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Chapter 471: Assessment

When Jiang Chen said the word mother, Shun Long saw the proud young man's previously cold expression slowly melting, as hints of pain and suffering appeared on his face, along with 2 translucent tears that rolled down from his cheeks.

It was obvious that Jiang Chen felt that he owed his mother too much, and couldn't accept her situation.

He was determined to do anything he could to save her, no matter what the consequences were for himself.

This was the reason why he decided to take this risk and approach Shun Long to ask for the help of the power behind him, even though he knew that it was possible for him to become a slave in the future.

After all, no one would possibly satisfy Jiang Chen's request without asking him to pay an enormous price for it!

Thus, before Shun Long could give his answer, Jiang Chen decided to explain everything without holding back. In the end, only if Shun Long and the power behind him knew about his enemies would they be able to confidently tell him whether they could help him or not.

Otherwise, if they decided to go back on their word in the future after learning of the power of his enemies, Jiang Chen would be the one to suffer.

Taking a deep breath, Jiang Chen then touched the finger-sized scar below his left eye with his forefinger as he then continued speaking in a self-mocking tone

"My mother comes from the Yu family of the Eternal Darkness world and this scar means that I have been rejected by the Elders of the Yu family! Although I carry their bloodline, I am not a part of their family, but just an outcast!"

As Jiang Chen finished his words, he stared intently at Shun Long's eyes, almost as if he was trying to see if there was any fear inside them after hearing the name of the Yu family.

Of course, although Shun Long didn't have the knowledge of his past life available at this moment but only a few fragments of them, and he didn't know how strong the Eternal Darkness world and the powers on it really were, he clearly understood that, to be situated in the Immortal Dimension and to possess the bloodline of a powerful magic beast, the Yu family definitely had more than just a few immortals backing them!

Most likely, they were a really powerful force, one that couldn't be taken lightly by most other powers in the Immortal Dimension.

Jiang Chen's dreams of getting revenge on that family wouldn't be easy even if he managed to somehow become an immortal in the future.

Shun Long had an extremely deep look in his eyes as he stared at the young man in front of him, before he said in a calm tone

"It's going to be nearly impossible for you to take revenge. Even if you train with the best resources and the best cultivation techniques and martial skills, even if you have the best sparring partners in this world and manage to become an immortal in the future, you will still be unable to shake a big family in the Immortal Dimension by yourself. Even if another huge power is backing you, they will still be unwilling to fight a war for your sake, regardless of what you have to offer."

Shun Long's words were like a heavy hammer striking in Jiang Chen's heart. This was the answer he wanted to hear the least, and yet, at the same time, he also understood that Shun Long was right.

How many people would have to fight in a war between 2 powers in the Immortal Dimension?

And yet, Jiang Chen didn't show any despair on his face when he heard Shun Long's answer.

Instead, he nodded his head calmly with an uncaring look in his eyes, as he stood up from his seat and turned around to leave the room.

He had already been prepared to be rejected from the beginning.

He knew that the chances that someone would agree to his request were extremely low.

Even if Shun Long had enough authority inside the power that was backing him to decide something like that, who would easily choose to fight another strong power in the Immortal Dimension for the sake of one person?

And yet, there was still a determined look in his eyes as he started to walk towards the door of the room, completely ignoring the blue-robed young man who was still sitting on the white cushion and the 2 young women by his side.

Shaking his head, Shun Long stared at the figure of the black-robed young man that was walking towards the door before he said in a calm voice

"Although the purity of the bloodline of the Demonic Crow of Darkness in your body has already reached 40 percent, you won't be able to take on an entire family in the Immortal Dimension. You won't even be able to fight against their strongest geniuses! You will die before you know it.

What you don't know is, that in the Immortal Dimension, the stronger families are even able to increase the purity of the bloodlines of their descendants through special pills and rare techniques, making them even stronger. Someone who is born with a 40 percent purity of their bloodline can even reach 80 percent if they are groomed by their family. Do you think that you can fight against such a person?

What will you do if you have to fight against someone who is naturally born with 60, 70, or even 80 percent purity of the same bloodline as you? Can you even stand up to someone like that who has been born in the Immortal Dimension and has enjoyed the best resources from the very beginning of his birth?"

Jiang Chen's footsteps halted as he turned around and gazed at Shun Long who was speaking calmly at him with a shocked look on his face, almost as if Shun Long wasn't crushing his dreams with his words right now, and instead, was stating the most natural fact.

At the same time, Jiang Chen was extremely shocked in his heart that Shun Long had actually recognized the origin of his bloodline so easily! The Demonic Crow of Darkness was a rare magic

beast even in the Immortal Dimension, one that not many people knew of. And yet Shun Long had managed to recognize it with a single glance!

However, despite wavering for a moment, the look in Jiang Chen's eyes still remained firm in the end as he said in a determined tone

"Even without your help, I can still take revenge!"

Shaking his head, Shun Long slowly stood up from his seat at that moment, and pointing his finger at Jiang Chen's chest, he stared at the young man in front of him with an extremely profound look in his eyes before he said calmly

"It's useless. Even your unique physique won't be enough to allow you to compete with the best geniuses of your mother's family in the Immortal Dimension by itself!"

Suddenly, Jiang Chen's movements turned rigid as he stood rooted on the spot.

Chapter 472: Shun Long's goal

Shun Long's last sentence resounded in Jiang Chen's mind again and again, causing him to stare at the blue-robed young man in front of him with eyes filled with incredulity and shock.

Even in the fourth test when he was fighting a nearly desperate fight, Jiang Chen still hadn't revealed the fact that he had a unique physique.

Of course, the reasons behind it were, that firstly, his body refinement cultivation was only at the early fifth stage and wasn't strong enough to help him win the fight against his opponent, the young woman named Huo Ru who was at the middle of rank 5 in the Nascent Soul stage, while the second reason was, that since he had already revealed his most important trump card, his bloodline of the Demonic Crow of Darkness, he still wanted to keep at least his unique physique a secret for a while.

And yet, Shun Long had actually managed to see through it and easily pointed out the fact that he possessed a unique physique.

At the same time, both from the look in his eyes, as well as the tone in which he said it, Jiang Chen was almost certain that Shun Long wasn't just grasping for straws.

Shaking his head, Shun Long stared at the black-robed young man opposite to him before he continued with a calm voice

"Even though you managed to hide it well enough, it's nearly impossible to completely conceal a unique physique when you fight. Even if you don't make use of its special traits, it is still possible for others to find out about it due to the fluctuations of energy around your body!"

Jiang Chen's eyes were filled with skepticism and disbelief when he heard this, as he curiously stared at the blue-robed young man in front of him without answering right away.

Even his own father wouldn't be able to point out that he possessed a unique physique if he didn't reveal it by himself, and yet Shun Long could actually do so almost effortlessly? And yet, although Jiang Chen didn't want to believe it, it seemed that Shun Long wasn't bluffing either.

At the same time, although he had noticed that Jiang Chen hadn't fully believed his words, Shun Long didn't seem to mind, as he sat back down on his white cushion and with a calm look on his face he continued

"You are actually not the only one who hid his unique physique during the fourth test. There is another guy who also did the same thing as you. However, even with your Demonic Crow of Darkness' bloodline and your Eternal Darkness physique combined, you will still be unable to shake a family in the Immortal Dimension by yourself. You may not even be able to fight against the absolute strongest geniuses of your mother's family before you die..."

Although Jiang Chen wasn't daunted by Shun Long's words previously, his confidence was finally shaken after staring at the unfathomable young man in front of him.

No matter what, to be able to see through him directly and expose every secret of his almost effortlessly, he could no longer disregard Shun Long's words.

And yet, he couldn't give up on his revenge either, nor could he give up on his plan to save his mother!

Seeing the struggle in Jiang Chen's eyes, Shun Long's lips finally curved up into a smile as he looked at the young man in front of him, before he then said calmly

"However, although you can't do it just by yourself, it doesn't mean that it's something completely impossible to do either!

Follow me!

Stand behind me in the future, both as my friend and as a general!

I will not only help you to save your mother, but even eradicate that family if you so wish!"

Although Shun Long was still sitting in the white cushion at the center of the room, his body was exuding an aura of majesty, tyranny and absolute confidence as he said these words, while his calm black eyes had an extremely deep look inside them as he stared at Jiang Chen's eyes.

It was almost as if a monarch was recruiting his general while declaring the course of the future.

At that moment, Jiang Chen's body shivered as he looked at Shun Long with eyes filled with disbelief.

Unable to hide his confusion any longer he finally asked

"Why?

Didn't you say that no power would do it for my sake?

Why did you suddenly change your mind?"

Shun Long didn't move from his seat as he stared at the black-robed young man in front of him before he said

"You are right. No power would do it for your sake. The risk of fighting a huge power in the Immortal Dimension for the sake of one person is too big.

However, I will do it! I will create my own power before ascending to the Immortal Dimension in the future!"

Every sentence that left Shun Long's mouth made both Jiang Chen and Xie Xingyi tremble in their hearts.

At the same time, Jiang Chen seemed to have realized the meaning behind Shun Long's previous words. Although no power would be willing to go to war against the Yu family for him, Shun Long would be willing to do so.

"He isn't planning of asking for help from the power that's backing him, but he wants to create his own power instead!"

As this thought flashed through Jiang Chen's mind, realization suddenly dawned on him.

What Shun Long was offering him, was a promise but nothing more. As long as Jiang Chen was willing to stand by his side as Shun Long created his own power, then in the future, Shun Long would help him take revenge on the Yu family of the Eternal Darkness world.

However, could Jiang Chen really trust Shun Long? If Shun Long had promised that he would ask for help from the power behind him, then Jiang Chen would have agreed without any hesitation. But creating a power by himself? Especially one that would be strong enough to rival a huge power from the Immortal Dimension... how difficult was that going to be?

Of course, Shun Long had already thought about this matter long ago.

Whether it was to find out more about the secrets of the 'Stone of Time', or to unveil the mystery behind Little Black's past, it was very likely that he would have to fight countless enemies and even clash with one of the nine emperors of the Dragon Realm, Little Black's father, Long Tianyu.

Thus, Shun Long had to prepare himself and start creating his own power before he went to the Immortal Dimension.

And Jiang Chen was the perfect person to become his first general.

Not only was he extremely talented and possessed the bloodline of a powerful magic beast from the Immortal Dimension as well as a rare unique physique as well, but his will wouldn't bend no matter what, and he was someone who loved his parents and would do everything for them.

Thus Shun Long had already taken a liking at him and decided to make him his first general.

At the same time, Shun Long also understood how difficult something like this would be for Jiang Chen to accept.

This was no different than placing a bet and hoping that Shun Long's dream would succeed.

Chapter 473: Shun Long vs Jiang Chen

The entire room immediately fell silent as Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi first stared at Shun Long for a few moments before they turned their attention towards Jiang Chen.

From Shun Long's words alone and from the fact that he was willing to promise something such as fighting against the Yu family in the future for him, even if the 2 girls didn't understand how strong a power of the Immortal Dimension really was, they still realized the importance that Shun Long placed on Jiang Chen.

At the same time, as he stared at Shun Long, the struggle in Jiang Chen's eyes was obvious.

No matter what, it was almost impossible for him to simply believe, that Shun Long would be able to create a power strong enough, that it could rival the Yu family of the Eternal Darkness world in the future, regardless of how confident he was.

And yet, he also knew that Shun Long's previous words were correct.

No power would possibly go to war with the Yu family just because of his sake.

Even if a power was strong enough to do so and fight against the Yu family, how many experts would die in such a war?

Would they really risk so much just for Jiang Chen to join them?

Besides, for the Yu family to exist for so many years while possessing the bloodline of the Demonic Crow of Darkness, they likely had many enemies that hated them, and yet they were still standing tall.

After all, there was no powerful force that didn't have at least a few enemies or struggles with other powerful forces. Whether it was to vie for more territory or resources, the Yu family had definitely accumulated enough enemies within the years.

Thus, if it was that easy to destroy such a powerful family, the Yu family's enemies would have done so long ago and wouldn't wait for Jiang Chen to do it!

Staring at the blue-robed young man in front of him, Jiang Chen looked at him deep in the eyes before he asked seriously

"What makes you think that you can create a powerful force strong enough to fight against the Yu family in the future? If I really am to trust you, you need to be someone worthy of me following you!"

At that moment, Shun Long's eyes narrowed as he saw Jiang Chen's cultivation at the early rank 4 of the Nascent Soul exploding out of his body.

And yet, it only exploded outwards for a single moment before Jiang Chen quickly suppressed it. Peak of rank 3, middle of rank 3, early rank 3... in just a few breaths of time, he had already suppressed his cultivation at the same level as Shun Long's, the peak of rank 1 of the Nascent Soul!

Staring at the blue-robed young man in front of him, Jiang Chen then said seriously

"Since we have both used our bloodline powers today it's impossible to use them again now. Let's fight. I have suppressed my cultivation at the same level as you, the peak of rank 1 of the Nascent Soul. I will also not use my unique physique either. As long as you can beat me, I will take this bet with you and follow you, helping you create your own power. However, if you lose today, you will be the one to follow me instead!"

At the same time, Jiang Chen took out his golden saber from his spatial ring, and held it with his right hand, ready to fight against Shun Long at any time.

A deep light flashed through Shun Long's eyes when he heard this, before he nodded his head and said in a calm tone

"You are right. If you win, it's only fair that I follow you. After all, the strongest is always the king!"

As he finished his words, Shun Long's eyes immediately turned golden, as the invisible figure of an hourglass filled with 7 silver balls of qi appeared above his head while his cultivation at the peak of rank 1 of the Nascent Soul exploded out from his body.

"Let's go!"

As his words resounded throughout the spacious room, Shun Long blinked forward, appearing in front of Jiang Chen in an instant before he punched out with his right hand towards his chest.

Jiang Chen was startled for a moment, but he still held his saber horizontally in front of his chest as he welcomed Shun Long's attack.

However, right before Shun Long's punch could hit the golden saber, Shun Long's lips curved up into a smile as a gust of wind appeared around his feet, bringing him by Jiang Chen's side.

Mystic high-grade martial skill, Gale Steps!

Liu Mei was startled when she saw Shun Long using this martial skill that he hadn't used for a long time.

It was obvious that he wasn't fighting against Jiang Chen with everything he had, as he still hid his Dao of Time.

At the same time, although he hadn't seen Shun Long use this movement technique during the fourth test, Jiang Chen was still prepared for any trump card that Shun Long may have had, as a pair of pitch-black wings that were burning with dark red flames sprouted from his back.

Saint low-grade martial skill, Demonic Wings!

The moment that his Demonic Wings appeared, Jiang Chen's speed instantly increased by many times, even exceeding Shun Long's own speed by a huge margin.

His black-robed figure left countless afterimages inside the room, as he completely surrounded Shun Long.

Due to the Demonic Dao that he had comprehended, Jiang Chen's affinity with the Demonic Wings was much higher than Shun Long's affinity with his Gale Steps.

Even if the Gale Steps were a Saint low-grade martial skill, it still wouldn't be enough to bridge the gap between Shun Long's speed and Jiang Chen's, mainly due to Jiang Chen's comprehension of his Dao.

The golden saber flashed in the room, attacking Shun Long again and again, pushing him in a desperate position.

Even if he used 'blink', within the small premises of the room, Jiang Chen would easily catch up with him before he continued his barrage of attacks.

And yet, despite his increased speed, Jiang Chen noticed that he was unable to hit Shun Long with his attacks no matter how much he tried.

It was almost as if Shun Long could actually foresee where he would attack, and would avoid every single one of them just in time!

As for those attacks that he couldn't avoid, Shun Long was actually able to parry them with an illusionary purple-colored blade that had appeared in his right hand.

Even against his golden saber, Jiang Chen noticed that Shun Long's purple blade wasn't destroyed, but it simply rippled a few times before it regained its previous form.

Of course, this exhausted Shun Long as well.

His illusionary purple blade was created from his Dao of Space and it used the energy from his body refinement cultivation.

Since Shun Long had yet to breakthrough to the early fifth stage of body refinement, his energy was being rapidly depleted.

After clashing with Jiang Chen's golden saber 3 times, Shun Long felt that he was almost out of energy.

If his purple blade was destroyed one more time, he wouldn't be able to sustain it during this fight.

Finally, after enduring Jiang Chen's barrage of attacks, Shun Long actually stood still at the center of the room, as a faint blue light appeared around his body.

His golden eyes stared at the countless afterimages that Jiang Chen had left behind as he moved around the room at extreme speed, before he said in a low voice

"Monarch's Domain!"

Chapter 474: Shun Long's secret

The afterimages in the room all froze as Jiang Chen's figure had suddenly gone still.

With a cultivation at the same level as Shun Long, it was impossible for Jiang Chen to move within Shun Long's Monarch's Domain!

At that moment, even the 2 young women in the room were affected by it, as their reactions and their thought process slowed down dramatically.

Using blink, Shun Long instantly appeared in front of Jiang Chen, before he placed the illusionary purple blade in his right hand on the black-robed Jiang Chen's throat, before he stopped circulating his 'Monarch's Domain' and said in a calm tone with a smile on his face

"You lose."

Jiang Chen's eyes instantly widened when he saw the illusionary purple blade appearing in front of him in an instant, before he immediately halted his movements, as he stared at the blue-robed young man in front of him with a mix of incredulity and disbelief in his gaze!

Seeing the calm smile on Shun Long's face he had immediately understood that he had lost, and yet he couldn't help ask in a low voice

"How?"

At the same time, although Liu Mei was calm and had a proud smile on her face as she stared at the fight in front of her, having obviously expected this result, Xie Xingyi had a look of shock as she stared at Shun Long's and Jiang Chen's figures.

Even with her experience and talent, she still couldn't understand what Shun Long had done to forcibly stop Jiang Chen's movements completely.

At the same time, it was obvious that Jiang Chen hadn't realized what was going on either as he looked at Shun Long in disbelief while he waited for his answer.

With that same smile on his face, Shun Long dispersed the spatial blade in his hand that was on the verge of dissipating by itself as he had nearly run out of energy from his body refinement cultivation already, before he walked back to the white cushion in front of his bed and sat back down on it.

Shun Long thought seriously for a while as he stared at the curious Jiang Chen. Although he knew that sooner or later he would actually have to reveal his Dao of Time, he had planned on keeping it a secret until he had no other choice. However, he also realized that, if he wanted to have Jiang Chen be his first general as well as a real friend, he had to be honest with him.

After all, Jiang Chen had revealed everything about his life already, and he was only curious about the Dao that Shun Long had just used.

Finally, after staying silent for a few moments, the look in Shun Long's eyes turned serious as he first looked at Liu Mei for a moment, before he turned his attention towards Xie Xingyi and then back to Jiang Chen.

Shun Long stared at the black-robed young man in front of him, before he said

"This is my own secret as well, and aside from Mei'er, you and miss Xie are going to be the first ones to learn about this."

As he looked at Jiang Chen in front of him, the bright golden light in Shun Long's eyes started to emit a blue hue deep inside it before he continued

"The Dao that I have comprehended for my Qi refinement foundation isn't the Dao of Lightning nor the Dao of Space... but the Dao of Time!"

A look of confusion appeared on Jiang Chen's and Xie Xingyi's faces when they heard this.

"The Dao of Time?"

Neither of these 2 geniuses had ever heard of someone comprehending the Dao of Time before nor did they know what kind of powers Shun Long had.

However, seeing the solemn look on Shun Long's face as he said this, Jiang Chen understood how serious he was.

It was obvious that his Dao of Time was one of his most important secrets, and yet he had still decided to share it with him in the end.

With a smile on his face, the black-robed Jiang Chen suddenly turned around and walked towards the door of the room.

Finally, just as he reached the door handle, he said calmly with his back still facing Shun Long and the 2 girls

"I am going to cultivate for a few days. After the fourth test, I can feel myself being just a step away from breaking through. After I finish my breakthrough, I will return here again. Don't go back on your promise in the future!"

Shun Long's lips curved up into a smile as he looked at Jiang Chen who didn't wait for a reply, as he opened the door of the room and left without any hesitation.

Despite the awkwardness in his tone as he spoke, Shun Long could still understand that Jiang Chen's words were sincere.

After fatty Fu, this was the second friend that Shun Long seemed to have made.

After staring at Jiang Chen's figure that disappeared from his courtyard, Shun Long then turned his attention to the green-robed young woman next to him.

The reason why he didn't mind exposing the secret of his Dao of Time to Xie Xingyi, was because Shun Long had already heard from Liu Mei about how the 2 young women had shared life and death with each other during the third test, and because Shun Long could also feel, that this beautiful young woman's gaze when she looked at him was completely different than the gaze she had when she stared at the rest of the outer disciples.

Shun Long had noticed that there was a warm expression in Xie Xingyi's eyes when she looked at him, while her gaze was filled with admiration and curiosity along with many other mixed feelings, making her gaze not too different from Liu Mei's when she stared at Shun Long.

Seeing how Shun Long was staring at her with a curious look in his eyes, Xie Xingyi blushed lightly before she hurriedly stood up and said

"I- I have to go cultivate as well!"

Without even bidding farewell to Liu Mei, the blond-haired kingdom toppling beauty whose face had already turned red then ran towards the door of the room.

However, right before she left the room her feet abruptly stopped, as she turned around and stared at the blue-robed young man sitting on the white cushion and the white-veiled young woman next to him before she said

"Brother Long... I will also join your faction! I will see you in a few days!"

Without waiting for a response Xie Xingyi's body instantly blended in the shadows, as she disappeared from Shun Long's courtyard.

Chapter 475: Liu Mei's problem

Liu Mei's lips curved up when she saw this scene, forming a beautiful smile, as she turned her attention towards Shun Long and said in a tone filled with joy

"I knew that Long-ge is the strongest!"

Shun Long smiled when he heard this as he then stood up from his white cushion and pulled Liu Mei into a hug.

At the same time, he also activated his sect identifying token to lock the courtyard and make sure that no one could enter without permission, before he removed Liu Mei's veil from her face, and after staring at her for a few moments he then said

"Jiang Chen is actually very strong. Even if we are at the same cultivation level, I still need to use my Dao of Time in order to beat him."

Liu Mei nodded her head seriously when she heard this, but there was still a look of pride on her beautiful face.

Regardless, so far, there was no one who could stand up to Shun Long at the same level of cultivation when he used his Dao of Time.

Even Jiang Chen was completely incapacitated inside his 'Monarch's Domain'.

The only person who could do so was Cui Guoliang, but he was still a Dao King who had suppressed his cultivation while retaining his insights into the Dao of Water during the fight.

If Shun Long and Cui Guoliang fought again under the same circumstances, Shun Long was certain that he could take care of the Dao King within a few moves at best.

Of course, this was only assuming that Cui Guoliang would restrict his cultivation at the same level as Shun Long, otherwise it would be impossible for Shun Long to last even a few moves against a Dao King!

At the same time, staring at the bashful expression on Liu Mei's face as she looked at him caused a hot feeling to arise in Shun Long's heart.

Although he wasn't really a lustful person, after not having seen each other for an entire month, Shun Long couldn't simply let Liu Mei go and start cultivating right away.

Taking her in his arms, he carried her all the way to the bed, as he took off his own robes before he started to unrobe her as well.

Liu Mei's flawless body once again appeared in front of Shun Long's eyes, and paired with Liu Mei's somewhat bashful expression only caused the fire in his heart to burn even wilder.

No matter how many times he saw this scene, Shun Long always felt excitement in his heart.

It was the same feeling as if he was unwrapping the same present every time, only to find the same expected result that made his heart beat wildly in response.

Sounds of pleasure filled the room for the next 2 hours until they finally quietened down.

Lying by Shun Long's side with her head placed on his chest, Liu Mei stared at Shun Long with a gaze filled with love and affection before she said a few moments later

"Long-ge, there have been some changes to my undead creatures after breaking through to the Nascent Soul."

Shun Long looked at Liu Mei with a curious look in his eyes as she then continued

"I can feel that my undead creatures have their own consciousness and I have to use my soul sense to suppress them during a fight so they don't go out of control, but they are also much stronger than before!"

While they were still watching the rest of the fights during the fourth test, Liu Mei couldn't find an opportunity to mention this to Shun Long as there were too many disciples around them.

She could only mention the things that she had experienced after she had been separated from Shun Long once they entered the Holy sect's test, as well as everything that she had experienced together with Xie Xingyi.

After all, this matter regarding her undead creatures was a secret that could potentially risk her own life if it was exposed to a lot of people.

Shun Long fell silent when he heard this, before he patted Liu Mei's head gently a moment later and said seriously

"Try not to summon that giant black beast if it's too taxing for your soul sense, at least until you increase your spiritual strength."

Hearing the concerned tone in Shun Long's words made Liu Mei feel warmth in her heart as she nodded her head.

At the same time, Shun Long also decided to ask Little Black about Liu Mei's situation as well.

A few moments later, after changing himself into his yellow-colored outer disciple robes, Shun Long closed his eyes and sat on the white cushion in front of his bed, before he entered back inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time'.

As soon as he appeared in this space, an excited Little Silver greeted Shun Long, as well as Little Black who was still asleep.

Even though 20 years had nearly passed inside the foggy space in the Stone of Time, and Little Black had already finished absorbing the energy inside the dragonstone long ago, he still hadn't woken up yet.

However, Shun Long could feel that Little Black's situation was still fine. After all, for a dragon, 20 years were nothing more than a single nap.

After petting Little Silver for a while, Shun Long decided to let it outside in the real world to keep company to Liu Mei.

After all, Liu Mei didn't need to cultivate normally thanks to her 'Blood Absorption art', and Little Silver's existence wouldn't be found out even by the Elders of the Holy sect thanks to the protective formations surrounding every courtyard.

Of course, although an early rank 6 magic beast didn't hold any allure towards any Elder of the Holy sect, Shun Long wouldn't be able to explain where he found such a magic beast in the first place since he had only entered the sect today and it was impossible for anyone to carry magic beasts through spatial rings!

After letting Little Silver return to his room and stay with Liu Mei, Shun Long sat cross-legged in the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' and took out the Heaven Swallowing vine as well as more than 10.000 middle-grade spirit stones and placed them in front of him.

During the last 2 years that he and Liu Mei had been to the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range' and the 'City of Sin', Shun Long had earned plenty of low and middle-grade spirit stones. Especially from his shop in the City of Sin which was the most profitable business for him.

However, in order to advance in his cultivation during these last 2 years, he had spent plenty of spirit stones as well.

Now, even with the 200.000 middle-grade spirit stones from senior brother Qiong, the spirit stones inside Cui Guoliang's spatial ring and what Shun Long had earned from his shop in the 'City of Sin', Shun Long's total wealth was a little more than 1 million and 300.000 middle-grade spirit stones.

Although such wealth was much more than that of an average middle-stage Dao King in the Night star continent, it still wasn't enough to support Shun Long's expenditure for a long time.

Shun Long had already noticed that with his increase in his cultivation, the amount of spirit stones that he needed had also increased by a lot.

The moment that it noticed the 10.000 middle-grade spirit stones that Shun Long had placed in front of it, the Heaven Swallowing vine instantly started to absorb them, as it filled the air inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' with extremely pure qi.

Closing his eyes, Shun Long circulated his 'Monarch's Hourglass' as 7 silver balls of qi appeared inside it.

With the residual energy inside his body that he had absorbed from his wine earlier as well as the pure qi in the air around him, Shun Long condensed the 8th ball of qi in nearly an instant before he started to condense the 9th one as well.

Like this, a month had quickly passed for Shun Long inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time'.

While he was still sitting cross-legged on his seat, he could clearly feel the 15 bright silver-colored balls of qi that were now floating above his head inside the 'Monarch's Hourglass'!

In this last month, Shun Long had used up more than 40.000 middle-grade spirit stones, but he had successfully reached the middle of rank 2 in the Nascent Soul!

And yet, Shun Long still didn't stop his cultivation this time as he continued to stay in seclusion with his eyes closed, allowing the Heaven Swallowing vine to absorb even more spirit stones.

In the blink of an eye, another month quickly passed as 18 balls of qi were now floating inside the 'Monarch's Hourglass', allowing Shun Long to reach the peak of rank 2 in the Nascent Soul.

It was only then that Shun Long finally opened his eyes before he slowly stood up.

"More than 60.000 middle-grade spirit stones disappeared like that. Even the golden-robed young man's spatial ring only had 200.000 middle-grade spirit stones inside it. At this rate, I am not sure if I will even be able to reach the late stages of the Nascent Soul before I run out of spirit stones."

Staring at the number of spirit stones that the Heaven Swallowing vine had absorbed to provide him with pure qi during this time, Shun Long finally felt the pinch after advancing to the Nascent Soul stage.

If he needed 20.000 middle-grade spirit stones just to advance from the middle of rank 2 of the Nascent Soul to the peak of rank 2, then 1 million spirit stones may actually not be enough to last him until he reached the late stages of the Nascent Soul.

Of course, this was only something that Shun Long had to deal with due to the 'Monarch's Hourglass' and its extremely strict requirements, as well as the fact that every subsequent ball of qi after the first one that he condensed needed to be purer than the previous one, which required even more qi to do so.

If it was an average peak rank 2 Nascent Soul stage cultivator, he wouldn't even need 200.000 middle-grade spirit stones to reach the rank 9 of the Nascent Soul in the future!

As he stood up from his seat, Shun Long first cast a look at the sleeping Little Black next to him and patted his head lightly, before he closed his eyes and imagined himself leaving the foggy space.

In the next moment, Shun Long could feel his surroundings change as he found himself back inside his room.

Dressed in her Holy sect's robes, Liu Mei was sitting on her meditative cushion next to Shun Long's as she brushed Little Silver's black fur.

Liu Mei's gorgeous black eyes and Little Silver's yellow eyes were both focused on Shun Long's figure the moment he appeared, while a dazzling appeared on Liu Mei's face when she noticed Shun Long's cultivation that had already reached the peak of rank 2 in the Nascent Soul.

Shun Long's lips curved up when he saw the unconcealed joy on Liu Mei's flawless face, before he once again used the 'Monarch's Hourglass' to completely conceal his cultivation and asked her seriously

"Mei'er, how are you feeling?"

Since he had already heard from Liu Mei about how difficult her breakthrough to the Nascent Soul stage really was, and how she had been close to falling into qi deviation with just her first breakthrough after cultivating in the 'Blood Absorption art', Shun Long had told Liu Mei to simply rest for now.

Although Liu Mei hadn't exerted herself during the time that she and Xie Xingyi were hidden in the cave during the third test, the mental wariness that they could be attacked at any time made the 2 girls really tired. This was especially so for Liu Mei who hadn't completely calmed her mind after her breakthrough during the third test as well, making the burden in her mind even more intense.

At the same time, Shun Long had also thought of another way to help Liu Mei during her breakthrough, one that would be even more efficient than turning a rank 5 Dreamy Ash flower into a pill. However, he still needed to purchase something from the Holy sect before doing so.

After all, herbs like the Dreamy ash flower that had the ability to calm someone's mind and expel their mental demons were extremely rare to begin with.

Although people in the City of Sin and perhaps the entire Night star continent didn't know of the flower's usage, Shun Long wouldn't underestimate every single alchemist in the Holy sect and think that no one would know of the flower's effects either. And even if they did, those medicinal herbs that nobody knew much about were the rarest ones in the end!

Nodding her head, Liu Mei smiled brightly at Shun Long and said

"Long-ge, I am fine. A couple of days were more than enough to rest completely. In these past 6 days I even meditated and slowly increased my spiritual strength as well."

Shun Long nodded his head when he heard this as he had already planned to visit the 'Golden Treasures Hall' and see if he could find any medicinal herb that could be used to concoct a pill that could increase the spiritual strength.

However, the most important thing to do first was to first create his faction in the sect.

Seeing Shun Long stand up from his cushion Liu Mei seemed to have guessed his thoughts, as she took a deep breath and said with a curious look on her face

"Long-ge, a few hours after you entered seclusion, that young white lord from the Night star continent came to visit."

Chapter 477: There is no need to do it any longer!

Shun Long's brows were raised in surprise when he heard this as he hadn't expected for Bai Longtian to come visit him.

Although this young white lord had shown an amiable face towards Shun Long from the first time that they saw each other during the fourth test, he definitely didn't know about Shun Long's bloodline which made this visit seem a bit out of place.

Liu Mei stared at the thoughtful expression on Shun Long's face with an equal confused look but she still continued speaking

"He said that he will enter seclusion first and enter the middle stages of the Nascent Soul before he comes and visit Long-ge again. Apparently he has something that he wants to discuss with you."

Nodding his head, Shun Long placed this thought at the back of his mind a few moments later before he turned his attention towards Liu Mei and said

"Mei'er, let's go!"

Realizing that Shun Long was going to go to the Administration Hall to create his own faction, a brilliant smile appeared on Liu Mei's face before she put her white veil back on.

However, Shun Long simply shook his head and removed Liu Mei's veil with his right hand before he said seriously

"Mei'er, there is no need to wear a veil any longer. Covering your face so that others won't covet your beauty isn't something that you should have to do from the beginning. Doing so while we were still weak in the Night star continent was already humbling enough. If anyone dares to set their eyes on my woman, I will make sure to have them regret it!"

Liu Mei was stunned for a moment as she looked at Shun Long with a stunned gaze, before the look in her eyes quickly turned into an even warmer look of love.

Even before she had left the 'Floating Cloud sect', she had decided to wear a white veil to cover her face because she had already understood that 'being too pretty was a sin'. It could attract the attention of countless people who coveted her due to her looks and bring trouble to Shun Long and her. This was why she had voluntarily covered her face from the very beginning.

However, it would also be a lie to say that she didn't long to take the veil off her face as well.

Although she didn't care about other people, she still wanted Shun Long to be able to see her.

After all, which woman didn't want their man to openly admire their beauty?

And yet, she also hadn't expected that Shun Long would suddenly decide to tell her to no longer wear a veil.

As a sudden warm feeling filled her heart, Liu Mei simply nodded her head in response while tears trickled from her eyes.

Of course, Shun Long had also thought about this issue long ago.

After entering the Holy sect, he had decided that he could no longer allow Liu Mei to wear a veil.

Not only was Liu Mei not ugly, but her beauty transcended any other woman that Shun Long had seen.

The only one whose looks could be considered to be on par with Liu Mei's were Xie Xingyi's.

Although Shun Long knew that he and Liu Mei were now in a much more dangerous place, he could no longer allow Liu Mei to keep wearing a veil just so that 'she wouldn't bring trouble' to them.

Shun Long's pride as a man could no longer accept this either.

At the same time, both Shun Long and Liu Mei could be considered strong enough that they could at least protect themselves.

Seeing Liu Mei nod her head, a smile appeared on Shun Long's lips, as he first had Little Silver return inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' before he held Liu Mei's hand and stepped past the courtyard's gates as he headed towards the Administration Hall.

As soon as they stepped out of the courtyard, Shun Long could feel the surrounding disciples' gazes landing on himself and Liu Mei, but he didn't pay any heed to them as he continued walking forward.

It was natural that Liu Mei would attract the gazes of the surrounding outer disciples, especially since she had been hiding her appearance during the Holy sect's entrance test.

"Who are these 2? Are they new outer disciples? I have never seen that woman before!"

"I have heard that there is an extremely beautiful girl among the new disciples named Xie Xingyi! I wonder if it's her!"

"No, I heard that Xie Xingyi has blond hair. However, I have no idea who this one is!"

Even though he clearly heard the discussions of the disciples around him and Liu Mei, Shun Long completely ignored them as he kept heading towards the Administration Hall.

Of course, although Liu Mei's appearance attracted a lot of attention, the disciples that followed after her and Shun Long to find out her identity were very few in the end.

After walking at a leisure pace with Liu Mei for nearly an hour, Shun Long arrived at the huge black building that Elder Zhuan had taken them a week ago, the Administration Hall!

Just like the last time, the Administration Hall didn't have too many people inside it. Although it was an important building in the sect, the disciples only came here when they needed to do something, while most of the time they would spend their time in the Assignment Hall!

Walking past through the hall's gate, Shun Long quickly spotted the 'Faction Registration' counter before he walked towards the young man situated behind it.

Surprisingly, the young man that was sitting behind the counter wasn't wearing yellow robes, but a set of plain robes without the Holy sect's insignia on it.

After thinking about it for a while, Shun Long only needed a moment to realize that this person was someone's follower or servant.

"Of course, since the Holy sect allows disciples to work for the sect and obtain sect points as well, why wouldn't those disciples have their followers do their work for them while they either

cultivated or they completed their own missions? That way they can gain sect points while not doing anything!"

As he realized this issue, Shun Long stared at the rest of the young men and women behind the rest of the counters, and noticed that the only official outer disciple doing this job was the yellow-robed young woman sitting behind the 'living quarters' counter.

It was unknown if she was doing this because she didn't want to have her own servants to do her work or because there was something special about that counter and the sect wouldn't allow a servant to be in charge of it.

Walking in front of the 'Faction Registration counter', Shun Long looked at the young man behind the counter and said

"I wish to create my own faction."

The young man who was almost dozing off behind the counter raised his droopy eyelids and barely looked at the person in front of him before he extended his hand and said

"Sect token."

Nodding his head, Shun Long handed his sect identification token to the young man behind the registration counter, only to see a confusing scene take place.

The moment that the young man received Shun Long's token and saw Shun Long's name on it, his sleepy eyes instantly widened, as he stared at the young man in front of him without even noticing the peerlessly beautiful young woman next to him, as he then asked in a shocked voice that everyone inside the Administration Hall could hear

"You... you are Shun Long??"

Chapter 478: Offered a spot

Every single disciple inside the Administration Hall, including those who had followed him and Liu Mei because they were waiting to find Liu Mei's identity, all turned their attention towards Shun Long at the same time.

Shun Long wasn't too surprised that the young man in front of him had heard of his name.

After all, although Shun Long knew that he was definitely not famous throughout the sect, it was only natural that a few people would pay attention to him as the person who managed to pass through the Holy sect's test with a cultivation at the peak of rank 1 in the Nascent Soul.

Things were exactly as Shun Long had imagined them to be. His name had actually started to spread among the weaker outer disciples' ears, and was known as a person with an extremely powerful bloodline, attracting the attention of even some of the relatively stronger outer disciples.

Of course, Shun Long wasn't the only one who had attracted some attention from the newest batch that had entered the Holy sect!.

Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, Jiang Chen, Bai Longtian, Sheng Huang, Jun Ren and the names of a few other powerful new disciples had also started to spread in the ears of those people as well.

However, what surprised Shun Long was that the young man in front of him actually seemed to have expected his arrival here.

Noticing the doubtful look on Shun Long's face, the young man behind the 'Faction Registration' counter took a deep breath before saying

"Brother Shun Long, you probably don't know this, but you being ready to create a faction has already been known by some outer disciples already."

Shun Long's brows furrowed when he heard this, but the young man behind the counter didn't seem to mind as he continued explaining

"Actually, this is all because of Jiang Chen. Nearly a week ago, senior brother Qian Tao personally approached Jiang Chen and offered him a spot in his faction, but Jiang Chen refused without a second thought, saying that he would only join your faction!

This is why I knew that sooner or later you would come to create your own faction."

A sharp look flashed past Shun Long's eyes when he heard this.

Of course, he wasn't angry at Jiang Chen for exposing the fact that he was going to create his own faction before he did so.

After all, creating his own faction wasn't going to be a secret to begin with.

What Shun Long was most surprised about was that someone had actually approached Jiang Chen at the very first day after they had joined the sect.

"Based on what Jiang Chen had said and considering his own character as well, after leaving my room he would definitely go straight to his own courtyard and start cultivating. So, that senior brother Qian Tao could have only approached him before he reached his own courtyard. Hehe, he really acted fast. Too bad that it's only a fool's dream to try and steal away someone I have set my sights on."

Almost as if he had guessed part of Shun Long's thoughts, a mocking smile appeared on the face of the young man behind the 'Faction Registration' counter as he looked at Shun Long, but he quickly suppressed it before he continued

"Brother Shun Long probably doesn't know about this, but even after registering your own faction you still won't be eligible to join the faction wars and obtain any resources from the sect for your own faction.

To obtain resources from the sect your own faction, you first need to join the faction wars and beat other factions, thus entering the faction rankings, before you are able to obtain any resources.

However, to even become eligible to enter the faction wars, your faction first needs to complete 5 D-rank faction missions and a single C-rank one!

As for senior brother Qian Tao's faction, it's already a faction that belongs to the top 1000 factions of the sect!"

Seeing the stunned look on Shun Long's face, the young man behind the 'Faction Registration' counter smiled brightly before he continued in a more amiable tone

"Actually, if brother Shun Long is interested, senior brother Qian Tao has said that he is willing to accept both you and your wife into his faction along with Jiang Chen."

As he said this, the young man turned his eyes towards the ice-cold Liu Mei who was standing next to Shun Long before he gulped a mouthful of saliva in the process.

This was the most beautiful woman that he had seen in his life!

With just a glance, he immediately realized that this was the same white-robed young woman who had covered her face with a white veil during the fourth test.

At the same time, Shun Long was a bit confused when he heard the words D-rank and C-rank faction missions.

He clearly remembered that a week ago, when Elder Zhuan had introduced the 'Assignment Hall' to the newly entered disciples, he had said that every disciple needed to complete at least a yellow-rank mission every 3 months and 4 yellow-rank missions every single year. However, there was no mention of any D-rank or C-rank missions.

"It looks like I have to pay a visit to the 'Assignment Hall' soon."

Nodding his head at the young man behind the 'Faction Registration' counter, Shun Long shook his head, before he turned his attention towards his own sect identification token that he had already handed to the man in front of him and said

"I am not interested in joining someone else's faction, regardless of who that person is."

"Y-You... do you really want to refuse senior brother Qian Tao's goodwill?!"

The young man hadn't expected such a response after he took so much time to patiently explain everything regarding the new factions to Shun Long!

He was certain that after hearing the difficulty of completing 5 D-rank missions and a single C-rank, paired with senior brother Qian Tao's high ranking of his faction inside the sect, Shun Long would definitely know what to choose.

However, the cold and uncaring look in his eyes as he said that he is not interested in joining another faction left the young man speechless.

Even the surrounding disciples inside the Administration Hall couldn't believe, that Shun Long had rejected senior brother Qian Tao's offer without a second thought!

"Are you certain about this? You still have time to change your mind! If you really refuse senior brother Qian's offer you won't get a second chance!"

The young man behind the counter didn't seem willing to accept this as he stared at Shun Long seriously while he warned him, hoping to change his mind.

And yet, Shun Long wasn't planning to spend his entire day refusing to join another person's faction even if that 'senior brother Qian Tao' was standing here in front of him, let alone when someone else was insisting on it.

With a cold look in his eyes, he stared at the young man in front of him before he said seriously

"I already refused once. I don't care what kind of relationship you or the person you are following in the sect have with that Qian Tao, but I don't have the habit of repeating things."

Seeing that Shun Long refused to even consider his offer and 'wasn't willing to give anyone any face', the young man behind the 'Faction Registration' counter snorted before he said

"Just a mere rank 1 Nascent Soul stage rookie and you want to create your own faction? Fine. Let's see how it will do then."

Without waiting for a response, the young man took Shun Long's sect identification token from the counter with an angry look on his face, before he placed it on top of a palm-sized white-colored jade that was hidden placed below the counter. Shun Long's sect identification token suddenly lit up with a white light, while the words 'Shun Long's faction' appeared on the jade's surface for a moment before they quickly disappeared barely a moment later.

The young man then took Shun Long's sect identification token and placed it on the counter in front of him before he said mockingly

"Hmph, your faction is officially registered in the sect. I have to tell you that to accept someone in your faction you need to have them place their sect identification token next to your own token for a few moments and infuse your qi inside it. However, aside from Jiang Chen, I doubt that anyone will even be willing to join your faction even if you beg them."

Chapter 479: Elder Xuan Jiao's offer

It was obvious that the young man behind the 'Faction Registration counter' was angry at Shun Long and would no longer mince his words. If he wasn't obliged to do it, he wouldn't even be willing to explain how Shun Long could accept someone else in his faction.

At that moment, his eyes suddenly lit up as he stared at the peerlessly beautiful black-haired young woman next to Shun Long, while a flattering smile appeared on his face as he then continued

"You are sister Liu Mei right?

Although Shun Long has refused senior brother Qian Tao's offer, the offer still stands for you.

As long as you are willing, you can join senior brother Qian Tao's faction by yourself.

For someone like you, I am sure that senior brother Qian will be very happy to accept you in his faction!"

As he finished his words, an eager look flashed past the young man's eyes, certain that he would definitely receive a sizeable reward if he could really get one of the geniuses of this batch to accept this offer.

This was even more so for Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, Jiang Chen, Bai Longtian and Jun Ren, since word of all 5 of them possessing an immortal fate had already started to spread among some disciples of the sect.

Although those who possessed immortal fates within the sect weren't too rare, they weren't common either!

Everyone knew that those with immortal fates were the most talented ones in the sect and they could very likely even reach the top 100 rankings of the Martial Roll of Honor! Someone at the top 100 rankings in the Martial Roll of Honor was even qualified to enter one of the top 10 factions!

"Having someone at the level of the 100 strongest disciples in the future in his own faction in the future would definitely make even senior brother Qian Tao mad with joy!"

As he thought of this, the young man behind the 'Faction Registration' counter stared at Liu Mei eagerly as he waited for her answer.

However, contrary to his expectations, Liu Mei only shot him a derisive look that was filled with contempt, before she looked at Shun Long and asked gently

"Long-ge, can I be the first one to join?"

The young man's face suddenly turned extremely stiff and looked like he had just swallowed a fly.

He couldn't believe that not only Liu Mei would reject his offer in public without a second thought, but she would even ask Shun Long if she could be the first one to join his faction.

This was no different than if she was slapping him in the face.

After all, he had just said that no one else would join Shun Long's faction aside from Jiang Chen, but his words were swallowed before Shun Long had even left the Administration Hall!

Besides, she wasn't just rejecting him, she was also rejecting senior brother Qian Tao's offer as well!

Shun Long's lips curved up as he patted Liu Mei's head with a smile on his face, before he nodded his head and extended his right hand that had just grabbed his sect identification token from the counter in front of him, and said

"Here."

Without any hesitation, Liu Mei placed her token next to Shun Long's, before a white light covered her own token a few moments later.

The words 'Shun Long's faction' appeared on the back of her token for a single moment, before they quickly disappeared.

Not paying any attention to the young man behind the 'Faction Registration counter' any longer, Shun Long held Liu Mei's hand as he turned around and walked out of the Administration Hall.

After walking through the sect for a while, Liu Mei looked at Shun Long and asked curiously

"Long-ge, are we heading to the Assignment Hall?"

Liu Mei clearly remembered that Shun Long had mentioned how he wanted to purchase some things from the sect, so she had assumed that they would go towards the Golden Treasures Hall right away. However, the direction that they were headed towards was the Assignment Hall instead.

Shun Long nodded his head as he said

"I'm actually a bit curious about the missions of the sect and their classification. Let's take a look at those faction missions before we look for the Golden Treasures Hall."

Liu Mei nodded her head, as she too was curious about the sect's missions after hearing the words of the young man behind the 'Faction Registration' counter.

From his words, it seemed like the C-rank and even the D-rank faction missions that one needed to complete for one's faction to become eligible to join the faction wars wouldn't be easy.

After all, regardless of whether he was just a follower or not, it was true that the young man behind the 'Faction Registration' counter had reached the peak of rank 4 of the Nascent Soul.

A few moments later, Shun Long and Liu Mei arrived just a few meters away from the gates of a bustling, enormous building, where hundreds of outer disciples were coming and going from its entrance.

At the top of the building, the 2 words that were plated in gold instantly attracted Shun Long's attention

"Assignment Hall"

At that moment however, before he and Liu Mei even had the time to start walking towards the Assignment Hall, Shun Long felt a gust of wind that carried the fragrance of a perfume sweeping past his face, as a beautiful middle-aged woman appeared in front of him and Liu Mei practically out of nowhere.

This woman was dressed in white robes, while her facial features were gentle, with limpid black eyes, a small nose and curved eyebrows.

However, what surprised Shun Long and Liu Mei the most, was her white robes that were similar to Elder Cao Ling's.

During the fourth test Shun Long had noticed, that the white-robed Dao Emperor's Elder Cao Ling's and the peak Dao King's Elder Zhuan's robes had some differences.

Cao Ling's and this woman's robes had 2 golden threads around their waist, while Elder Zhuan's robes only had one of them.

The beautiful middle-aged woman who had her hair tied up in a ponytail first looked at Shun Long for a few moments while her lips formed a bright smile, before she then turned her attention towards the yellow-robed Liu Mei next to him.

The beautiful woman's smile turned even more enchanting as she stared at the peerlessly beautiful young woman in front of her, before she asked in a gentle tone

"You are Liu Mei right? Hehe, you did well not covering that pretty face any longer. My name is Xuan Jiao and I am an inner court Elder of the sect. After taking a look at your fight during the fourth test and after seeing your fate I have taken a liking to you. Hehe, you are the only disciple in the entire sect who has comprehended the Dao of Death, and I am also the only Elder who can give you some guidance into it. Are you willing to accept me as your master?"

Chapter 480: Liu Mei's decision

Both Shun Long and Liu Mei were taken aback by Xuan Jiao's offer.

Although they had already expected that an Elder may want to take them as a disciple, this was still too sudden.

Liu Mei looked at the beautiful woman in front of her, but she didn't directly respond, as she turned her attention to Shun Long who was standing next to her.

"Oh?"

A smile appeared on Xuan Jiao's bright red lips when she understood what was going on, as she too turned her attention to the handsome yellow-robed young man who was standing next to Liu Mei and waited for his answer.

It was obvious that Liu Mei was asking Shun Long's opinion on this matter and wouldn't decide just by herself.

Shun Long snorted inwardly when he heard Xuan Jiao saying that 'she had taken a liking to Liu Mei after her performance in the fourth test and after seeing her results from the ball of fate'.

Of course she would take a liking to a potential disciple who had comprehended the Dao of Death and had an extraordinary fate.

Regardless of what the colorful light from Liu Mei's fate signified, just from Elder Zhuan's reaction at that time, it was obvious that it wasn't something common inside the sect.

Thus, every single disciple like Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, Jiang Chen, Bai Longtian and Jun Ren, would all attract the attention of the Elders who learn about their results.

At the same time, Shun Long was certain that this Xuan Jiao wouldn't be the only Elder who would be interested in taking Liu Mei as her personal disciple.

"However, it is also true that this woman is the first Elder who approached Mei'er to take her as a disciple. This by itself shows that she is genuinely interested, even if it is just for her to obtain a powerful disciple in the future.

Regardless of whether she is saying the truth about being able to guide Mei'er with her Dao of Death, accepting a master inside the sect will most likely have more benefits than drawbacks for Mei'er.

At the very least she will obtain a backing within the sect and may even be able to gain more resources as well.

Although spirit stones are practically useless to Mei'er, having a master can still help her gain rare pills, medicinal herbs, martial skills or even powerful weapons and protective artifacts.

Besides, let alone the fact that this woman will gain nothing if she wanted to harm me or Mei'er, if that was really the case, there is no way for 2 early Nascent Soul stage cultivators to resist a Dao Emperor!"

Although Xuan Jiao had completely retracted her aura, not allowing even one bit of it to leak out, from the 2 golden threads of her robes and the fact that she was an inner court Elder, Shun Long could guess that she was definitely a Dao Emperor!

As he came to this conclusion, he instantly snapped out of his daze and looked at Liu Mei who was still staring at him before he nodded his head and said seriously

"Mei'er, if you are really willing to accept a master, it may not be a bad thing in the end."

Shun Long's answer was short but Liu Mei immediately understood that he wasn't against it. Whether she really agreed to accept the woman in front of her as her master or not would be up to her.

Xuan Jiao nodded her head when she heard Shun Long's answer, before she looked at Liu Mei and waited for her response.

After thinking seriously for a few moments, a resolute look appeared on Liu Mei's face, as she nodded her head and bowed deeply at the beautiful woman in front of her as she said

"Master, disciple is willing!"

Xuan Jiao's lips formed an enchanting smile when she heard Liu Mei's resolute answer, before she nodded her head and said laughingly

"Hehe, very well! I'm also happy to obtain such a beautiful and talented disciple."

As she finished speaking, Xuan Jiao took out a golden-colored token from her bosom with the word 'Xuan' engraved on it, and handed it to Liu Mei before she continued

"Our master and disciple ceremony will take place in my home in the inner court in 3 days from now. You can use this token to enter the inner court if you want to find me. This is also proof that I have accepted you as my disciple. Hehe, don't be late little girl, otherwise this elder sister will be angry."

There was a teasing tone in Xuan Jiao's words as she said the last few words, before she winked at Shun Long and was about to take her leave.

Understanding that Xuan Jiao was going to leave, Liu Mei hurriedly took a step forward and asked her newly accepted master

"Master, can Long-ge attend our ceremony as well?"

Xuan Jiao was stunned briefly as she turned her eyes towards Shun Long and studied him seriously, before nodding her head a moment later as she said laughingly

"Hehe, alright. I don't mind having one more person present. Besides, it's not going to be just you and me there."

Liu Mei heaved a sigh of relief when she heard this, while even Shun Long seemed to have warmed up a bit to the white-robed Elder in front of him.

After all, since it was Liu Mei's ceremony of accepting a master for the first time, he wasn't willing to be absent.

After she finished speaking and made sure that Liu Mei didn't have any more questions, the beautiful inner court Elder waved her hand with that same smile on her face, before she disappeared in front of Shun Long's and Liu Mei's eyes, as her body turned into a hundred flower petals that dispersed with the wind.

At the same time that Elder Xuan disappeared, Shun Long also noticed a thin, almost invisible barrier shattering around him and Liu Mei.

He actually hadn't noticed this barrier that had covered him the entire time!

At the same time, Shun Long also noticed that not a single one of the surrounding disciples had turned their eyes to look at the beautiful inner court Elder that had appeared in this place during this time.

It was almost as if she had only existed in front of Shun Long and Liu Mei.

Paired with the barrier that had shattered, Shun Long instantly understood that this was Elder Xuan's technique, and this was also the reason why no one else had noticed the white-robed Elder this entire time.

With a calm look on his face, Shun Long placed the matter of Elder Xuan at the back of his mind, before he turned his attention towards the enormous 'Assignment Hall' in front of him.

