they'd walked into a world that was multicolored like a painting, and a wave of bustling voice assaulted their faces.

All sorts of cultivators and stalls that cooked delicacies could be seen everywhere. The busy streams of people moved up and down on the streets while tasting delicacies and laughing happily, and the air was suffused with a mouthwatering and tempting fragrance.

A'xiu was excited to the point her face glowed, and she held Chen Xi's hand while starting her journey of eating and drinking along the streets.

Braised Crimson Tail Prawn that tasted fresh and spicy; some sort of 100 Beauty Profound Soup that was sour, refreshing, sweet, and cool; stone fried fish that was golden yellow and crispy; sweet, sticky, and tasty Ganoderma and azure date paste...

Numerous delicacies that were filled with unique flavors and represented the culinary accomplishments of the entire Dark Reverie were currently converged on the sides of this bustling street, and it was like a night market that allowed everyone to taste these delicacies for free, causing it to seem like the heaven gluttons dreamt of.

A'xiu ate from one end of the street to the other and from this street to the next. Her petite figure actually seemed like a bottomless hole that was capable of housing all delicacies.

She was truly too happy from eating today, causing her eyes that were like black gems to turn into two crescent moons, and her red and moist little mouth practically never stopped moving.

Chen Xi accompanied her just like this while he listened to her delighted laughter that was like the clinging sound of flowing spring water and watched her cheer and jump with joy for a type of delicacy, and his heart felt calm and full.

A'xiu's origins were very mysterious while her strength was extremely shocking to the point even an Earthly Immortal Realm expert wasn't a match for her. But it was precisely a young woman like this that was carefree like a naïve child, and every single move she made was like that of a young child.

It was truly impossible for him to imagine exactly what sort of environment would foster a young woman like A'xiu who still retained her childlike innocence yet just happened to possess extraordinarily formidable strength.

But Chen Xi had stopped guessing and stopped being on guard against her now.

Since the moment A'xiu helped him deal with his enemies without the slightest hesitation, he'd already accepted the existence of this young woman and taken her to be his friend.

Since she was his friend, then status, identity, and cultivation weren't important anymore, right?

Everyone on the streets of Taotie City were discussing a single person tonight, and it was Chen Xi. Because all of them had heard that this peerless genius had already arrived at Taotie City.

There were even rumors that Chen Xi was infuriated for some unknown reason and stopped the young expert of the Taotie Clan, Tao Kun, in the middle of the streets before heavily injuring him and drawing out all the great figures of the Taotie Clan.

But in the end, Chen Xi left safely, whereas Tao Kun was imprisoned instead.

This rumor caused the entire Taotie City to be stirred, and many people didn't believe this rumor. After all, this was Taotie City, yet Chen Xi actually caused trouble on the territory of the Taotie Clan and was safe and sound. Wasn't this too absurd?

But when they inquired about this news from their friends in the Taotie Clan, they obtained a uniform answer — Silence!

There was no denial nor confirmation, and they only replied with silence. Merely this attitude caused everyone to faintly sense that this rumor was probably true.

News of this caused Taotie City to be stirred even more intensely, and besides tasting delicacies and toasting fine wine with each other, the hottest topic everyone discussed was Chen Xi.

Why did he come to Taotie City?

Why did he fight Tao Kun?

All of these were like layer after layer of mist that caused others to be unable to refrain themselves from feeling curious and discussing it.

As Chen Xi and A'xiu moved about the row after row of stalls of delicacies, they naturally heard this series of discussions. But he didn't care at all, nor did A'xiu because her attention was completely placed on eating.

During this night, A'xiu ate to her heart's content and drank the wine from all the countless stalls of various sizes. In the end, because she drank too much and was unable to bear the strength of the wine, she was brought back to the courtyard by Chen Xi in an intoxicated and dazed state.

After he sent A'xiu back into her room, Chen Xi spent the night by himself in deep contemplation.

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Three days later, the curtains to the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings were drawn.

The Taotie Clan held a grand ceremony for this and drew the attendance of cultivators from all over. But Chen Xi didn't participate and sat silently within his room while calmly preparing the various ingredients.

Even if he wished for nothing more than to bring the heavily injured Huo Molei back to the sect right now, he had no choice but to calm his heart and prepare for the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings.

Because he owed two promises.

Promises that were spoken must be carried out. This was a principal Chen Xi had firmly adhered to since he started cultivating.

The first test of the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings started in next to no time.

Chen Xi cooked a dish called 'Song of Fire.' It was cooked from 36 types of beast meat mixed with a few types of pungent spirit spices, causing its color to be bright red and curling with hot steam, and it emitted strands of extremely pungent and tempting fragrance.

When looked at from afar, it was like flames were burning violently in the sky above this dish, and it carried a visual impact that was unrestrained, bold, and seemed to disregard all shackles.

It just happened to be like Chen Xi's mood because the injuries of Huo Molei had completely lit up the flames of rage in the depths of his heart.

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Taotie Palace.

The Patriarch Tao Zhentian and all the seniors of the Taotie Clan were present.

Today was the day the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings began. The Taotie Clan had intentionally held a grand ceremony before this to draw the attendance of numerous cultivators from all over.

There was no lack of great figures who were renowned in the world amongst those who attended the ceremony, and all of them had come personally to offer their congratulations. This caused Tao Zhentian and the others to be extremely proud and delighted, and they beamed from ear to ear.

But they didn't forget their duty to judge and select the creations that would participate in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings.

"Beiron City's Master Qiao Fei's creation — Howling Dragon In The Sky!"

"Spirit Illusion Sect's Master Qiu Feng's creation — Star Adorned!"

At the entrance to the hall was a messenger that reported the name of the spirit chef and the name of the creation one by one in a loud voice.

Along with this voice, numerous delicious delicacies were placed in special jade boxes before being smoothly placed on the long table like flowing water. The jade box marked the name of the spirit chef and creation.

“Qiu Feng is participating as well? Amazing, I heard he’s only a step away from attaining the ranks of eight leaf spirit chefs. It’s our honor that he’s able to participate in our clan’s Spirit Chef Gold Rankings.” The Patriarch Tao Zhentian roared with laughter and was extremely delighted. The Spirit Chef Gold Rankings this time was so grand that it exceeded his imagination because numerous spirit chefs that had made a name for themselves a long time ago had participated in it, causing Tao Zhentian to feel proud.

The other elders nodded with smiles on their faces, and they were extremely happy.

Right amidst this happy atmosphere, a voice that didn’t match the mood in the slightest resounded out from the entrance. “Nine Radiance Sword Sect’s Chen Xi’s creation — Song of Fire!”

In merely an instant, the happy atmosphere in the hall was completely wiped away, and it became oppressive and silent.

The happiness on the faces of all the Earthly Immortal Realm experts including Tao Zhentian froze instantly, and it was replaced by indescribable gloominess.

Even the attendants at the sides of the hall were silent like cicada’s in the winter.

“Hmph! This kid really refuses to give up his ill intentions!” An elder was the first to break the silence and sneered without end.

“Attendant, throw Chen Xi’s creation out!” Another elder was utterly blunt and shouted loudly while panting with rage.

“Yes!” An attendant ran over hastily when he heard this.

“Wait.” Right at this moment, the Patriarch, Tao Zhentian, suddenly spoke out and stopped this. “Fourth Elder, don’t act based on emotion. The Spirit Chef Gold Rankings is the supreme honor of our clan, so how can we directly eliminate the creation of a participant because of personal feelings?”

“Then what should we do? Could it be that we should allow this kid to advance in the competition?” Fourth Elder frowned.

“Act according to the rules of the competition and decide the victor according to the quality of the creation.” Tao Zhentian spoke with an emotionless expression.

“Alright! Let me taste what exactly this bastard can cook!” Fourth Elder arrived before the table in rage. At the instant he opened the jade box, an expanse of a wave of heat curled up like flames that soared into the sky, and it was suffused with a pungent and tempting fragrance.

“Eh? Its smell isn’t bad.” Tao Zhentian was surprised.

Meanwhile, all the elders saw a plate of a bright red dish placed within the jade box. The dish revealed the shape of a lotus, every single petal of the lotus was like flames and there were a total of 36 that had clearly distinguished levels, causing it to seem like a crimson red flaming lotus silently blooming, and it was extremely pleasing to the eye.

Merely based on this, they could discern that Chen Xi had already attained an extremely high attainment in the Culinary Dao.

All these elders were old Taoties that had tasted the delicacies in the entire world, so their gazes were discerning, their sense of smell was acute, and they possessed great experience, allowing them to notice how extraordinary this plate of 'Song of Fire' was with a single glance.

"Ptooy! Ptooy! Ptooy! What the fuck is this? Is this something humans can eat?" Fourth Elder moved his chopstick and had just clamped a piece into his mouth before he spat it out, and he shook his head repeatedly. "It must be eliminated! Its taste is too inferior, it must be eliminated!"

He didn't even taste it before jumping to conclusions, and it was obvious how he detested Chen Xi.

Tao Zhentian frowned and personally stepped forward to taste a mouthful, and then he went silent for a long time yet didn't say anything before instructing the other elders to start judging the other creations.

The other elders heaved a sigh of relief in their hearts when they saw this because even the Patriarch didn't say anything, so it seemed like he'd given tacit consent to eliminate Chen Xi.

At the end, the 3,000 creations were judged, and the name list of the 100 spirit chefs that advanced were quickly selected.

However, all the elders never expected that the Patriarch actually placed Chen Xi's name within this list!

As he looked at the bewildered expressions of all the elders, Tao Zhentian couldn't help but sigh deeply, and then he turned around and left the hall. "Everyone, no matter when it is, I hope all of you don't forget the foundation of our Taotie Clan!"

His voice reverberated in the hall, and his voice was steady and resounding. When it entered the ears of the elders, it caused them to go silent instead while they revealed indeterminate expressions.

The next day.

Chen Xi received an invitation to head to Taotie Palace to participate in the second round. In other words, he'd already successfully stood out from amongst the 3,000 spirit chefs!

Besides feeling surprised by this, he couldn't help but admire the Taotie Clan's respect and protection of the rules of the competition.

He didn't think any further and headed to Taotie Palace. Unlike the first round, the cooking in the second round was based on the various topics presented to the spirit chefs by the elders of the Taotie Clan.

These topics wouldn't be told to any spirit chefs beforehand, and it was precisely because of this that the difficulty of this second round was obviously much greater than the first round.

Chen Xi felt extreme anticipation instead, and he wondered what sort of topic he would receive from these elders of the Taotie Clan that gnashed their teeth in hatred towards him.

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Chapter 732: Unsettled Mind

A crowd of people were gathered within Taotie Palace.

Tao Zhentian and the other Earthly Immortal Realm experts sat upright on the seats of the hosts while 100 stoves were set out in an orderly manner at the center of this enormous hall.

At the sides of the hall was row after row of tables that had a mountain of wooden boxes spread out on them. These were the rare ingredients from all over the world that were prepared for the spirit chefs that were about to undergo the second round of the competition.

When Chen Xi's handsome and extraordinary figure appeared within the hall, it instantly drew over 10 hostile stares, yet he seemed as if he didn't notice and walked slowly to arrive before a stove under the lead of an attendant.

There was a variety of utensils set up at the stove since a long time ago, and it was laid out there in an orderly manner, causing it to be pleasing to the eye.

Chen Xi stood upright before the stove and completely disregarded the surroundings.

He knew that he'd already become the most unwelcome person in the entire hall, and it was better to be quiet so as to avoid arousing even more displeasure.

Because the second round hadn't begun yet, the spirit chefs that had arrived at the hall were engaging in idle chatting, and they unknowingly shot their gazes towards Chen Xi and more or less carried some surprise in their gazes.

The reason was very simple, after the first round ended yesterday, the roster of the 100 spirit chefs that advanced was already publicly announced, and it was hung on the streets of Taotie City.

Surprisingly, Chen Xi's name was within the roster as well, and it caused the entire city to be stirred and enter into an uproar.

Presently, practically everyone knew that Chen Xi had arrived at Taotie City, but never had anyone imagined that he'd actually come to Taotie City to participate in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings!

Even more astounding to everyone, he actually advanced to the top 100!

The sort of astonished and absurd feeling they felt was like watching a peerless sword cultivator suddenly stop cultivating in the sword and became a butcher instead...

Everyone felt disbelief, yet it just happened to be something that had really occurred, and it became a piece of interesting news in Taotie City that caused everyone to click their tongues in admiration.

On the other hand, the spirit chefs felt that Chen Xi's entrance into the competition caused it to feel as if the Taotie Clan was screwing around with the competition. They even suspected that Chen Xi was able to advance because the Taotie Clan made him advance through underhanded methods.

It was true that Chen Xi's natural talent was extraordinary, and his combat strength could be described as unsurpassed amongst those of the same generation. But... Does he know what the Culinary Dao is?

All these spirit chefs within the hall were renowned figures from all over the Dark Reverie, and they possessed extraordinary attainments in the Culinary Dao. Many of them were addressed respectfully as 'master' and received the admiration of countless people, so they maintained an attitude of suspicion towards Chen Xi's ability to be here.

It was even to the extent that some people felt disdainful towards being grouped together with Chen Xi.

If it was at a normal time, they might be delighted to form good relations with such a peerless genius, but since he'd participated in the competition with the identity of a spirit chef, it was completely different.

After all, this competition meant that they would contend against each other. Even though there were no blades involved, yet it wasn't the slightest bit less horrifying because everyone wanted to be ranked in the top three, and who would be willing to allow another to take it?

Especially when Chen Xi might have joined in through the 'back door!'

"Alas, I originally thought this is a grand event of the Culinary Dao, yet I never imagined the entire pot of congee would be spoiled by a speck of rat shit." Someone sighed lightly and made insinuations.

"Alas, you can say that. Perhaps there's more than meets the eye. I'm afraid someone's arrival caused the Fellow Daoists of the Taotie Clan to be in a rather difficult position. Everyone should be understanding." Someone assumed the role of the 'nice person,' but all his words carried a sarcastic tone.

"Difficult situation? Could it be that the rules of the competition should be broken intentionally because of this? It's simply shady!" Someone had a hot temper and spoke his mind.

These discussions irritated those elders that sat on the seats of the host to the point their eyelids and faces twitched without end, and they had nowhere to vent their bellyful of rage. They could only shoot their gazes at the culprit, Chen Xi, and their gazes were icy cold and murderous.

If it wasn't for this bastard, how could there be such a great controversy?

But it just so happened that they couldn't explain because it would just add insult to injury. It couldn't be helped, Chen Xi's existence was truly a variable, and only they knew clearly exactly what extent Chen Xi had attained in the culinary arts.

Chen Xi remained composed like an old monk in meditation, and he was indifferent to all this.

Unfortunately, his unwillingness to get into a disagreement with them seemed like incapability to justify himself in the eyes of others, and they became even more fearless, causing their words to carry hidden needles that were filled with ridicule and sarcasm.

In the end, even Tao Zhentian couldn't continue watching and spoke out to restrain them. It couldn't be helped because if this were to go on, then this second round of the competition would surely become the laughing stock of the cultivation world.

"Alright, the second round will begin now!" Tao Zhentian proclaimed while his gaze inadvertently glanced at Chen Xi, and he couldn't help but sigh when he saw the latter's indifferent appearance.

He even slightly hoped that this fellow could make a proper show of ability and not make a very embarrassing display so that the Taotie Clan's reputation wouldn't suffer smearing that it shouldn't suffer.

The topics of the competition were written on numerous pieces of paper that were sealed within a pitch black jade box.

This jade box was constructed from a type of special material, allowing it to be capable of keeping one's Divine Sense out. It was extremely expensive and not inferior to a Quasi Immortal Artifact in terms of value.

After the spirit chefs that participated in the second round drew a piece of paper from the jade box, they had to cook a dish according to the topic given on the piece of paper, and the most outstanding dish would win.

In next to no time, the competition began. An old man walked forward and drew a paper and inspected it carefully for a short moment before selecting the ingredients he required, and then he started cooking.

Most of the spirit chefs stared their eyes wide open and stared fixedly at the old man. They wanted to see exactly what level of accomplishments he'd attained to form judgment and make preparation for their following actions.

Only Chen Xi and very few other spirit chefs sat cross-legged silently on the spot like clay statues, and they had peaceful bearings that weren't shaken by anything from outside.

Time slowly flowed by bit by bit.

Spirit chef after spirit chef drew a piece of paper and cooked according to the topics given on them. Some were happy, some frowned, and they each had different expressions.

This second round of the competition had a time restraint. Every single spirit chef must finish cooking within 15 minutes, otherwise the spirit chef would be directly eliminated.

In merely four hours, there were eight spirit chefs who left with dejection because they weren't able to finish cooking in time, and one of them was even a spirit chef that had made a name for himself a long time ago!

This caused the atmosphere within the hall to start becoming nervous and oppressive.

Tempting and sweet fragrances were curling up and suffused the air, yet no one paid attention to it nor did anyone open their mouths and speak.

After waiting until the second round was on the verge of ending, Chen Xi walked forward to start drawing the paper as the last contestant. Actually, there was utterly no need for him to draw it because only the last piece of paper remained within the jade box now.

Chen Xi opened the folded paper and sized it up briefly before being unable to help but be stunned.

The other spirit chefs had already raised their heads in anticipation since Chen Xi made a move, and they seemed as if they wanted to watch the show. At this moment, all of them shot their gazes onto that piece of paper, and they saw two words written on it — Unsettled Mind!

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Chapter 733: Shocked

Unsettled Mind?

Based on this, the topic referred to one's heart being restless and unable to calm down.

But to cultivators, these words provided much food for thought and struck directly at the Dao Heart. When the Dao Heart wasn't firm, then one was unable to comprehend the Dao, and if the Dao didn't exist, then one would be unable to cultivate.

Simply speaking, it meant that if one wanted to cultivate, then one had to first firm the Dao Heart, because everything would be nonsense if the Dao Heart wasn't firm.

But if one were to cook these words into a dish and vividly portray the concept within it, the difficulty to accomplish such a thing was absolutely beyond imagination.

All of the spirit chefs in the hall were stunned when facing this topic.

They originally held the thoughts of watching the show as they wanted to see how this fellow, Chen Xi, who'd slipped in would embarrass himself in public. But all of them fell into deep contemplation when they saw this topic.

This topic was very difficult as it was ethereal and difficult to discern. Merely based on its meaning, it was very difficult to relate an unsettled mind and a dish, and it could be said that it was the most difficult topic to figure out in the entire second round.

If I were to have drawn this topic, then how should I prepare this dish?

All the spirit chefs were contemplating in silence.

On the seats of the hosts in the hall, all the elders of the Taotie Clan were sneering without end, and they felt extremely delighted in their hearts. If it wasn't for them having to mind their bearings, they truly wished for nothing more than to roar towards the sky.

They swore to the heavens that they'd absolutely never imagined that Chen Xi would actually draw this topic! It's truly an evil he brought on himself!

Tao Zhentian frowned instead, and he laughed bitterly without end in his heart. Only he knew of the topics in the second round, whereas the other elders hadn't even touched it, so it put a stop to any possibility of cheating. But he as well had never imagined that Chen Xi would actually be so unfortunate and draw the most difficult topic in the second round.

He was even slightly worried that Chen Xi would suspect that he'd intentionally made it difficult for Chen Xi through underhanded methods... If it was like this, then he would really be wrongly accused!

Because amongst these 100 topics, 99 of them were set by him, and it just so happened that this topic, Unsettled Mind, wasn't set by him!

Right when the thoughts of everyone within the hall were pondering swiftly, Chen Xi put down the paper and started making a move.

He started to select the ingredients he needed, and he only took a mere four types — Azure Serenity Spirit Fruit, 100 Fold Flame Ginseng, Gold Speckled Jade Liquid, and a type of spirit deer meat.

After that, he returned to the stove and started to prepare the ingredients.

His movements were meticulous and conscientious, swift like the wind, aggressive like flames, smooth and skilled, and he seemed immovable like a mountain, causing him to carry a profound and indescribable aura.

Merely this string of movements drew the attention of many gazes.

Everyone present had discerning gazes and had been developing their Culinary Dao for countless years, so they discerned with a single glance that everything Chen Xi revealed was attainments that had achieved the acme of perfection, and they couldn't be faked at all.

This caused the impression of most people towards Chen Xi to change. At the very least, just based on this, Chen Xi's display wasn't inferior to a true seven leaf spirit chef.

"What is he doing? He only selected four ingredients yet wants to cook a dish conforming to the topic, Unsettled Mind?" Someone muttered in a low voice and was slightly bewildered.

"Azure Serenity Spirit Fruit, 100 Fold Flame Ginseng. One is sweet and chilly, the other is pungent and hot, just like water and fire. According to the matching of the attributed of ingredients, they are conflicting, and this seems to be slightly bad."

"That Gold Speckled Jade Liquid is of the extreme Yin attribute as well, whereas that spirit deer meat is of the extreme Yang attribute. One is Yin and the other Yang, they are similarly conflicting attributes. Such a matching of ingredients... Haha."

"Oh, it really is very strange. If it wasn't for me seeing his technique of preparing ingredients is skillful to the extreme, I would truly suspect that he knows nothing about the Culinary Dao. How could any spirit chef in the world match ingredients like this?"

All the spirit chefs whispered in discussion, and all of them were bewildered by this scene and were unable to figure out what Chen Xi was doing.

"Everyone, it's better not to pass judgement too early. We should first hear what Master Qiu Feng has to say." Someone spoke out before cupping his hands respectfully to an old man at the side.

"Oh, right! Master Qiu Feng could be said to be the person that'd the most knowledgeable in the Culinary Dao, and his skill is extraordinary. Whether Chen Xi is the real thing can be determined by his judgment."

As they spoke, everyone shot their gazes towards the old man.

The old man wore a loose white robe, and he had grey hair and a sage-like bearing. He modestly declined when he heard this, and then pondered for a moment and said, "In my opinion, the selection of ingredients by this kid has probably gone through careful contemplation. One water, one fire, one Yin, one Yang, and someone that was ignorant of the Culinary Dao would absolutely be unable to select ingredients like this."

He paused for a moment and continued. "If I were to cook them, then I would similarly be able to fulfil the topic of 'Unsettled Mind' with these four ingredients. I only need to contain Yin within Water, extract Yang from within the fire, and then cook the 100 Fold Flame Ginseng and spirit deer meat with

raging flames before cooking the Azure Serenity Spirit Fruit and Gold Specked Jade Liquid with Netherfrost Flames...”

“In the end, the spirit deer meat cooked with 100 Fold Flame Ginseng would be at the center, whereas, the Azure Serenity Spirit Fruit cooked with Gold Speckled Jade Liquid would be distributed in the surroundings to form a phenomenon where flames rose out of water yet never dispersed and Yin embraced Yang while Yang shot into the skies. Its taste would be so superb that it would be sufficient to cause one’s mind to be unsettled and unable to control one’s self.” Master Qiu Feng spoke with confidence and as if it came easily to him, and it caused all the nearby spirit chefs to be dazed and click their tongues in admiration while feeling heartfelt admiration.

As expected of Master Qiu Feng, he dealt with the problem of water and fire, and Yin and Yang conflicting with each other in a few words, and he brought forth the spirit energy of the mere four ingredients to the limit. His method is so ingenious that it’s unbelievable!

Even the elders of the Taotie Clan nodded their heads in secret because this method of cooking was indeed original and profound to the limit.

“Eh, he seems to have other thoughts,” said someone with surprise.

Everyone was stunned and raised their eyes to look over. Sure enough, they noticed that Chen Xi had really started to cook, but the method he utilized was completely different to Master Qiu Feng.

“Hmph! If he were to cook just like the answer Master Qiu Feng gave, then wouldn’t it mean that his culinary skill can compare to Master Qiu Feng? Is that possible?” Someone refuted.

“Right, he’s so young, so even if he has grasped the Culinary Dao, it’s absolutely impossible for him to compare with Master Qiu Feng.”

“Haha, I can already predict that so long as the Taotie Clan doesn’t do anything underhanded, then this kid will surely lose in this second round of the competition!”

“So in this way, the first place in the second round belongs to Master Qiu Feng?”

“Is there any doubt about this?”

Everyone started discussing, and they didn’t pay attention to every move Chen Xi made any longer. On the other hand, they started to inquire about the final outcome of the second round with each other, and all of them looked extremely favorably upon Master Qiu Feng.

Qiu Feng stroked his beard with a smile on his face while he acted modestly, yet he couldn’t help but be complacent and smug in his heart.

He’d gone into closed door cultivation for 20 years to study the Culinary Dao in detail, and he was only a step away from becoming a Grandmaster Spirit Chef. He’d participated in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings this time firstly for the sake of observing the culinary skill of others, and secondly for the sake of feeling pride and satisfaction.

According to the situation before him, he was entirely capable of easily advancing to the final round, and this was beyond all doubt. He only cared about who would gain the first place in the competition.

Eh!

Right at this moment, his gaze glanced over inadvertently, and his pupils instantly constricted while the grin on his face froze slightly when he saw Chen Xi's cooking technique.

At this moment, it wasn't just Qiu Feng, the eyes of Tao Zhentian who sat at the head seat focused as well as he stared fixedly at Chen Xi while revealing a shocked expression.

In next to no time, those spirit chefs that were jubilantly discussing the rankings of the second round noticed the unusual expression Master Qiu Feng revealed, and besides being slightly astounded, they couldn't help but shoot their gazes at Chen Xi. After that, their smiles froze on their faces as they revealed expressions of shock.

This sort of strange atmosphere spread out like silent wave and stretched throughout the entire hall, causing the hall to be perfectly silent in practically a moment.

The atmosphere was silent to the extreme, and there was only the hissing sounds of the spirit flames as Chen Xi cooked.

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Chen Xi's mind was empty as he concentrated on the stove before him, and his powerful Divine Sense was like the myriad of tentacles possessed by an octopus as it acutely and smoothly controlled the changes in the spirit flame.

His movements seemed as if they'd been measured before. They were precise, clean, and simple, yet they carried rhythm that flowed like water or like a skilled butcher cleaning up an ox.

Spirit flame, ingredients, utensils... Under the control of his hands, a miraculous change was produced, and it wasn't like he was cooking but like he was completing a work of art, causing it to be filled with wonderful visual enjoyment.

Hiss! Hiss!

Within the iron wok, hot air curled up while the glimmer of oil flowed about, and it emitted hissing sounds as strands of tempting fragrance that seemed to be able to bore its way into the depths of one's soul effused out.

He was so concentrated, yet it just so happened that numerous scenes from the past frequently appeared within his mind. Learning in Pine Mist City, the trials within the Southern Barbaric Mountain Range, annihilating the Li Clan, the Hidden Dragon Rankings, annihilating the Su Clan, the Allstar Meeting, the Primeval Battlefield, joining the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, the Dark Parasol's Abyss...

The distant past, the upheaval and hardships he faced, the fluttering of blades and blood, the mix of tears and death, the bumpy path and thorns all along the way. Has it only tempered his cultivation?

No!

It had also tempered a heart that sought the Dao!

If one asked the sages and gods since time immemorial about how to attain the Dao, then it would only be by subduing one's heart!

If the heart was calm, all thoughts would soar, and it would be like the reflection of the moon within a well, impossible to be disturbed.

If one's intent was stable, then the hell in the eyes of others would be heaven in one's own eyes, and one's mind would be unrestrained.

Chen Xi's current state of mind could already be considered to be utterly settled, it followed his will yet didn't conformed to morals, free, and unrestrained, causing impulse and illusions to be unable to disturb his heart.

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In less than 15 minutes, a dish had appeared. The dish was very simple like an ordinary plate of meat sautéed with green peppers. But when one looked at it, the sky above the dish was suffused with two completely different phenomena.

One was a ghastly and terrifying realm of fiends where Heavenly Fiends fluttered about and vengeful spirits howled, and there were even horrifying scenes like a river of blood and bones and purgatory.

The other was a paradise, its ground was covered in gold while flowers fluttered down from the sky. A dragon and phoenix flew about and brought prosperity while golden lotuses sprouted up from the ground, and it was filled with light and radiance.

These two phenomena weren't incapable of fitting together, and they transformed each other instead. It was like the circulation of Yin and Yang, the mixing of water and fire, and it carried a visual impact that shocked the heart.

Everyone was shocked, and the hall was deathly silent.

They were faintly capable of hearing an imperceptible chanting of the Dao —

When the heart isn't pure, it's impossible to differentiate between immortal and devil.

When the intent isn't fixed, then good and evil is impossible to distinguish!

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Chapter 734: Nine Profundity Immortal Wok

The hall was perfectly silent.

Chen Xi silently returned to his earlier seat before carefully sensing the changes in his Dao Heart.

This dish, Unsettled Mind, allowed him to suddenly comprehend a mysterious force that came from the Dao Heart, and it seemed to be illusory and ethereal, yet it was present everywhere.

He was faintly able to sense that this 'mysterious energy' was extremely shocking, and it wasn't inferior to True Essence, Shaman Energy, and Divine Sense, and it was a type of energy that came from the heart.

As the saying goes, the heart of man was unfathomable. Cultivation was like the cultivating of the heart, and the emotions and ups and downs of life caused all living beings to undergo change within their hearts at all times.

Unfortunately, there were very few people that knew how to grasp this sort of energy.

Because it was too illusory and ethereal to the point that even Chen Xi was only faintly capable of sensing the existence of this mysterious energy after his Dao Heart broke through, and he was very far away from controlling it.

“Divine skill!” While Chen Xi was sensing his gains in a meditative state, a voice that was filled with emotion suddenly broke the silence and shook the hall, causing everyone to seem as if they’d awoken from a dream and recover from their shock in unison.

The person that let out this emotional sigh was the Patriarch, Tao Zhentian. At this moment, he had an emotional expression as he looked at the cooked dish, and he didn’t conceal his admiration in the slightest.

At this moment, he’d stopped thinking about the resentment, gains, and losses between his Taotie Clan and Chen Xi because his heart was filled with admiration and fondness towards this dish. As a descendant of the primeval ferocious beast, Taotie, deep love towards delicacies flowed within his bones as well.

“This dish used a mere four types of ingredients, yet was cooked into such a perfect delicacy. This level of attainment in the Culinary Dao can really be said to be divine!” Everyone sighed successively with emotion, and the gazes they shot at Chen Xi were filled with astonishment and disbelief, causing it to be extremely complicated. Who could have imagined before this that a young man like this would be capable of accomplishing this?

The expressions of all the elders of the Taotie Clan were slightly gloomy. But they had no choice but to admit in their hearts that this dish Chen Xi cooked was truly too beautiful and perfect!

Earlier, even they’d been terribly shocked...

Master Qiu Feng was slightly worried about his position in the contest. His expression was indeterminate as he looked at the dish ‘Unsettled Mind’ that Chen Xi had cooked, and he even seemed to be slightly apprehensive and anxious.

He’d spoken confidently about cooking to the point ‘flames rose out of water yet never dispersed and Yin embraced Yang while Yang shot into the skies.’ That was the method of cooking he felt was the most perfect, and this method obtained the uniform agreement of all the other spirit chefs in the hall.

But at this moment, he noticed that the method of cooking Chen Xi utilized was much superior to his own, and it formed the perfect state of fire and water merging while Yin and Yang circulated. Chen Xi’s unique attainment in the Culinary Dao caused him to feel ashamed of his inferiority.

The second round came to an end here, and it was time to proclaim the results next.

Tao Zhentian led all the elders to start tasting the 100 dishes one by one before passing judgment.

Of course, the final outcome could only be known after all the dishes had been tested, and then 10 would be selected to advance to the final round.

This period of time was so unbearable to all the spirit chefs in the hall because even though Tao Zhentian and the others were giving exaggerated judgments of the dishes, it didn't represent the final outcome, and it caused everyone to be slightly unsettled in their hearts.

In next to no time, it was the turn of Chen Xi's dish.

When they intended to try Chen Xi's dish, Tao Zhentian spoke abruptly. "Don't allow your mental state to affect the taste of your tongues."

The other elders were stunned. Some nodded seriously while others remained indifferent.

Meanwhile, the gazes of the other spirit chefs in the hall converged over in unison because they wanted to listen to the judgment obtain by this dish that revealed a shocking scene.

After that, a scene that caused everyone to be astounded appeared.

Amongst these elders that had tasted the dish, some revealed intoxicated expressions as they praised it profusely and applauded as if they'd had dragon liver and phoenix marrow.

However, another portion of the elders had expressions of detest and kept spitting as if they'd eaten a fly. They seemed as if it tasted terrible to them, and their expressions didn't seem to be faked.

This caused everyone to be curious. It's only a simple dish, yet how has reactions of two extremes appeared?

Everyone was surprised and bewildered.

Only Chen Xi's expression remained composed and without the slightest ripple, and he seemed as if he'd expected this scene to occur.

Tao Zhentian frowned and was extremely furious in his heart. He'd just tasted the dish moments ago, and its taste was so superb that it absolutely stood above the other dishes. It was even to the extent that he couldn't refrain himself for tasting another mouthful.

Even though he detested Chen Xi as well. But he had to admit that Chen Xi's culinary skill had subdued his taste buds in this competition.

But now, he'd clearly warned them not to be influenced by personal emotions, yet these elders just didn't listen and intentionally went against him. Moreover, they even bluntly criticized this dish as trash. How could he not be infuriated?

"That's enough all of you!" Tao Zhentian was infuriated and berated in a low voice.

"Patriarch, we're absolutely not making unfounded criticism. The taste we tasted is really horrible to the extreme, and it tastes like sawdust." Fourth elder didn't give in and spoke with a serious expression.

"You dare make excuses!?" Tao Zhentian was infuriated to the point his lips trembled. Could it be that these idiots don't know shame? There are so many spirit chefs watching here!

“Patriarch, we can take an oath!” At this moment, it wasn’t just fourth elder, and even those other elders couldn’t help but speak up.

“Huh...” Tao Zhentian was stunned, and he faintly felt something was strange.

The other spirit chefs were astounded as well. What exactly is going on?

“There’s no need to argue, what all of you have tasted is its truest taste.” Right at this moment, a rough and deep voice suddenly resounded within the entire hall.

A wisp of dazzling immortal glow suffused the hall along with this voice, and then a middle aged man that wore a high crown walked out from within the glow. He was tall and robust, had a rough appearance, twisting muscles, and an immortal radiance flowed all over his body, causing him to seem like a war god that had descended from the heavens and emitted an exceedingly terrifying aura.

In merely an instant, the entire hall erupted with boundless radiance from his arrival, and even the air was cheering while the entire surroundings were bathed in an atmosphere of calmness, peace, and order.

“Ancestor!” Tao Zhentian and all the elders were shocked and swiftly knelt on the ground with respectful expressions that revealed heartfelt reverence.

Ancestor?

Isn’t that the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok?

The bodies of all the other spirit chefs trembled as they stood up hastily as well before bowing themselves. Never had they imagined that this existence would be alerted at this moment.

Even Chen Xi stood up swiftly while revealed a shocked expression because the aura emitted by the tall middle aged man was too terrifying and concentrated. It was like a deep abyss that gave others an extremely oppressive and suffocating feeling just from looking at him from afar.

The Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok... This is its Artifact Spirit?

Instantly, Chen Xi thought of many things. According to rumor, this immortal wok had existed since the primeval times, and it was the weapon of a god whose might shook the three dimensions, causing it to have extremely terrifying origins.

But Chen Xi was bewildered because both the Dark Parasol Divine Tree and the Exalted Ant Emperor from the primeval times had suffered calamity and fallen, so why was the Artifact Spirit of this immortal wok capable of surviving until now?

“When the heart isn’t pure, it’s impossible to differentiate between immortal and devil, let alone a dish? Your mental states have been affected, so how can you distinguish the quality of a dish?” The tall middle aged man spoke with a voice that was like the rumbling of thunder, and he seemed like the ruler that controlled the world while being covered in an immortal glow.

Even though his voice didn’t sound like he was berating in a stern tone, Fourth Elder and the others seemed as if they were struck by lightning and revealed ashamed expressions.

The other spirit chefs came to an understanding, and they felt even more shocked in their hearts. A dish was capable of creating different dishes according to the difference in one's state of mind? Exactly how high must one's attainments in the Culinary Dao be to achieve this?

In merely an instant, they were completely subdued by Chen Xi, and they didn't have the slightest intention to feel displeased or suspicious anymore. Even the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok had been alerted, and merely this was sufficient to explain everything.

"This second round ends here, and this 'Unsettled Mind' is the first." The tall middle aged man spoke indifferently with a profound gaze while an immortal glow curled up from him, and he decided the outcome with this single sentence.

"Ancestor is wise!" Tao Zhentian and the other elders knelt as they spoke respectfully.

"Young brother, there's no need for you to participate in the final competition with your level in the Culinary Dao. Care to join me for a chat?" The tall middle aged man turned his head abruptly and looked at Chen Xi, and his tone eased up unconsciously.

Everyone in the hall was shocked and envious when they noticed this slight change. Exactly what ability does this kid have to actually obtain such favor from Ancestor?

Chen Xi was stunned and pondered for a moment before he cupped his hands. "It's my pleasure."

He faintly sensed that the Artifact Spirit of the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok had absolutely not come looking for him merely because of the dish, Unsettled Mind, that he'd cooked.

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The second round ended, and the list of the top 100 was placed all over the streets of Taotie City.

The person in the position of first on the list was shockingly Chen Xi!

Everyone in the city was shocked and exploded into an uproar when they saw this name.

Even though the second round of the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings wasn't the final round, Chen Xi's name was actually able to appear at the position of first, and it still caused them to feel that it was absurd and question it.

He cheated!

He surely cheated!

Even Master Qiu Feng who's renowned throughout the world is actually ranked beneath Chen Xi! Such an outcome is simply a joke!

This caused everyone to feel that the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings this time was filled with underhanded tricks because no matter how terrifying Chen Xi's combat strength was, how could he possibly compare to Master Qiu Feng in the Culinary Dao?

Some people felt indignant and went over to inquire about it with the spirit chefs that participated in the second round, but they obtained an astonishing answer. Chen Xi's position as first was actually judged personally by the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok!

This caused most people to be speechless. That was the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok! It had no need to try so hard to flatter Chen Xi with its identity! Obviously, it was impossible for it to act in such a way.

Most shocking of it all was that even Master Qiu Feng himself expressed that Chen Xi's attainments in the Culinary Dao were extraordinary and far from his reach. Moreover, his tone even carried undisguised admiration as he said this.

Now, the entire Taotie City was stirred!

Everyone knew that not only did Chen Xi possess ferocious combat strength, even his cultivation in the Culinary Dao had actually reached the peak of perfection. Even Master Qiu Feng felt embarrassed of his inferiority while the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok expressed its admiration towards him...

On the other hand, at this moment, Chen Xi was within a secret realm in the depths of Taotie Palace, and he was looking at a bronze box the tall middle aged man passed over to him with a shocked expression.

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Chapter 735: Eternal Spirit Mountain

It was already dusk when Chen Xi returned to the courtyard.

Meng Wei and Mo Ya had taken the youths to go around the streets because Chen Xi had given them a great deal of wealth and instructed them to buy anything they wanted.

A'xiu had followed them as well because this green dress young woman that was always smiling would never miss the chance to have some fun.

The courtyard was silent and dark, and only Chen Xi remained here.

He sat alone within his room and looked at the bronze box before him with an indescribably strange expression.

This bronze box was only 30cm in length, ancient, and cold. Its surface was inscribed with complicated and dense patterns of the sun, moon, stars, plants, insects, ancient scenes of offering sacrifice, sages passing down the Dao, and so on and so forth.

The bronze box was sealed by utilizing a Law, causing it to be impossible to open unless a Heavenly Immortal tried.

This was the Artifact Spirit of the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok, and the tall middle aged man had personally given it to Chen Xi after chatting with Chen Xi.

The content of their conversation was extremely simple. The tall middle aged man called himself Dong Ye, and then he went straight to the point and passed this bronze box to Chen Xi.

At that time, Dong Ye had only said a single sentence. You have the aura of the Dark Parasol Divine Tree and Ant Emperor. It's fate that we're able to meet each other, so you must take this bronze box.

After that, Chen Xi had no choice but to accept this sudden gift.

He'd also asked Dong Ye exactly what was within the bronze box, and why Dong Ye wanted to give it to him.

The answer he received was extremely simple. It turned out the bronze box contained the reincarnated Artifact Spirit nurtured by the Nine-Profundity Immortal Work, and it was in deep slumber while waiting to be woken.

In other words, this bronze box contained a second Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok!

On the other hand, the reason Dong Ye had given it to Chen Xi was because he firmly believed that since the Dark Parasol Divine Tree and Ant Emperor's inheritances had acknowledged Chen Xi, then Chen Xi naturally possessed the ability to protect this bronze box.

At that moment, Chen Xi was shocked. Since the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok's Artifact Spirit had been reincarnated and was in deep slumber within the bronze box, then who was Dong Ye?

Dong Ye didn't conceal his identity and directly told Chen Xi he was only a strand of an incomplete soul that wasn't willing to ascend into the Immortal Dimension, and he wasn't much different to a forsaker of the heavens.

As for why he wasn't willing to ascend, Dong Ye didn't speak and kept his mouth shut tightly like a jar.

When he was about to send Chen Xi off, Dong Ye suddenly spoke some unfathomable and obscure words. "During the upheaval of the three dimensions this time, gods are nothing, all living beings are like ants, and it surpasses everything from the past. I hope you'll take care of yourself."

In next to no time, Chen Xi woke from his deep contemplation, and he carefully put the bronze box aside before sighing lightly in his heart. Exactly what sort of calamity is the upheaval of the three dimensions?

His trip to Taotie City was originally a simple trip to participate in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings, yet he'd inadvertently found his Eldest Senior Brother Huo Molei who'd been reduced to a slave, had an even more unbelievable and weird conversation with the 'Artifact Spirit' of the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok, and obtained a heavy bronze box...

All of them was so unbelievable yet had really occurred.

This caused Chen Xi to keep having the feeling as if a shapeless hand was controlling everything, whereas he was like a moth that had been accidentally swept into the hand.

When he thought about it calmly, it was actually easy to notice that the reason Dong Ye had conversed with him and given him the bronze box was none other than because Dong ye had noticed the aura of the Exalted Ant Emperor and Dark Parasol Divine Tree on him.

As for the bronze box, unless the reincarnated Artifact Spirit of the Nine-Profundity Immortal Wok awoke completely, otherwise it would be utterly impossible for him to open it with his strength.

All in all, he'd completed the promise he made Old Man Ma and Master Yong during this trip to Taotie City and fulfilled their long cherished wished, so it was time for him to leave.

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This day was the last day of the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings, and the top three would be selected in the final round.

This demonstration of culinary skill was arranged to be on the enormous field before Taotie Palace, and it drew over countless people to come spectate. It was to the point the entire city had come, and it was extremely popular and filled with streams of people.

However, everyone was bewildered because they didn't see Chen Xi's figure make an appearance even until when the competition began.

After all, Chen Xi's name had already spread throughout the entirety of Taotie City during these past two days because the news of him participating in the Spirit Chef Gold Rankings and obtaining the honor of being in the top 10 had even caused the entire city to be stirred and shocked the hearts of all.

It could be said that most people who'd come to watch the competition today had the thoughts of personally witnessed exactly how Chen Xi looked, and how was he able to possess such shocking attainments in both combat strength and the Culinary Dao.

But, up until now, not to mention Chen Xi, there wasn't even a shadow of him. What's going on?

The crowd started becoming restless and looking left and right, causing their attention to not be placed on the competition at all.

This caused the spirit chefs that were participating in the final competition to have unsightly expressions because such open disregard caused them to feel low in spirit while cooking. Who could have imagined that Chen Xi would actually be so captivating?

Oa flight of Cloud Stairs that led towards the ground and was wide and deserted, Chen Xi turned around to glance at this magnificent city that was constructed in the sky before withdrawing his gaze and gesturing. "Let's set out!"

Meng Wei, Mo Ya, and the youths had gotten ready a long time ago. Huo Molei was carried by Meng Wei on his back, and Huo Molei was still in deep slumber while his condition had obviously improved greatly.

Only A'xiu looked helplessly at the 'capital of delicacies' that stood behind her, and she muttered. "Hey! Hey! Why don't we stay for another day? There are still so many delicacies I haven't tried..."

Chen Xi grabbed the young woman's soft arm. "I'll cook for you if you want to eat because now it's time to leave!"

"Oh, you're not allowed to go back on this promise," said A'xiu.

"When have I ever gone back on what I've said?" Chen Xi's brows raised.

"I knew you're the best to me." A'xiu's eyes curved as she smiled, and she held Chen Xi's arm while jumping endlessly with joy, causing her soft and delicate body to stick onto Chen Xi's firm arm while being completely oblivious of how distance should be kept between man and woman.

Chen Xi's heart jerked, and he hastily pulled his arm away. But unexpectedly, A'xiu was like an octopus that couldn't be shook off, causing Chen Xi to be extremely embarrassed...

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Not too long after Chen Xi and the others left, a group of people arrived before the Cloud Stairs, and the young woman in the lead asked. "Who's that? Why would they be leaving Taotie City at this time?"

This young woman wore a crown that was like a shooting star, and feathered clothes with tassels. She had jet black hair that was like a waterfall flowing from her head, skin that was snow white and tender, an appearance that was beautiful like a painting, and carried a unique and noble aura.

There were a large group of guards by her side, and there were old men, old women, and some handsome and spirited young men. She seemed to be from some large clan and was like someone with an extremely high status that had come out to tour the world.

"Princess, that young man is called Chen Xi, and he's the most famous genius of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect. He once performed a string of great deeds that shook the world in the Dark Parasol's Abyss, and he even killed the Heavenflow Dao Sect's Yan Shisan not long ago and enjoys a great reputation." An old man explained in a light voice.

"Oh? I never expected that he's an extraordinary cultivator at the Nether Transformation Realm as well. I heard of that Yan Shisan in the pass, yet I never imagined that he would be killed by this young man. This is already on par with some geniuses of our Eternal Spirit Mountain." The young woman seemed to be lost in thought.

"It's indeed not bad for such a genius to appear within the 10 great immortal sects. But he's slightly inferior when compared with some geniuses of our Eternal Spirit Mountain. According to rumor, the inheritors of the other Unknown Lands will be making an appearance in the world in the near future, and the disciples of those powers that keep themselves secluded from the outside world are the true geniuses." A young man by the 'Princesses' side sighed with emotion.

"We'll see. The three dimensions are about to experience an upheaval. No matter if it's the ancient inheritances in the paradises secluded from the outside world or the disciples of the Unknown Lands, even though all of them are emerging into the world, the resources and reserves of the 10 great immortal sects and six lineages of the devil sects still exist. Moreover, many of their disciples are extraordinary and astounding figures." The Princess's starry eyes had a profound glow as she judged indifferently. "For example, even though the Nine Radiance Sword Sect has started to decline in the recent years, a lean camel is bigger than a horse. Everyone knows that some forsakers of the heavens and old seniors are still living in seclusion on Divine Radiance Peak, and no one is able to touch the foundation of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect while they're still present."

"Princess, you wouldn't have selected the Nine Radiance Sword Sect as your first destination, right?" The gaze of an old man flashed as he spoke with surprise.

"What's wrong with that?" The Princess laughed lightly while carrying pride and nobility that seemed to come from birth. "After a thousand years, my Eternal Spirit Mountain had emerged now, so we naturally have to properly understand the resources and reserves of these great powers, whereas the best method is undoubtedly to spar with all of their disciples."

When she spoke up to here, she raised her eyes to sweep everyone with her gaze and said indifferently, "Let's go. We've lived a leisurely and carefree life in Taotie City for a few days, and it's time to work our muscles."

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The path from Taotie City to the Nine Radiance Sword Sect was no less than five million kilometers.

But at this moment, because of Huo Molei's injuries, Chen Xi wished for nothing more than to return immediately to the sect. So they didn't ride on wagons, and he started carrying Meng Wei and the others as he flew.

With his current cultivation, he was barely able to maintain a speed that was almost on par with teleportation as he brought over 10 people along with him, but it wasn't possible if he were to bring over 100 people along.

Fortunately, there was A'xiu, this mysterious and formidable young woman.

Her slender hand waved and caused an expanse of silvery starlight to appear, and it was like a carpet interweaved from starlight that carried everyone with a matchless speed of 5,000km in the blink of an eye.

Even Chen Xi was extremely shocked in his heart because such ability wasn't inferior to his Wings of Disruption in the slightest. Moreover, based on A'xiu's relaxed appearance, she'd obviously not utilized her full strength.

"Hmm?" After flying for an entire 500,000km, A'xiu seemed to have noticed something above a remote and deserted wasteland, causing her to stop abruptly before her clear eyes moved to look towards the sky at the side.

"Have you noticed something?" Chen Xi's eyes squinted.

A'xiu didn't answer him but stretched out her snow white hand and swung it lightly, causing a wisp of dazzling starlight that seemed like the sharp blade that split the world apart to appear 500km in the distance before slashing down.

Swish!

That expanse of space instantly had a 3km long rift torn open upon it. The rift was pitch black inside and surged with extremely violent spatial tempest, and there was nothing else besides this.

"Big Sister, don't blame me for being rude if you still don't make an appearance." A'xiu grinned as she spoke with a clear and resounding voice that was musical like the sound of nature.

"What an alert little girl. Since you want to see Big Sister, then how can Big Sister refuse?" Suddenly, a gentle and low voice that carried a trace of hoarseness drifted out.

Along with this voice was a delicate and graceful figure that walked out slowly from this expanse of space. Her clothes fluttered in the wind while a jade pendant clinked at her side, and a strand of a calming, clear, and sweet fragrance suddenly suffused the air.

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Chapter 736: Ninesplit Grace

Chen Xi and the others were stunned when they saw the delicate and graceful figure clearly.

This woman had beautiful jet black hair, a fine and high nose, teeth that was like jade, sexy red lips, and a snow white neck that seemed like the neck of a crane. Coupled with her curvy body that caused one's blood to surge, she revealed charm that could conquer all.

This woman walked over with graceful steps, and every single move she made naturally carried an enchanting and amorous aura. She was like a disaster that charmed a country to its collapse, and her eyes were watery and seemed capable of sucking away one's soul with a single glance.

Especially those youths, they were unable to help but feel slightly astounded and reveal a wisp of infatuation when they saw this peerless beauty walk out from the distant sky.

"Eh. No wonder, it's actually a pure blooded Nine-Tailed Fox?" A'xiu's clear eyes swept over as she spoke with a light smile, and her voice was chilly like a gurgling spring as it rumbled throughout the heavens and the earth.

The consciousness of the youths cleared up instantly, allowing them to awaken from their infatuation, and then all of them revealed furious expressions. Dammit! We were actually affected by the enchantment of another!

"Little Sister, you have a good eye. You actually recognized my identity." The woman's gaze flickered as she spoke with surprise, and the combination of her bright red lips and jade white teeth shook the hearts of all.

Chen Xi was shocked in his heart because it was too strange that a pure blooded Nine-Tailed Fox would suddenly appear in the wilderness. Moreover, besides peerless charm, this woman actually had strands of Immortal Energy surging on her body. Obviously, she was an Earthly Immortal Realm expert!

Most alarming to him was this woman seemed to have been waiting here since a long time ago, and if it wasn't for A'xiu noticing this woman's tracks, the consequences were unimaginable.

"You're just a demon woman. What's so hard to recognize about that?" said A'xiu with a grin.

"Little Sister, Big Sister's name is Xueyan, not demon woman." The woman's voice was gentle and hoarse, and it felt like something was scratching at one's heart when one heard it, causing one's blood to boil.

Xueyan?

Chen Xi frowned and was unable to recall who this woman was. But based on the situation before him, she'd obviously come with ill intent!

"Little Brother Chen Xi, we've finally met." Suddenly, Xueyan's eyes turned to descend onto Chen Xi, and her white and smooth face revealed a wisp of radiant beauty.

"You recognize me?" Chen Xi's gaze was clear yet suffused with a wisp of a chilly sheen. Every single word and action of this woman emitted charm that drew one's heart and soul towards her. If it wasn't

for his Dao Heart being tempered to the point of being firm like a rock, his mind would have probably been affected.

“Of course. Presently, who in the Dark Reverie doesn’t know Little Brother Chen Xi?” Xueyan smiled as she spoke, and then her beautiful brows knit together. “But I’m truly very curious. Your Blackhole World was clearly crippled, so why has your cultivation actually recovered?”

Chen Xi’s eyes narrowed slightly as he said with an icy cold voice, “Looks like you were sent over by Bing Shitian.”

His Blackhole World had been destroyed by Bing Shitian, and even Meng Wei and the others didn’t know about this matter. However, it was revealed with a single sentence of this woman, so who else but Bing Shitian could have told her?

This Xueyan was probably lying in ambush here for the sake of killing me!

They’re really like ghosts that never leave...

Chen Xi’s heart was coiled with killing intent while the hatred that was hidden within his heart surged out, and his entire body was suffused with a dense and almost material killing intent.

Since the plot against Qing Yu, to the destruction of his Blackhole World, and the current harming of Huo Molei and the others. All of this was related to Bing Shitian.

This caused Chen Xi to feel extreme hatred, and never had he imagined that a Heavenly Immortal, a great figure from the Heavenflow Dao Sect, would actually be so despicable and shameless!

Meng Wei and Mo Ya acutely sensed the killing intent on Chen Xi’s body, and all of them revealed solemn expressions as they prepared to do battle.

Xueyan acted as if she didn’t notice and said with a light smile, “Little Brother, even if your strength has recovered now. As far as I’m concerned, you’re still too weak. So it’s better if you follow me obediently because my heart would ache if we fight and I injure you.”

Chen Xi puckered his lips and had an extremely icy cold expression as he instructed. “Big Brother Meng Wei, all of you stay out of this and leave it to me.”

Meng Wei and the others were stunned and slightly bewildered. But when they saw Chen Xi’s serious and solemn expression, they chose to obey and silently moved back in the end.

“I never imagined that Little Brother is so noble and righteous. I’m almost unable to refrain from falling for you.” Xueyan smiled beautifully and had a composed appearance as if the situation was within her control.

“Believe it or not, I’ll tear your mouth apart if you continue talking and calling him Little Brother!” A’xiu spoke angrily like a beast that was on the verge of exploding with rage.

Xueyan was stunned and laughed with ridicule. “Little Sister, don’t be so fierce. I’m not trying to steal your lover.”

“A’xiu, stand back,” said Chen Xi.

“You don’t want me to help?” A’xiu frowned.

Chen Xi shook his head with a firm expression.

Xueyan couldn’t help but sigh faintly when she saw this. “After speaking so much to you, you’re still going to make a move in the end. You’ve truly hurt my heart.”

Bang!

As she spoke, her entire body was swiftly suffused with a terrifying imposing aura while immortal radiance fluttered about and the tune of the Dao rumbled, and it shook space itself to the point of wailing.

In merely an instant, her entire body seemed to have transformed into a scorching sun while her aura that belonged to an Earthly Immortal Realm expert rose to the limit, causing even the heavens and the earth to be cast into a shadow!

“Be careful. This demon woman has overcome the first level of the heavenly tribulation, the Azure Lightning Tribulation. She suppresses you in terms of cultivation realms.” A’xiu quickly sent him a voice transmission.

There were nine levels in the Earthly Immortal Realm, and one would experience a tribulation after advancing a level.

The first tribulation was called the Azure Lightning Tribulation. As the saying goes, the Grand Dao is like a clear sky that allowed one to rise rapidly. After one experienced this heavenly tribulation, the vitality of a cultivator would undergo a transformation, causing True Essence to completely transform into Immortal Energy, and the cultivator would leave the ranks of cultivators and be called an Earthly Immortal.

Obviously, this pure blooded Nine-Tailed Fox called Xueyan was a 1st level Earthly Immortal Realm expert!

Hiss!

It took long to write in words, yet was only an instant. Xueyan held a jade sword as she swept it out lightly, causing space to be torn apart as it instantly arrived before Chen Xi. It was a very simple attack, yet it fully brought forth the might of an Earthly Immortal Realm expert.

Under the envelopment of this sword strike, her peerlessly fierce Immortal Energy emanated boundless radiance that slashed apart the surroundings, and its speed was swift to the limit.

Swish!

Chen Xi moved as well. His tall figure surged with talisman markings and flowed with a divine glow while resounding rumbling of the Dao sounded out. His entire body was like a shocking dragon emerging from its lair, and then the Wings of Disruption flapped, causing him to avoid the sword light in the next moment.

Bang!

At the same time that he dodged, Chen Xi's gaze was like a bolt of lightning as he executed the Grand Confinement Dao Arts, and it formed a shapeless force of talisman markings that sealed the surrounding space.

Xueyan's figure instantly slowed down, and then she chuckled. "Sealing space? Even though your Dao Art is profound, your strength is too weak." As she spoke, her jade sword swept out with a twist, and it collapsed this force field, allowing her to easily escape this confined space.

Chen Xi wasn't surprised in the slightest, and his figure was like a shuttle as he seemed to transform into talisman markings that covered the entire sky and surged like waves while a variety of peak-grade Dao Arts sprayed out from his hands!

The Myriad Netherwave Palm, Skycontrol Burial Sword, Nine Spirit Transformations, Violetlotus Goldshadow Barrier, 12 Lotus Platform Deliverance, and the various Dao Art profundities contained within the Allheaven Truth. All of them were Dao Arts with exceedingly terrifying might.

At the instant they were executed, it caused an area of 5,000km in the surroundings to sometimes resound with waves of thunderclaps, sometimes be full of tempests, sometimes have mountains collapse while rivers ran dry, sometimes have the plants on it transform into ash while the earth split apart...

The entire heavens and the earth fell into great chaos. Meng Wei, Mo Ya, and the others were shocked and retreated in unison, yet they were still unable to avoid being affected.

Fortunately, A'xiu made a move at the critical moment and protected all of them. Otherwise, the lives of those youths would surely be in danger.

Meanwhile, Chen Xi had already exerted all his strength. He'd exerted his entire six times combat strength while the Blackhole World constructed from the five Divine Talismans rumbled as it circulated, causing him to seem like the embodiment of talisman markings, and every single move he made were filled with talisman markings and Dao Arts.

Similarly, this was the first time he'd encountered a formidable opponent since leaving the Ninth Hell, a Nine-Tailed Fox that was already ranked amongst Earthly Immortal Realm experts!

The enormous gap in their cultivation realms caused Chen Xi to utterly not dare go back!

He was completely fearless as he fought with all his strength, and the flames of rage and hatred that was suppressed within his heart for a long time surged throughout his body like lava, stimulating every single inch of his skin to the point it burned and seethed.

He seemed as if he'd gone mad!

But it just so happened that his mind was calm like ice while his expression was indifferent yet murderous, and he was like a flash of lightning that tore apart the pitch black night and was peerlessly fierce.

Xueyan's relaxed expression gradually revealed a wisp of surprise as she was inwardly shocked by Chen Xi's heaven defying combat strength.

She was truly unable to imagine how a little fellow at the Nether Transformation Realm was actually capable of holding on for so long before her. Moreover, his courage and strength rose steadily as the battle went on.

Even though she was capable of easily dealing with Chen Xi's string of attacks, she was unable to feel happy at all. Conversely, her expression gradually became solemn and serious.

The little fellow before her couldn't be judged by convention because he was simply a freak. He's able to persist until now with a cultivation at the Nether Transformation Realm, then how terrifying would he be once he grows?

When she thought up to here, exceedingly intense killing intent arose within Xueyan's heart.

Kill!

This scourge must be completely eliminated this time, otherwise, if he's allowed to grow, then he'll absolutely be an enormous threat to my Heavenflow Dao Sect!

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Killing intent arose in Xueyan's heart, causing her to stop holding back, and then an immortal radiance surged out and shot into the sky. Instantly, her body split into nine, and they transformed into nine exactly alike figures.

These nine figures were either wearing a beautiful smile, icy cold, delicate and attractive, or indifferent and proud... Every single figure was like her true body, and every single figure emanated a formidable strength and a monstrous imposing aura that was exactly similar, causing it to be utterly impossible to distinguish which was which.

At the instant they appeared, they took the position of the Nine Palaces, and they completely surrounded Chen Xi!

In merely an instant, Chen Xi felt terrifying pressure press down upon him, and it was as if he was facing nine Earthly Immortals by himself, causing the seething vital blood in his entire body to become sluggish.

"Little Brother, your strength is really not bad that you're actually capable of forcing me to execute the Ninesplit Grace. Amongst those of the same generation, you can be called a peerless genius, and you're even not inferior to the monstrous geniuses of some powers that seclude themselves from the outside world. Unfortunately, the more you're like this, the more Big Sister has to kill you..." Amidst her gentle and hoarse voice, a figure suddenly charged out from amongst the nine figures Xueyan had transformed into, and its fingers squeezed together like a hook that tore the world apart, and it directly arrived before Chen Xi and grabbed fiercely at his Dantian.

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Chapter 737: Hes Too Ferocious!

Ninesplit Grace? A'xiu was stunned when Xueyan executed this technique because she'd recognized this technique as the Innate Dao Art of the Nine Tailed Fox Clan.

This Dao Art was extremely famous during the primeval times because an extremely terrifying demon empress of the Nine Tailed Fox Clan had relied on this technique to annihilate numerous great experts.

Unlike the External Avatar of body refiners, the eight figures formed from the Ninesplit Grace were formed purely from Immortal Energy, and they didn't contain essence, spirit, and mind of a person. However, its might was comparable to an External Avatar or second Soul Core.

Xueyan was an expert at the 1st level of the Earthly Immortal Realm, so when this technique was executed by her, every single figure was like a scorching sun that illuminated the sky, and their strengths weren't any different to her true body.

In other words, at this moment, the pressure Chen Xi faced was so great that it was comparable to facing nine Earthly Immortal Realm experts!

A'xiu's eyes narrowed into two arcs and flashed with a cold light, and she'd prepared to make a move at any moment.

Bang!

Right at this moment, Xueyan's figure had already charged over and arrived before Chen Xi, and her fingers were like a hook that grabbed fiercely towards Chen Xi's Dantian!

She'd already utilized the force grasped by Earthly Immortal Realm experts, teleportation, in this strike! Her speed was so swift that it was completed in a thousandth of an instant.

This was the might and fearsomeness of an Earthly Immortal Realm expert. It completely surpassed cultivators and was below Heavenly Immortals. Even though the Earthly Immortal Realm was only a realm away from the Nether Transformation Realm, it was like the difference between the heavens and the earth. One was in the sky while the other on the ground, and they couldn't be mentioned in the same breath.

Pu!

A shocking scene occurred. To everyone's surprise, Chen Xi actually seemed as if he hadn't reacted to this attack. Not to mention stopping it, he didn't even have the time to dodge, and his belly was directly torn open, causing fresh blood to spray out.

The eyes of Meng Wei and Mo Ya constricted abruptly as they gasped. Never had they imagined that this scene would actually occur so swiftly and so suddenly, and it caused their faces to go grim.

Even A'xiu was stunned because she never imagined that Chen Xi would actually be unable to dodge after Xueyan only utilized a single clone.

This greatly exceeded her expectations because in her previous estimations, Chen Xi's strength was capable of persisting for another 10 minutes, and he would absolutely not be defeated so easily.

After all, the speed of his Wings of Disruption wasn't inferior to teleportation, so how could Chen Xi possibly be unable to dodge?

Xueyan who executed this ruthless strike was stunned as well because she never expected she would succeed so easily, and when she felt the sticky blood that flowed ceaselessly at the tip of her fingers, she understood that Chen Xi had really been injured by her!

Swoosh!

The nine clones converged once more. Xueyan couldn't help but chuckle as she looked at Chen Xi who was right before her, and she said, "Little Brother, looks like I overestimated you earlier."

Her white and slender hand was like a sharp blade that was still pierced into Chen Xi's Dantian, and this caused A'xiu to not dare make any rash movements.

His belly was torn apart, causing fresh blood to flow, but Chen Xi's expression didn't change in the slightest. He was still calm and indifferent, but his countenance was slightly pale.

"Little Brother, Lord Bing Shitian destroyed your Blackhole World the last time, yet you actually unexpectedly reconstructed it. That was a magnificent feat that made history, something that even our predecessors were unable to accomplish had been accomplished by you. If news of this were to be spread, it would surely stir the entire Dark Reverie." Xueyan smiled sweetly while her clear eyes spun about, yet her gaze didn't contain the slightest emotion. "Now, since you've fallen into my hands, let me see if you'll be able to recover your Blackhole World once more after it's destroyed again..."

As she spoke, her right hand that was stuck into Chen Xi's chest flipped, and then it grabbed fiercely at his Blackhole World.

Bang!

His Blackhole World was like an egg shell that shattered easily!

"So weak... Hmm? Wait!" Xueyan was stunned, and then she realized something, causing her expression to change abruptly. "You..." An enormous force that was extremely terrifying acted upon her hand, causing her to be unable to control her body from colliding towards Chen Xi.

It felt as if there was a vortex within Chen Xi's body that firmly sucked onto her right hand with the intention of pulling her into Chen Xi's body.

Shit!

Xueyan reacted extremely swiftly and intended to retreat, but her pupils constricted abruptly as extreme pain came from her stomach, causing her to be unable to refrain from bending her body.

A fist that could crush mountains and shatter rocks had smashed onto her stomach!

Pu!

She couldn't refrain herself from spitting out a mouthful of light golden blood any longer. Before she could even struggle, she felt as if her neck had suffered the smash of a god's sledgehammer.

Bang!

She felt her vision go black while her mind droned and she saw stars.

At this moment, her hair was disheveled while her exceedingly beautiful and charming face was covered in fury. But her droning mind caused her reaction to be slower than usual.

Bang!

Another fist that carried terrifying strength caused her beautiful face to be distorted.

Chen Xi's expression was icy cold while his eyes burned with the flames of hatred, so how could he care that she was a great beauty? His fists were like shooting stars that smashed down like a tempest.

Cultivating in body refinement until now had caused his strength to be peerlessly formidable, so a single strike of his was no less than 1.5 million kg and was capable of shattering a top-grade heaven-rank magic treasure.

Coupled with the Ninth Hell Dao Origin Scripture he'd comprehended during these past few days and the drawing of the Dao into his body, it had caused his body to seem like the origin of the Dao, allowing it to receive the nurturing and tempering of the Grand Dao. So, his strength had become even stronger and far stronger than he'd imagined!

Actually, he'd known since Xueyan executed the Ninesplit Grace that he would lose without a doubt if he continued fighting desperately. After all, that situation was no different from facing the encirclement of nine Earthly Immortal Realm experts.

So he could only use a different method and take a risk.

He never expected that Xueyan had really fallen for it. She thought she'd crushed his Blackhole World, yet how could she have known that his Blackhole World was completely different to all cultivators in the world. It was formed from countless talisman markings, and it could disperse into countless talisman markings with a single thought of his.

Moreover, the meridians throughout his body had been inscribed with countless talisman markings, and these talisman markings had all been arranged in the form of the Devour Grand Dao.

Xueyan's hand entering into his body was like entering into countless devouring vortexes, and this unexpected event was so sudden that it caught her off guard, causing a trace of imperceptible panic to appear in her heart.

Chen Xi was waiting exactly for this opportunity, and he grabbed firmly onto it.

At this moment, he felt unspeakably relaxed because he'd never felt his fists being so filled with energy, and every single punch he struck blasted the hatred and fury in his heart into Xueyan's body.

"Is it so extraordinary to be an Earthly Immortal Realm expert? Didn't you still fall into my hands in the end!?"

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Chen Xi's fists were like a violent tempest that carried surging strength, and he didn't hold back in the slightest. The pitiable Xueyan possessed drop dead gorgeous beauty, a figure that could overthrow a kingdom, and a cultivation at the 1st level of the Earthly Immortal Realm. But she was instantly bashed into a punching bag when encountering a ruthless fellow that showed no mercy to women, and she was bashed to the point her entire body was swollen and convulsing before she fainted.

Hiss!

Meng Wei, Mo Ya, and the youths gasped endlessly while they looked at Chen Xi who'd seemed to have fallen into insanity with astounded expressions.

That's an Earthly Immortal Realm expert!

She actually...lost!

This had exceeded their imagination because they were burning with anxiety for Chen Xi earlier. But in the blink of an eye, the situation had turned around completely, and an Earthly Immortal Realm expert had actually lost at the hands of Chen Xi who was only a Nether Transformation Realm cultivator!

This...was simply astonishing!

It wasn't just that, Xueyan was even bashed by Chen Xi like a punching bag, and she was beaten up to a horrifying state! Her extremely miserable appearance caused even them to tremble with fear and gulp with difficulty.

Ruthlessly destroying a flower!

Mad and ferocious!

If this was seen by someone that didn't know the truth behind the matter, the person would surely be filled with righteous indignation and condemn Chen Xi for not knowing how to cherish a beauty and understand how beauties could be forgiven for no reason...

"Good, excellent! I couldn't bear the sight of this demon woman since the beginning." To everyone's surprise, A'xiu beamed and clapped with praise when facing this scene.

Perhaps that was the true thoughts of a woman. Women were born as latent enemies. Even if they were best friends, they seemed to be extremely close, yet who knew about their struggles and deception in secret?

"Are all of you alright?" After a short moment, Chen Xi stopped when he saw Xueyan had fainted, and his bellyful of fury had receded greatly. He held Xueyan with one hand while turning around to look at the others.

The bodies of the terribly frightened Meng Wei and the others stiffened when they heard this, and they shook their heads in unison. There wasn't the slightest bit of fury on their faces, and they looked at Xueyan who Chen Xi held in his hand with pity. They couldn't help but sigh endlessly with emotion as they recalled her unsurpassed beauty when she made an appearance.

A pity! Truly a pity!

It's fine to make an enemy of anyone, but why did you have to come make an enemy of Chen Xi?

"Hey, why didn't you kill her? If it was me, I'd remove her fox skin and make a few beautiful clothes..." A'xiu muttered from the side.

The hearts of Meng Wei and the others went cold once more. So it turns out that the most ruthless isn't Chen Xi but this candid young woman!

"I'll leave her alive for now because I still have use for her." Chen Xi shook his head because his consciousness was slightly dazed. I actually defeated an Earthly Immortal Realm expert?

But in next to no time, he calmed down. He knew that luck played a huge part in his ability to obtain victory this time, and if he were to really go against Xueyan, then perhaps he would be able to escape with his life, but he would absolutely not be a match for her.

After all, she was an Earthly Immortal and not a cultivator. She'd already stood proudly at the peak of the Mortal Dimension, and it was impossible for him to surmount a realm and defeat an Earthly Immortal Realm expert with his current strength.

But this battle allowed him to clearly understand his strength, and he really anticipated the moment he grasped the ability to utilize seven times, eight, times, nine times...and even 10 times his combat strength. Would I be able to easily defeat an Earthly Immortal Realm expert then?

"Leave her alive?" A'xiu was disappointed, and then said excitedly, "Hey! You wouldn't be intending to make her your slave, right? Oh, it's surely like that. Pure blooded Nine-Tailed Fox are the most enchanting and rather rare. They are the women that many great figures dream of obtaining. My Second Uncle has gathered numerous beautiful slaves, and he only lacks a pure blooded Nine-Tailed Fox. Unfortunately, this Nine-Tailed Fox's strength is too weak, and my Second Uncle will surely not take a fancy to her..." As soon as these words were spoken, everyone including Chen Xi was instantly petrified. The way this young woman thinks...is truly unrestrained!

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Chapter 738: Sword Evaluation Hall!

Xueyan felt as if she'd had a nightmare. Within the dream, fists that were large like pots were everywhere. She was running madly, yet those fists whistled over like raindrops, causing her to be unable to escape nor avoid them, so she couldn't help but cry out in terror.

After that, she let out a muffled groan and woke up abruptly.

How many years has it been? Why am I dreaming again?

Xueyan let out a long sigh of relief before her body stiffened. Wait, I seem to have been...

Bang!

In the next moment, she felt her body was thrown on the ground like a sandbag, and her face hit the floor, causing her face to be covered in dirt.

Dammit!

Who actually dared to be so disrespectful!?

Xueyan was furious in her heart as she opened her eyes, and then she saw a handsome young man staring coldly at her.

This young man had a tall figure, eyes that were deep like the stars, an extraordinary bearing, hands that were placed behind him, and a backbone that was straight like a sword that seemed to be on the verge of piercing through the sky.

Xueyan's face went grim at the instant she saw this young man, and numerous scenes that she couldn't bear to recall flashed through her mind...

I was actually bluntly bashed up by a Nether Transformation Realm cultivator!?

Flames of rage blazed in Xueyan's heart while killing intent rose within her heart, and then she stood up with the intention of killing. However, her legs went soft before she could even stand up, causing her to fall back to the ground.

Only now did she notice that her cultivation had actually been restrained, causing the Immortal Energy in her entire body to be sealed up. So she was no different from an ordinary person!

This caused Xueyan to be unable to help but feel horrified. How could a cultivator at the Nether Transformation Realm possibly place restrictions on me?

She tried to charge through the restriction yet instantly felt violent pain that felt like a myriad of ants boring into her heart surge through her entire body, causing her entire body to tremble while her face turned pale and a layer of cold sweat leaked out of her forehead.

What a terrifying restriction!

This is absolutely not something a cultivator at the Nether Transformation Realm can set up!

Xueyan raised her eyes before her gaze flashed passed Meng Wei, Mo Ya, and all the others before finally descending onto A'xiu. She had a strong feeling that all of this was surely done by this green dressed young woman!

Actually, it was obvious when she thought about it. Earlier, it was this green dressed young woman that was the first to notice her, and it was also this green dressed young woman that was the first to force her out of her hiding spot in the sky.

Unfortunately, she was completely concentrated in dealing with Chen Xi and had always overlooked this point to only realize it now. Perhaps this green dressed young woman is the most terrifying existence amongst this group of people!

A'xiu suddenly turned around and grinned at Xueyan. Her smile was pure and beautiful, yet it caused Xueyan to be unable to refrain from trembling because it seemed as if she'd seen the smile of a little devil.

"Since you've awoken, then let's begin," said Chen Xi.

"Begin what?" Xueyan was stunned.

"I'll ask, and you answer. I believe you understand your current situation very well," said Chen Xi calmly.

"Are you threatening me?" Xueyan was on the verge of going mad with rage as she looked at Chen Xi who was before her. When did even a Nether Transformation Realm cultivator dare to speak like this to me?

"You can refuse to answer, but...," said Chen Xi.

Xueyan interrupted him. "Don't try to threaten me. Do what you like to me. I've fucking cultivated until now and have seen all sorts of storms, so how could I possibly be threatened by you? Even if I die, Lord Bing Shitian will take revenge for me!"

Chen Xi frowned. "Aren't you afraid I'd sell you to the dirtiest brothel in the mortal world to be the lowliest whore that has to serve hundreds of customers every single day for 10 years, causing you to be in utter misery?"

Xueyan laughed coldly with ridicule, and she seemed as if she'd heard the most childish threat.

Chen Xi's frown grew deeper, and he continued. "Then I'll..."

"Come, leave it to me." A'xiu couldn't continue listening, and she grinned as she pushed Chen Xi aside before speaking a single sentence that subdued Xueyan completely.

There were only five words in that sentence — Comply or I'll disfigure you!

Disfigurement might be the most terrifying thing to women of the mortal world, yet its deterrent force was greatly reduced to all female cultivators.

Because cultivators possessed a variety of miraculous spirit pills and profound techniques that could deal with ugliness. It was even to the extent they could discard this body and seize a new body.

But Xueyan believed that since A'xiu dared speak like this, A'xiu had surely considered all these circumstances. In other words, if A'xiu were to disfigure her, then it would be absolutely impossible to repair!

So she submitted.

She couldn't watch as her drop dead gorgeous appearance became utterly hideous. She was a pure blooded Nine-Tailed Fox that was born charming, and she had an innate pursuit for beauty.

Just like the Yazi was infatuated with searching for swords and the Taotie was infatuated with tasting delicacies. Their Nine-Tailed Fox Clan was similarly infatuated to something, and it was beauty.

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Chen Xi's mood was much more relaxed.

He found out from Xueyan that besides Huo Molei, his other senior brothers and senior sister were all in Bing Shitian's possession, and they were locked within the prison of the Heavenflow Dao Sect. None of them were injured or dead.

Moreover, he intended to use Xueyan as a hostage to make Bing Shitian obediently send back his senior brothers and senior sister!

Realistically, Xueyan who was an Earthly Immortal Realm expert was far more valuable than his senior brothers and senior sister. This was an indisputable fact, even though it was an extremely brutal one.

Chen Xi didn't care about all this. He only knew that so long as he kept Xueyan in his possession, then the situation of those seniors of his would become extremely safe.

Not to mention, Xueyan's existence wasn't so simple to him because she still had a use of vital importance!

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Half a day later.

Swoosh!

A wisp of flowing light tore through the sky and appeared far away from the Nine Radiance Sword Sect.

I've finally returned... A wisp of a complicated feeling and cruelty that couldn't be suppressed suffused his heart as he looked at the boundlessly vast and lofty mountain range in the distance.

East Radiance Peak!

Yue Chi!

When he thought about how Huo Molei and the others had been trapped by Yue Chi and fell into the hands of Bing Shitian, Chen Xi wished for nothing more than to directly charge to the East Radiance Peak and annihilate this extremely despicable trash called Yue Chi!

He took a deep breath and forcefully suppressed the killing intent and hatred in his heart before leading Meng Wei and the others along into the Nine Radiance Sword Sect.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi!"

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, you're back!"

"Great! Senior Brother Chen Xi is finally back!"

Chen Xi had just entered into the Nine Radiance Sword Sect when the bodies of all the disciples that guarded the entrance shook before they revealed expressions of pleasant surprise, and then all of them bowed.

All these disciples were mostly Inner Court and Outer Court disciples, and their strengths were around the Golden Core Realm, so they were excited to the extreme when facing a Core Seed Disciple like Chen Xi who was renowned in the world. Some female disciples were even excited to the point their faces flushed red while their delicate figures trembled.

Chen Xi was stunned and cupped his fists to these juniors before turning around and leaving with Meng Wei and the others.

At this moment, there was a ball of flames smoldering in his chest, and he truly couldn't be bothered to pay attention to anything else.

Swoosh!

At the Nine Radiance Sword Sect's Outer Court Hall, before the welcoming area, Chen Xi flew over here and temporarily arranged a place for Meng Wei and the others here because the rules of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect disallowed outsiders from entering the core areas of the sect, otherwise those people would suffer the attacks of the various restrictions.

Even if Chen Xi was a Core Seed Disciple now, he had to abide by this rule, and only by notifying the seniors of the sect to obtain permission would he be able to bring Meng Wei and the others into West Radiance Peak.

“A’xiu, take care of things here. I’ll come get all of you once I notify the Sect Master.” Chen Xi instructed A’xiu before he left.

“Oh, remember to hurry up. You promised to cook delicacies for me earlier, so you better not forget it...” A’xiu nodded and muttered swiftly.

On the other hand, at this moment, Chen Xi had already left the Outer Court.

“Senior Brother! Senior Brother Chen Xi! You’ve finally returned!” However, right when Chen Xi intended to head to True Martial Peak and pay a visit to the Sect Master, Wen Huating, a few streaks suddenly descended before him and bowed respectfully.

“What is it?” Chen Xi noticed that they were Core Seed Disciples on Divine Radiance Peak as well, and all of them were of the School of Fiendgod Body Refinement and possessed strengths that weren’t bad.

“We’ve been searching for Senior Brother for a long time according to Elder Lie Peng’s orders,” said one of the disciples.

“Searching for me?” Chen Xi was stunned. Elder Lie Peng was the Enforcement Elder of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect. On that day after the Peak Trials, Elder Lie Peng had once brought him along to Azurecloud Pavilion in order to obtain his command token as a Core Seed Disciple. Moreover, Elder Lie Peng treated him quite well.

“Right, Senior Brother Chen Xi. We’ve already found out from the disciples before the entrance that Senior Brother has already returned to the sect. Elder Lie Peng ordered all disciples with five times combat strength and above on our Divine Radiance Peak to converge at the Sword Evaluation Hall. Senior Brother should head over quickly as well.”

Chen Xi was currently renowned in the world. He’d slaughtered Yan Shisan and shocked the world, causing him to be reputed as a peerless genius, and he was even the most notable outstanding disciple in the Nine Radiance Sword Sect.

Before he’d returned to the sect, his reputation and status had already attained an unprecedented height amongst the Core Seed Disciples of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, and it was even greater than Long Zhenbei, Wang Zhonghuan, Yun Ye, Luo Qianrong, and the others.

When facing him, all these Core Seed Disciples were respectful and reverent as well, and they didn’t dare be disrespectful in the slightest.

“What exactly has happened? Could it be that we’re asked to gather at the Sword Evaluation Hall because some sort of great figure has come to pay a visit?” Chen Xi knew that the Sword Evaluation Hall was a grand hall in the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, and it was usually only opened when the sect encountered the visit of a distinguished guest.

“Exactly. A princess of the Eternal Spirit Mountain has come to pay a visit. Her identity is extremely noble, and even Elder Lie Peng is personally accompanying her.” One of the disciples explained.

The Eternal Spirit Mountain!

Chen Xi was shocked in his heart. According to the rumors, besides the 10 great immortal sects and six lineages of the devil sect, there were two more mysterious places in the Dark Reverie.

One was called the Unknown Lands, and the other was called the Secluded Paradise.

Both these places possessed numerous mysterious and ancient sects, and the most famous amongst them was the Saintly Land of Ascension, the Eternal Spirit Mountain, the Dhyana Forest Temple, and so on and so forth.

All these sects had secluded themselves from the outside world for many years, and some didn't have any inheritors of the sect appear in the world for over 10,000 years. They seemed as if they'd been obliterated from the world, and they were mysterious and unfathomable.

It was even to the extent that some inheritances only possessed two or three people in the sect, and the inheritance of the sect was passed down to a sole inheritor. But because their strengths and resources were similarly shocking to the extreme, they were absolutely figures that led the era once they emerged into the world!

All of this was recorded in the Dark Reverie Manual, yet it was extremely brief and vague. When these names were mentioned, it was usually very briefly in a single line, and it seemed as if these two mysterious places were a taboo that no one dared to touch.

The Eternal Spirit Mountain, so such a sect really does exist... Chen Xi frowned as he muttered, and he faintly felt that the arrival of this Princess of the Eternal Spirit Mountain was probably not so simple.

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Chapter 739: Baili Yan

The Unknown Lands and the Secluded Paradise.

There were numerous legends about these two mysterious places. These legends were even extremely absurd like someone had once joked that they were two 'tiny Immortal Dimensions' opened up in the Mortal Dimension, and there were numerous gods, immortals, and sages that has escaped from the five elements and weren't included within samsara!

Regardless of whether the rumors were true or not, these two mysterious places had been dyed with an air of mysteriousness and unfathomableness.

But Chen Xi knew very clearly that even if those rumors were slightly exaggerated, but these two mysterious places did indeed contain numerous great figures that were peerlessly formidable!

Because while he was in the Primeval Battlefield, his companions Zhen Liuqing, Fan Yunlan, Ling Yu, Young Master Zhou, and the others had taken great figures from these mysterious places as their masters.

For example, these great figures were like Heaven Trampler from the Unknown Lands, Huang Meiweng from the Saintly Land of Ascension, Fang Zhanmei from the First Heaven Devil Sect, and the Monk of Six Senses from the Dhyana Forest Temple.

All these great figures didn't even take Bing Shitian who carried a decree of the Immortal Dimension, and if it wasn't for him being obstructed by his identity, Heaven Trampler would have almost made a move to kill Bing Shitian. So it was obvious how terrifying the sect that stood behind him was.

The Eternal Spirit Mountain was a terrifying power from the Secluded Paradise.

Presently, not only had the disciples of the Eternal Spirit Mountain stepped foot into the world, they'd even arrived at the Nine Radiance Sword Sect and were converged in the Sword Evaluation Hall. This caused Chen Xi to acutely smell a trace of unusualness.

But in next to no time, he ceased thinking about it. He was very busy, busy to go see the Sect Master, busy to make arrangements for Meng Wei and the others, busy to take revenge for Huo Molei... There were too many things he had to do, so regardless of how respected and mysterious the disciples of the Eternal Spirit Mountain were, he didn't have the slightest mood to meet them.

"Forget it, I'm not going to the Sword Evaluation Hall." Chen Xi said, "I'll trouble Junior Brothers to tell Elder Lie Peng that I've headed to True Martial Peak to see the Sect Master."

Those Core Seed Disciples were stunned, and they were extremely anxious. "Senior Brother Chen Xi, please wait!"

Chen Xi frowned. "Is there something else?"

One of the disciples said with a bitter smile, "Senior Brother, to tell you the truth, those disciples of the Eternal Spirit Mountain are truly too arrogant, and they threatened to defeat every single one of the most outstanding Seed Disciples in our Nine Radiance Sword Sect. Presently, the spars are about to begin in the Sword Evaluation Hall. This matter is related to the dignity of us disciples of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect. Senior Brother, how about..."

Chen Xi interrupted him before he could finish speaking. "It's only a spar and not a battle of life and death. Not to mention, isn't there Chen Langya, Chang Le, Long Zhenbei, Yun Ye, Ning Zhen, and other senior brothers on our Divine Radiance Peak?"

There were a total of 109 Seed Disciples on Divine Radiance Peak, and there were over 20 people amongst them that were body refiners and they were mostly from the South Radiance Peak.

Amongst these 20 plus disciples that were body refiners, all of them who were capable of being ranked in the top five were first-rate figures in the entire Divine Radiance Peak. Moreover, they possessed extraordinary strength and brilliant accomplishments in combat.

For example, Ning Zhen that he spoke of was an existence that was ranked in the top three amongst the body refiner disciples, and his strength wasn't inferior to Luo Qianrong, Yun Ye, Wang Zhonghuan, and the others in the slightest.

As for Chang Le, he was a legendary figure that wasn't only ranked the first amongst body refiners but was also a renowned existence amongst the 109 disciples on the entirety of Divine Radiance Peak.

But the limelight of all these people was completely covered up by a single person, Chen Langya!

He was from the ancient Chen Clan, possessed extraordinary natural talent, and peerless karmic luck. He was reputed to be an unsurpassed genius that possessed great will and fortune. He'd always occupied the position of first amongst the Seed Disciples on Divine Radiance Peak, and no one was capable of shaking his position in the last 30 years.

But this person really kept an extremely low profile and kept to himself. He usually stayed in seclusion and practically had no contact with any disciples. Perhaps, this was another type of pride and conceit. After all, it was difficult to mix together when their strengths weren't on the same level.

Chen Xi didn't have any impression of this person, and he'd merely heard of this person's name.

But with his reputation, then there seemed to be no need for Chen Xi to make a move during the spars with disciples of the Eternal Spirit Mountain while Chen Langya was present.

So Chen Xi refused again.

If it was any other time, he would naturally not refuse. After all, as a disciple of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, how could he stand idly by when someone came to provoke the sect?

But right now there was too much rage and hatred pent-up within his heart, and he wished for nothing more than to charge into the East Radiance Peak and fight Yue Chi, so how could he have the mood to spar with another? What if he was unable to control his rage and killed his opponent?

"Senior Brothers Chang Le, Yun Ye, Long Zhenbei, and Ning Zhen arrived a long time ago. But Senior Brother Chen Langya is in closed door cultivation, and he's probably unable to participate." One of the disciples spoke while filled with anxiety.

"Alas. If Senior Brother Chen Langya was present, then Elder Lie Peng wouldn't have to be so worried." Another one of them sighed.

"This is truly a headache." Chen Xi frowned. He'd just returned to the sect for 10 minutes and had urgent matters to attend to, so he had utterly no mood to head to the Sword Evaluation Hall. But Chen Langya had been in secluded cultivation within the sect all along yet ignored the matters of the sect, and he seemed extremely haughty.

Everyone looked anxiously at Chen Xi.

Presently, Chen Xi was renowned throughout the world and stood supreme amongst those of the same generation. In terms of reputation and prestige in the clan, he was already not inferior to Chen Langya, and they felt it couldn't be any better if they were able to get him to participate.

"Let's go." Chen Xi frowned and pondered briefly before he took a deep breath and made a decision, and then he flicked his sleeve before rising nimbly into the sky.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, please follow us!" The disciples were greatly delighted, and they hastily led the way in the front.

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Sword Evaluation Hall, a magnificent hall that was constructed in the depths of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect. It was completely constructed from Adamantine Gold, and it was suffused with a radiant gold color. It was ancient and lofty, and it would only be opened up when a distinguished guest paid the Nine Radiance Sword Sect a visit.

When Chen Xi arrived in the hall, he noticed that a young woman was sitting upright on the seats above the seats for distinguished guests in the hall. She wore a crown that was like a shooting star and

feathered clothes with tassels. She had jet black hair that was like a waterfall flowing from her head, skin that was snow white and tender, an appearance that was beautiful like a painting, and a deep and tranquil bearing. But the space between her brows were filled with an aura of nobility that couldn't be disobeyed.

The aura in the surroundings of this young woman were obscure, like it was covered by a trace of mist, causing one to be unable to perceive it. Obviously, she'd cultivated a technique capable of concealing her strength.

This young woman is probably that Princess from the Eternal Spirit Mountain... Chen Xi thought in his heart.

The Eternal Spirit Mountain was situated within the Secluded Paradise, and it was equally popular to the Dhyana Forest Temple and Saintly Land of Ascension. It had been inherited for a very long time that even surpassed the age of the 10 great immortal sects, but it was a power that was unknown to most people.

Below the young woman sat a few old men and women with bearings that were deep like oceans, and their bodies were suffused with strands of Immortal Energy. Shockingly, they were all Earthly Immortal Realm experts, and all of them weren't inferior to the Nine-Tailed Fox Xueyan.

Besides this, there were a few young men with arrogant expressions. All of them crossed their arms before their chests and seemed haughty while they sized up the Sword Evaluation Hall coldly with gazes that carried a deep feeling of superiority.

Besides that, Elder Lie Peng sat at the central seat for the host, and there were also a few Earthly Immortal Realm elders of the Azurecloud Pavilion present there as well.

In the area below the great figures of the sect was Chang Le, Yun Ye, Wang Zhonghuan, Long Zhenbei, Luo Qianrong, and the other top Core Seed Disciples sitting cross-legged there, and they were sat facing the young disciples of the Eternal Spirit Mountain with expressions that faintly revealed a confrontational aura.

What a grand array!

Chen Xi couldn't help but be surprised when he swept his gaze over. The Nine Radiance Sword Sect wasn't perfunctory in the slightest when entertaining these distinguished guests from the Eternal Spirit Mountain, and practically all the most outstanding Seed Disciples on Divine Radiance Peak were gathered here.

As for the great figures of the sect, there were a few Earthly Immortal Realm experts present here, and this array was sufficiently grand and shocking.

"Eh!"

"Chen Xi!"

"This fellow has actually returned!?"

When they noticed Chen Xi's tall figure stepping foot into the Sword Evaluation Hall, Elder Lie Peng, all the other elders, and all the Seed Disciples were stunned, and then they were in an uproar.

They seemed to have never imagined that Chen Xi would actually return at a time like this!

After their astonishment, they felt excited and pleasantly surprised. Especially Elder Lie Peng and the other elders, all of them smiled and almost stood up to greet him.

Chang Le and all the other disciples were similarly pleasantly surprised, but most of them were bewildered and even envious. Moreover, Yun Ye and Wang Zhonghuan who were amongst them revealed complicated expressions.

Who would have imagined that a disciple that had merely joined the sect for a little over a year would become an astonishing and renowned figure in the entire Dark Reverie now?

No matter if it was his status, identity, or that terrifying combat strength of his, he'd left all of them far behind. So not to mention Yun Ye and Wang Zhonghuan who'd once made Chen Xi their enemies, even the other disciples had complicated feelings.

Chen Xi moved forward and greeted everyone before finding a place to sit down.

"You're that Chen Xi who slaughtered Yan Shisan and caused a great disturbance in the Dark Parasol Secret Realm?" Right when Chen Xi had just sat down, the Princess spoke abruptly, and her chilly and fierce gaze were like sharp swords that tore through the sky before sizing Chen Xi up from head to toe while seeming to want to see through him.

The manner she acted in was slightly overbearing, and even slightly disrespectful. But when it was carried out by this Princess of the Eternal Spirit Mountain, it was so natural and relaxed, and she was utterly not worried whether the other person would feel aversion towards her actions, causing her to seem extremely oppressive and fierce. Obviously, she'd done something like this on more than one occasion.

Chen Xi glanced at this Princess before withdrawing his gaze. He was able to sense based on his intuition that this young woman's strength was rather formidable, and she was surely a top figure in the Nether Transformation Realm and might even be more terrifying than that.

This conformed to the saying that people who came from the Secluded Paradise were monstrous geniuses, and there wasn't a single weak person amongst them!

"Haha! Princess Baili is right. This is my Nine Radiance Sword Sect's Core Disciple, Chen Xi. He has only joined the sect for less than a year, yet is already a young genius that's renowned in the world." Elder Lie Peng roared with laughter. Obviously, he felt extremely proud and complacent from possessing such a disciple like Chen Xi.

Elder Lie Peng paused momentarily, and then continued. "Chen Xi, this is our distinguished guest from the Eternal Spirit Mountain, Princess Baili Yan. Her cultivation technique is profound while her strength is unfathomable. If you have the chance, you should have a good exchange with her because you'll surely obtain great benefit from it."

Out of considerations of etiquette, Chen Xi cupped his hands from afar towards Baili Yan, and then didn't do anything else after that. It couldn't be helped, all his thoughts were on other things, so how could he have the mood to exchange pleasantries with this extremely proud princess?

So what if it was the Eternal Spirit Mountain?

Chen Xi had never had any interest towards the origins and status of others.

Talisman Emperor

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Chen Xi's actions obviously seemed perfunctory, and it instantly drew the displeasure of those disciples from the Eternal Spirit Mountain.

“Causing a great disturbance in the Dark Parasol Secret Realm and slaughtering Yan Shisan is extraordinary indeed, and you're barely able to be considered a genius within the 10 great immortal sects. But it's normal to our Eternal Spirit Mountain.” Suddenly, a young man under Princess Baili's command that was sitting cross-legged there spoke with an arrogant expression that was filled with disdain.

As soon as these words were spoken, the atmosphere in the hall instantly became tense.

All the disciples of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect revealed displeased expression. How can he speak like that? Slaughtering Yan Shisan is only considered to be normal? He's obviously provoking us!

Only Chen Xi had an indifferent expression and was silent with a lowered head. He was pondering about how he should fiercely deal with Yue Chi, and he'd utterly not taken that disciples provocation seriously.

Presently, his gaze had already gone past those of the same generation and was placed on the experts of the senior generation. Unless it was an extremely dazzling and peerless genius, it would be almost impossible for someone of the same generation to be taken seriously by him.

This wasn't conceit, but the confidence and reserves he possessed after his strength and cultivation underwent a transformation. Men marched upwards just like water flowed downwards, so fussing about this all the time with some clowns would bring disgrace to him instead.

“Hmph! What's so great about the Eternal Spirit Mountain? Even though its Dao inheritance is formidable, it would become a laughing stock if its disciples were useless.” Yun Ye spoke coldly.

He wore a sea blue Dao robe, possessed a gentle and handsome appearance, and emanated oppressive heroic spirit from between his brows. At this moment, his sudden speech caused the atmosphere in the hall to become even more strained.

Princess Baili smiled while her expression remained unchanged.

Elder Lie Peng combed his beard and smiled as well, and he seemed as if he didn't notice anything in the surroundings.

Based on their attitudes, everyone instantly understood that they tacitly consented to this sort of provocation. Perhaps this was another sort of encouragement, and it was encouraging the disciples from both sides to spar and determine a winner...

Sure enough, in the next moment, that disciple from the Eternal Spirit Mountain that spoke earlier stood up, and his gaze that was cold and fierce like a blade swept right towards Yun Ye before a wisp of a cold

smile curled up on the corners of his mouth. "Senior Brother, you think the disciples of my Eternal Spirit Mountain are useless? Why don't we play?"

As he spoke, he took a step forward.

Bang!

In the next moment, his entire body was suffused with a glazed five colored energy of Metal, Wood, Fire, Water, and Earth, causing him to seem like a sovereign that controlled the five elements.

"Five Element Physique!" Elder Lie Peng's eyes focused when he saw the aura that surrounded this young man, and he couldn't help but cry out with surprise.

"What? It really is the Five Element Physique? This is one of the most formidable innate spirit bodies in the world that allowed one to innately control the profundities of the five elements and easily cultivate any Dao Arts of the five elements!"

"It's actually someone that possesses the Five Elements Body!"

"Such a physique is rare and matchless. Since the ancient times, all possessors of this physique were those that were born out of fate and were the favorites of the heavens. Once someone who possessed this physique was born, all of them possessed the potential to become a peerless monarch. I never imagined, I truly never imagined that such a monstrous genius would be born within the Eternal Spirit Mountain."

The other elders of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect were extremely shocked in their hearts because never had they imagined that a random young man under Princess Baili's command would actually possess the extremely rare Five Element Physique.

It was difficult to find a few such people in the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, and it was probably difficult to find a single one amongst a million disciples of the sect!

In the heavens and the earth, and especially in paradises that carried the fortune of the heavens, monstrous geniuses that possessed extraordinary talent would be born occasionally. They possessed various types of unbelievable natural talents such as the Firestar Body, Thousand Severance Devilbody, White Emperor's Metal Eyes, Darkflow Veins, Profound Spirit Ancient Vein, and so on and so forth.

So long as these young people with extraordinary natural talents didn't perish before their time, then they would surely grow into an overlord in the future because they carried the karmic luck of the heavens, and they were countless times more formidable than ordinary cultivators.

Chang Le, Wang Zhonghuan, and the other geniuses of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect revealed serious expressions. This is the Five Element Physique of legends, a favorite of the heavens, how should Yun Ye react to this?

"The Five Element Physique? Hmph! Is it so great?" Yun Ye stood up abruptly before an expanse of platinum radiance surged out from his eyes, and it was like a blade that emitted a sharp feeling of destroying all evil and all obstructions before it.

The White Emperor's Metal Eyes!

He's similarly someone with extraordinary natural talent!

Now it was the turn of those Earthly Immortal Realm experts from the Eternal Spirit Mountain to be surprised because they'd never imagined that this little fellow who dared to speak arrogantly possessed such natural talent as well.

"Haha, the White Emperor's Metal Eyes? Unfortunately, one that possesses this natural talent is only capable of innately mastering the Grand Dao of Metal, whereas I, Fang Jinglue, am capable of mastering the Grand Dao profundities of Metal, Wood, Fire, Water, and Earth! How can you compare to me?" The young man who called himself Fang Jinglue crossed his arms before his chest and sneered without end.

"Do you only know how to talk crap?" In terms of arrogance, Yun Ye wasn't inferior to Fang Jinglue in the slightest, and merely a single sentence combined with his indifferent and arrogant bearing instantly caused Fang Jinglue's face to sink.

"Very good, then let's decide this in battle!" The corners of Fang Jinglue's mouth curled into a cold arc, and he made a move as he spoke.

"Princess Baili, how about..." Elder Lie Peng spoke abruptly as he looked at Baili Yan.

"There no harm to it. Junior Brother Fang knows how to restrain himself, and he won't strike ruthlessly since it's only a spar." Baili Yan waved her hand indifferently, and her words revealed a feeling of being confident towards victory.

This caused the corners of Lie Peng's mouth to twitch imperceptibly while a ball of flames of annoyance arose in his heart, yet he said indifferently instead, "Alright. The distinguished disciples of the Eternal Spirit Mountain have come to our Nine Radiance Sword Sect for an exchange this time, so a spar is beneficial for both parties to get to know each other."

He flicked his sleeve as he spoke, causing countless blazing and radiant ripples of restrictions to appear abruptly on the gilded ground at the center of the Sword Evaluation Hall, and then an enormous arena rumbled as it arose from the ground!

This arena was completely pitch black as if constructed from steel that was tempered countless times. Its surface was covered densely with ancient symbols, and there were even dark red colored traces of blood and numerous ghastly marks of the sword on it. At the instant it appeared, it surged with a dense and fierce killing intent that assaulted the face.

"This is the Sword Evaluation Platform, and it's the place of battle that the ancestors of my Nine Radiance Sword Sect created to test their swords. It's completely constructed from Black Mothercrystal that comes from outside the three dimensions. Even Heavenly Immortals battling atop it would be unable to harm it in the slightest." Lie Peng said calmly, "Both of you spar on the Sword Evaluation Platform!"

The Sword Evaluation Platform!

The eyes of Baili Yan and everyone from the Eternal Spirit Mountain narrowed as they'd discerned how extraordinary it was. Even though it was used for battle, its value was so great that an ordinary sect was utterly incapable of possessing!

Even if it was in the Eternal Spirit Mountain, a treasure like this Sword Evaluation Platform could be said to be rare.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Without saying another word, Yun Ya and Fang Jinglue leaped up onto the arena and stood in confrontation with each other from afar. Even though they hadn't begun, there was a shapeless and terrifying imposing aura that emanated from both of them and encountered before colliding with each other in the air!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

On the Sword Evaluation Platform, the disturbance of their auras caused the space between them to shatter inch by inch and emit sharp and ear piercing sounds of explosion.

Shocking imposing aura!

Instantly, they drew the gazes of everyone in the hall. This was a battle between the best geniuses in the two powers, so the outcome of the battle had great implications to the two powers.

Even Chen Xi couldn't help but raise his eyes and look over when he sensed the shocking scene on the Sword Evaluation Platform.

Earlier, he didn't care when Fang Jinglue spoke offensively and provoked him earlier, but he never imagined that Yun Ye would actually stand out and stop it.

Regardless of whether Yun Ye had done it to help him or purely because Yun Ye couldn't bear the sigh of Fang Jinglue's arrogance, it caused Chen Xi's impression of Yun Ye to change greatly.

"Chen Xi, you've finally returned." Meanwhile, a clear and pleasing voice sounded out by his ears, causing his attention to instantly be withdrawn from the arena, and when he raised his eyes to look over, he saw that An Wei and Long Zhenbei had suddenly arrived at the seats by his side.

"You made me and Junior Sister An worry bitterly for quite a few months, you really went too far!" Long Zhenbei pretended to be angry as he spoke while the corners of his mouth were filled with a smiling expression instead. After they returned from the Dark Parasol Secret Realm, he and An Wei had always been worried about Chen Xi's safety, and he was naturally extremely happy when he saw Chen Xi had finally returned.

Chen Xi felt apologetic and explained to the two of them.

Meanwhile, the curtains to the battle on the arena had been drawn, and the situation of the battle was shocking and drew clamorous noise from the surroundings.

"Chen Xi, that servant of yours, Mu Kui, asked me to pass this to you." An Wei suddenly handed over a jade slip.

Chen Xi was stunned, and then he took it from her and read it before the fury and killing intent pent up within his heart almost went out of control.

The content of the jade slip was very simple. It only told Chen Xi that he and Ling Bai were unaware when Huo Molei and the others left the sect because they thought it was only an ordinary assignment of the sect and didn't pay attention to it.

Unexpectedly, he and Ling Bai suddenly encountered the assault of Yue Chi, and if it wasn't for Ling Bai quickly taking advantage of an opportunity, both of them would have almost been killed.

Now, both he and Ling Bai had already left the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, and he'd headed to a treasure vault to search for treasure under the guidance of Ling Bai with the intention of improving his strength before returning to take revenge, so Chen Xi didn't have to worry.

At the end of the jade slip was Mu Kui's apology that was filled with self-blame and guilt. Mu Kui said he felt restless in his heart from being unable to protect Huo Molei and the others properly, and he would surely offer the deepest apology he could make to Chen Xi once he returned.

Ling Bai didn't say anything within the jade slip, but Chen Xi could imagine that the extremely proud Ling Bai would surely be furious to the limit and be filled with extreme hate. Otherwise, with Ling Bai's nature, he would absolutely not choose to keep silent.

Bang!

The jade slip was crushed by Chen Xi, yet he was completely unaware, and only his eyes flashed with exceedingly dense and surging killing intent.

Yue Chi!

It's this damnable old goat again!

Not only did he go against Senior Brother Huo Molei and the others while I wasn't present, he actually made a move against Ling Bai and Mu Kui! He simply wants to exterminate everything around me!

At this instant, Chen Xi was filled with hatred to the point he practically wanted to abandon his reason and disregard everything before killing his way to the East Radiance Peak!

The nearby An Wei and Long Zhenbei noticed Chen Xi's unusual reaction, and they were just about to speak when an enormous bang resounded within the hall.

After that, a figure was blasted flying out of the Sword Evaluation Platform while coughing up blood repeatedly. Obviously, the figure had suffered a heavy injury.