

Time 601

Chapter 601: Escaping!

At that moment, Shun Long, Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian, all saw a silver-colored pendant on the crown prince's neck that was shining with a bright silver light, as it slowly turned into dust.

It was obvious that the pendant on his neck was a protective artifact that could protect the crown prince's life when he was in danger, similar to the pendant that Liu Mei had received from Elder Xuan when she accepted her as a disciple.

However, unlike Liu Mei's pendant, the crown prince's pendant could only be activated once before it lost its power, and the power behind it wasn't anywhere close to Liu Mei's that could protect her even from the attacks of a late-stage Dao Emperor.

Naturally, although it could only be activated once, its value couldn't be measured with spirit stones as it had successfully saved the crown prince's life before it repelled Xingyi away, even managing to injure her in the process.

And yet, although Xingyi had clearly been injured by the silver light's power, she still stood up with some difficulty, as she turned her eyes towards Shun Long and looked at him with a bright smile on her face.

Shun Long's gaze was fully focused on the crown prince's body from the moment that Xingyi had appeared next to him as the look in his eyes finally turned cold.

Seeing that Xingyi's body was sent flying by the powerful silver light coming from the pendant, Shun Long's entire body suddenly lit up with a bright azure and golden light, as he mumbled 2 simple words

"Time Siphon!"

Before Commander Peng could react, the light around Shun Long's body suddenly exploded outwards, enveloping the crown prince in the next second.

"Your Highness!"

Almost as if he could sense what was going on, a horrified look appeared on Commander Peng's face before his aura burst out from his body, as it instantly covered the crown prince, trying to expel the mix of gold and blue light from Shun Long's 'Time Siphon' that had now surrounded him.

As a powerful Dao King who had reached the early second stage in the Dao King realm, it only took a second for Commander Peng to completely expel Shun Long's 'Time Siphon' from the crown prince's body, but the moment he did so, a horrifying scene appeared in his eyes.

The crown prince's face had lost all signs of life, the look in his eyes having turned dull and lifeless.

His previously youthful face had was no longer there, as his cheeks were sunken in while wrinkles had covered his entire face. The crown prince's arms and legs were no different than a corpse's if it wasn't for the almost non-existent layer of skin left on them, while his previously luxurious robes had actually turned into rags that seemed to have endured the passage of tens of thousands of years!

Commander Peng was no longer certain if the person in front of him was truly the crown prince of the Tang dynasty, Tang Long, as he stared at him with eyes filled with disbelief.

Even the young woman whom Commander Peng had thrown on the ground previously couldn't help cover her mouth in shock as her eyes stared at what had remained from the infamous crown prince of the Tang dynasty.

Of course, how could the crown prince who was barely at the early rank 1 of the Nascent Soul withstand Shun Long's 'Time Siphon' for even a second when his cultivation was boosted purely by consuming pills?

His remaining lifespan was sapped in the blink of an eye, leaving behind nothing but a lifeless corpse.

Originally, Shun Long wasn't planning on revealing his 'Time Siphon' since he was still recording everything in his sect identifying token, but knowing that there was a chance for the crown prince to have a trump card that could save him from Xingyi's ambush, he knew that he had no other choice if he wanted to kill the crown prince in front of a powerful early rank 2 Dao King realm expert!

Just as Commander Peng turned around and stared at Shun Long with a murderous look in his eyes, Shun Long didn't wait for him to do anything as he raised his right hand, opening a large space tear, before Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, Jiang Chen, and the injured Bai Longtian, all entered inside it.

"Little Bastard! Stay right there!"

Seeing that Shun Long was about to enter inside the space tear as well, Commander Peng shot forward at full speed, swinging his bronze spear towards the space tear's entrance, unwilling to let Shun Long escape.

Unfortunately for him, Shun Long was already too close to the space tear, and after taking one last look at the furious Dao King, he entered inside it as he disappeared from the interior of the palace!

A moment later, Shun Long and the rest had all appeared just a couple hundred meters away from the royal palace, to the place where Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian were previously waiting.

After he deactivated the 'Memory recording formation' from his sect identifying token, Shun Long turned his head to look at the injuries on Xingyi's and Bai Longtian's body, before the look in his eyes turned serious.

Although Xingyi didn't seem to be injured, from the fact that she was having some difficulty standing up, it was obvious that her internal injuries weren't light.

As for Bai Longtian, he had already reverted back to his original size from his 'Golden Buddha form', but the large cut on his waist was still dripping with blood and it didn't show any signs of stopping.

If he wasn't a body refinement cultivator as well, Shun Long was certain that he would have already died from blood loss long ago.

"Xingyi, Longtian, hold on for a few more minutes."

Without wasting any more time, Shun Long instantly opened another space tear that led directly towards the city gates of Tang city, before they all entered inside.

However, just as they appeared less than 200 meters away from the city gates of Tang city, Shun Long suddenly felt a chill in his heart as the sky above Tang city suddenly started to darken.

At that moment, a horrifying aura emerged from the depths of the Tang dynasty's royal palace covering the entirety of Tang city in less than a second, before a furious voice that was filled with killing intent sounded in the ears of every single person within the city

"To kill my great-grandson inside my own royal palace... regardless of who you are... you will die today!"

Chapter 602: The Tang dynasty's Dao Emperor

The entire Tang city started to tremble after the furious voice resounded in the air, causing every single person in the city, regardless of whether they were qi condensation cultivators or powerful Dao Kings, to feel a terrifying pressure looming above their heads, making them struggle to even breathe.

A moment later, Shun Long's eyes widened as he saw the figure of an old man dressed in golden-robed appear in the sky above him.

The old man had a frosty look in his eyes as he stared at Shun Long and the others, who felt like a mountain was about to crush them at any moment.

"So you are the little bastards who dared to kill my great-grandson inside my own palace? Before I kill you, I will give you the chance to explain your actions. If your answer doesn't satisfy me, it won't be just you, but your families as well who will pay the price for your actions today!"

The old man didn't mince his words, directly threatening Shun Long's and the rest's families if their answer didn't satisfy him. It was obvious that he wanted to hear the reason why someone would dare to infiltrate his palace and kill his great-grandson.

Naturally, the old man wasn't dumb!

How could he, a powerful Dao Emperor and the person behind the Tang dynasty not understand that someone else had instructed Shun Long's group to do this?

Let alone that Shun Long and the rest couldn't possibly have a feud with his great-grandson, even if they did, no one should have the guts to infiltrate the royal palace and pull off an assassination attempt like this!

The fact that they had succeeded was even more terrifying.

After all, Shun Long, Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, Jiang Chen, and the injured Bai Longtian weren't even late-stage Nascent Soul cultivators, let alone Dao Kings!

Although he didn't know how they had managed to kill Tang Long when he was protected by Commander Peng and he even had a protective pendant around his neck, the old man knew for a fact that Tang Long was truly dead since his life tablet had suddenly broken.

As the true ruler of the Tang dynasty in the dark, the old man had a life tablet of all the previous kings of the Tang dynasty and everyone else who was related to him by blood.

The life tablet was directly connected to a person's soul, and since Tang Long's tablet was broken, it could only mean one thing;

That his soul was utterly destroyed!

"Little Black, if I let you fight him, do you think you can win?"

Shun Long sent a mental message to Little Black while his eyes were focused on the golden-robed Dao Emperor who was calmly floating in the sky above him.

He knew that Little Black had definitely broken through to the rank 7 after absorbing the dragonstone, but Shun Long didn't know how strong the current Little Black really was.

"Master, don't worry! Although this old fart is a peak rank 4 Dao Emperor, in front of me he is not even worth a fart! To dare threaten to kill master in front of me, even destroying this entire Tang city isn't enough to make him repent!"

Little Black's words were filled with endless majesty and fury, while his cold azure eyes were locked on the old man in the sky above his head.

Although Little Black knew that Shun Long didn't want to expose his existence just yet since that would bring endless problems, there was no way that Little Black would simply stay still and allow anyone to kill Shun Long.

Shun Long nodded his head calmly, but he didn't let Little Black out from the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' just yet.

Instead, his eyes kept staring at the golden-robed old man in the sky, before he took a deep breath and said in a serious tone

"We are members of the Holy sect from the central region."

As he finished speaking, Shun Long removed the black robes that he was wearing, revealing the yellow robes of an outer disciple of the Holy sect that were hidden below them.

With a cold look on his face, Shun Long then continued

"Senior should understand that your great-grandson had done more than enough to be wanted by the Holy sect. Abducting innocent women and defiling them whether they agreed or not is not something that the Holy sect would ignore.

Although I don't want to threaten you, you should understand what would happen to your Tang dynasty if you really dared to kill a disciple of the Holy sect."

Shun Long's tone was cold as his eyes kept staring at the old man in the sky.

As a Dao Emperor, Shun Long believed that the old man should understand what it would mean to kill 5 outer disciples of the Holy sect in a fit of fury.

This was why Shun Long hadn't revealed Little Black's existence just yet, waiting to see if the old man would back off after learning of their background.

And yet, the old man started laughing mockingly, his laughter shaking the entire Tang city while his eyes looked at Shun Long and the rest coldly before he said

"The Holy sect? Just because you are disciples of the Holy sect you think you can just waltz into my palace and kill my own great-grandson?"

Brat, you are too naive if you think you can threaten me with the Holy sect's name! Even if I kill all of you, unless an inner court Elder of your Holy sect personally comes here, nobody would be able to even think of taking revenge for you! Even your outer court Elders would have to politely greet me if they saw me!"

The old man's lips curved up into a dangerous smirk while his eyes stared at Shun Long's group as if he was looking at 5 corpses.

Taking out a long, golden sword from his spatial ring, the old man raised it above his head before he shouted in a cold tone

"Now die!"

Slashing the sword downwards, the old man sent a powerful slash towards Shun Long and the rest, a slash that could make even a newly advanced Dao Emperor despair.

At that moment, just as Little Black was about to jump out from the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' and destroy the old man's slash, Little Black suddenly halted his movements as his bright blue eyes instantly narrowed.

Before the golden-robed old man's sword slash could even approach within 5 meters from Shun Long's group, another powerful slash came from behind Shun Long, meeting the old man's sword slash head-on!

Under Shun Long's disbelieving eyes, the old man's slash was instantly obliterated by the silver slash, but the silver slash that came from behind Shun Long didn't stop, as it continued in the distance ahead, landing on the Tang dynasty's palace the next moment.

BOOOOOM!!

The protective formations around the palace instantly lit up, and yet they couldn't even last for a moment before they were instantly destroyed by the silver slash that continued forwards, as a large part of the royal palace was annihilated in the blink of an eye.

"WHO IS IT?"

The golden-robed old man asked in shock, as he turned his head to look at the city gates of Tang city, only to see a middle-aged man who was floating in the sky, his eyes staring at Shun Long's group with a gentle smile on his face.

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Chapter 603: Jiang Tianfang

"Hehe, Tang Wu, you really are growing more and more arrogant the older you get! I wonder... what would happen to your Tang dynasty if you suddenly died today?"

The middle-aged man above the city gates walked calmly towards Shun Long's group, standing right in front of them and facing the golden-robed old man from the Tang dynasty with an uncaring look on his face, almost as if he wasn't facing the ruler of the Blue star continent, but an ordinary old man!

The golden-robed old man, Tang Wu, stared at the middle-aged man in front of him with a shocked gaze, before he asked in a disbelieving voice a moment later

"Jiang... Tianfang?"

The middle-aged man only had a single left arm that was holding what seemed to be an ordinary-looking saber, before he turned around and looked at Shun Long and the rest with a gentle smile on his face, completely ignoring the previously furious Dao Emperor of the Tang dynasty, Tang Wu.

"Father!"

Jiang Chen called out with a smile on his face, and yet amidst the warmth and pride that he felt, a hint of pain could also be seen deep in his eyes as he stared at his father's missing right arm.

For as long as he remembered his father's right arm was always missing, but it was only a year before he participated in the Holy sect's test that Jiang Chen had found out that his father's arm was personally chopped off by the Elder of the Yu family!

Shun Long and the rest all understood what was going on when they saw the resemblance between the middle-aged man's face who had appeared in front of them and Jiang Chen's.

At the same time, everyone had heard Jiang Chen's and they clearly remembered that he had mentioned how his father's arm was chopped off by an Elder of the Yu family who made sure that he wouldn't be able to regrow it in the future.

Naturally, how could they not understand who the middle-aged man in front of them was?

At the same time, Little Black's voice resounded inside Shun Long's mind a moment later, as Little Black said seriously

"Master, this guy is a late-stage Dao Emperor but his aura is extremely weak. However, he should still be strong enough to kill the old fart in front of him if he wants to."

Shun Long was stunned when he heard Little Black's words as he then stared at the middle-aged man in front of him with a curious look in his eyes.

The face of the Dao Emperor of the Tang dynasty had instantly turned paled when he heard Jiang Chen calling Jiang Tianfang 'father', but Jiang Tianfang simply smiled at his son, and after his eyes inspected Shun Long and the rest seriously for a few moments, Jiang Tianfang then turned around and looked at the golden-robed old man of the Tang dynasty coldly before he said

"Tang Wu, why don't you try and kill my son in front of me?"

Tang Wu's face turned livid when he heard this, but after he stared at Jiang Tianfang for a few moments, the golden-robed old man took a deep breath and said angrily

"Jiang Tianfang, do you think I'm afraid of you? Don't push me! Those little bastards killed my great-grandson inside my own palace. Do you think I will just let this go?"

Of course, if this was the 'great Jiang Tianfang' from the past, the one who roamed around the central region and spread his name throughout the entire world, then naturally, I wouldn't dare to fight you.

But now, the you who only has a single arm left and your dantian almost crippled, hehe I am not sure if you are really strong enough to fight me!"

The more Tang Wu spoke, the more confidence he seemed to obtain, to the point where he seemed completely unafraid of the middle-aged man in front of him.

And yet, Jiang Tianfang didn't seem angry as he simply shook his head, and holding the ordinary-looking saber in his left hand he said

"Tang Wu, even if I am injured, do you think that a weakling like you who has already reached the end of your lifespan can fight against me? Let me show you the difference between us then!"

As he finished speaking Jiang Tianfang raised his left hand, causing the saber in his hand to lit up with a blinding light before a terrifying aura erupted from his body!

The look inside Jiang Tianfang's eyes was calm, without the slightest hints of anger inside it, and with his eyes focused on Tang Wu, he casually swung his saber downwards.

The entire Tang city seemed to have fallen silent at that moment, as an ordinary-looking silver slash appeared from Jiang Tianfang's saber, before it cut through the air heading towards Tang Wu.

Sensing the aura of a late-stage Dao Emperor erupting from Jiang Tianfang's body, the look on Tang Wu's face immediately changed, as he held his golden sword in front of him with both of his hands and shouted

"Jiang Tianfang, let's see which of us is stronger then! A nearly crippled brat like you should learn your place!"

Taking a deep breath, Tang Wu then mumbled to himself

"Saint middle-grade martial skill, Cloud sword!"

His aura instantly erupted, before runes and patterns on the surface of his golden sword started to light up one after the other.

It was obvious that Tang Wu's sword was also a star-rank weapon!

Tang Wu didn't hold back as he slashed the golden sword in his hands sideways, creating a gigantic sword slash that looked like it could cleave the earth apart, as it collided with Jiang Tianfang's saber slash a moment later!

BOOOOOOOOOOOM!!

The entire Tang city shook as soon as Jiang Tianfang's saber slash and Tang Wu's sword slash collided, before Tang Wu's eyes finally widened in fear.

His powerful Saint middle-grade martial skill had only managed to last for a single second before it was overpowered by Jiang Tianfang's saber slash.

The ordinary-looking slash wasn't slowed down in the slightest as it continued forward, colliding with Tang Wu's golden sword head-on!

Without any suspense, the golden-robed Dao Emperor of the Tang dynasty was sent flying backwards like a meteor before he crashed inside the depths of his own royal palace, destroying a large part of the palace in the process.

And yet, the bystanders on the streets and those inside the surrounding shops hadn't seen anything, since the moment that Tang Wu had appeared in the sky above Tang city and had pressured everyone with his aura of a Dao Emperor, everyone had immediately fallen on their knees due to their fear.

With a calm look on his face, Jiang Tianfang turned his gaze towards the royal palace of the Tang dynasty in the distance, before he spoke in a calm yet loud voice, that reverberated throughout the entire Tang city

"Tang Wu, remember this. If you or anyone else from your Tang family dares to touch my, Jiang Tianfang's son in the future, I will raze your entire Tang dynasty to the ground!"

The entire palace of the Tang dynasty had already been alerted by the first silver slash that had instantly destroyed the protective formations around the palace walls and had even destroyed a big part of the palace itself.

After seeing that a figure was sent flying towards the palace, everyone inside the palace had been placed on full alert, almost as if they were being attacked.

And yet, the moment that they heard Jiang Tianfang's words and saw the golden-robed old man who was sent flying back inside the palace, the entire royal palace had instantly fallen silent.

Even if other people in the Blue star continent didn't know about it, how could the members of the royal family not know of Tang Wu's name and face?

Seeing the golden-robed old man who was struggling to stand up on his own 2 feet, nobody dared to even breathe loudly, as they all stared at the figure of the middle-aged man who was standing in the sky 200 meters away from the city gates with gazes filled with fear.

Jiang Tianfang no longer paid any attention to Tang Wu or the half-ruined palace of the Tang dynasty, almost as if it had nothing to do with him any longer, as he turned his attention towards Jiang Chen and the rest and smiled, before he waved his right sleeve.

In the next moment, Jiang Tianfang and Shun Long's group of 5, all disappeared from Tang city.

Chapter 604: Healing Bai Longtian

A few moments later, a little more than 100 miles away from Tang city,

Shun Long's group of 5 suddenly appeared in front of a small lake, only to see Jiang Tianfang kneeling on the ground gasping for breath heavily!

"Father! Are you okay?"

Jiang Chen called out in a voice filled with concern as he ran towards Jiang Tianfang to support him.

This was the second time that Shun Long and the rest had seen Jiang Chen's cold expression melt and reveal some of his emotions.

The first time was when he had narrated his story back in the Holy sect, and this was the second time.

Liu Mei and the rest all followed after him as they approached the kneeling Jiang Tianfang who was barely managing to support himself using his left arm, just barely holding himself from collapsing on the ground.

A moment later, after calming down and catching his breath Jiang Tianfang sat cross-legged on the ground and waved his hand as he said

"I'm okay. I simply exerted myself too much this time. Even dealing with a weakling like Tang Wu brings me to my limits."

Jiang Tianfang then turned his attention towards Jiang Chen and said with a smile on his face

"Chen'er, introduce your friends to me!"

Jiang Chen nodded his head and turned his attention towards Shun Long before he said in a serious tone

"Father, this person is my friend... no, he is now my brother... and he is also the person I have decided to follow. His name is Shun Long."

Jiang Tianfang's eyes instantly narrowed when he heard this as his gaze inspected Shun Long seriously without saying anything.

His long black hair started to flow naturally with the wind as his piercing black eyes didn't leave Shun Long's body for even a moment.

Shun Long didn't mind this and he even revealed his cultivation at the peak of rank 3 in the Nascent Soul, before he cupped his hands and bowed slightly as he said

"Senior, thank you for your help earlier."

Jiang Tianfang actually exploded in laughter the next second, as he waved his hand and said

"Your name is Shun Long right? I can see why Chen'er chose to follow you. There is no need for you to thank me. Since you are Chen'er's brother you are no different than a son for me as well. Besides, back when you were facing Tang Wu, it seemed like you had something else to count on aside from me."

Shun Long simply smiled in response without saying anything, but the looks on everyone else's faces were filled with shock.

'Something else to count on when facing a powerful Dao Emperor?'

A moment later, a look of joy appeared on Liu Mei's face as she seemed to have guessed something, as Jiang Chen continued introducing everyone else

"Father, this is Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi. Both of them are Shun Long's women. As for that buddhist idiot, his name is Bai Longtian... but he is also a friend to me."

Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, and Bai Longtian, all cupped their hands and bowed to the powerful Dao Emperor in front of them.

Jiang Tianfang had a smile on his face as he nodded his head towards them, but the moment his gaze landed on Bai Longtian's and Xie Xingyi's bodies, the look in his eyes instantly turned serious.

It was obvious that the injuries they had suffered were much heavier than they looked.

Shun Long also nodded, and seeing that Bai Longtian was finding it difficult to even stand up and cup his hands at Jiang Tianfang, he walked towards him and said seriously

"Longtian, sit down and close your eyes."

Shun Long then sat in front of Bai Longtian and placed his hand right above the cut on Bai Longtian's waist that was still bleeding profusely, before he mumbled in an almost inaudible voice

"Time Reversal."

A bright blue light had completely covered Shun Long's hand the next moment, before it slowly expanded, enveloping Bai Longtian's body as well.

Under Jiang Tianfang's and the rest's disbelieving gazes, Bai Longtian's wound was actually closing at a speed visible to the naked eye.

This was the power behind Shun Long's 'Time Reversal'!

Although Shun Long could feel that his qi was being sapped at an extremely rapid rate due to it, he still didn't stop, and less than 10 seconds later, a stunning scene appeared in front of everyone's eyes.

As the blue light from Shun Long's hand faded, the wound on Bai Longtian's waist was completely healed, not leaving behind even the slightest scar. No, it wasn't just the wound itself. Even his torn robes had returned back to their original appearance!

Naturally, reversing time itself, even if it was just in a small area to heal Bai Longtian, was something extremely taxing to Shun Long who had expended more than half of his qi this time, causing his forehead to be drenched in sweat.

"Brother Shun, thank you!"

Seeing the exhausted look on Shun Long's face and feeling his wound that had completely healed, Bai Longtian was the first one to break the silence as he thanked Shun Long.

As a body refinement cultivator, Bai Longtian clearly knew that even his energy from his body refinement wasn't enough to completely heal this wound that he had received from Commander Peng!

An all-out attack from a Dao King, even if it was weakened by Shun Long's, Liu Mei's, and Jiang Chen's attacks, Bai Longtian knew that it was still enough to kill him.

After all, even Jiang Chen was only a peak rank 5 Nascent Soul stage cultivator, while Bai Longtian himself was only at the middle of rank 5.

Even with Shun Long's 'Thundergod's slash' and Liu Mei's Death Eater, they had still failed to block Commander Peng's attack!

If it wasn't because he was in his 'Golden Buddha form' and had fully circulated his Dao of the Buddha to protect himself at the last moment, Bai Longtian knew that he wouldn't have survived.

Even after expending all of his energy from both his qi and his body refinement, he was still left with a fatal wound that only top-grade rank 6 healing pills had a chance to cure.

Chapter 605: Can you heal him?

And yet, Shun Long only took a moment to rest, before he waved his right hand, causing a bottle filled with orange pills to appear in front of him.

These pills were naturally top-grade rank 5 'Qi replenishing pills' that Shun Long had refined inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time'.

After consuming a handful of them to restore some of his qi, he then turned his attention towards Xie Xingyi who was standing just a few meters away from him and said

"Xingyi, come here."

Knowing that Shun Long was going to do the same for her, Xingyi didn't refuse, as she sat down in front of Shun Long and closed her eyes.

This time, Shun Long didn't use his 'Time Reversal' right away like he did with Longtian, but he first activated his soul sense before he completely covered Xingyi's body with it.

Feeling the powerful soul sense that was about to enter inside her body, Xingyi tensed up in reflex, but she still relaxed without a second thought a moment later, as she allowed Shun Long to do as he pleased.

Xingyi's injuries were much trickier than Bai Longtian's since they were internal injuries instead.

Although the silver light from the crown prince's pendant wasn't anywhere near as strong as the all-out attack from a powerful Dao Emperor like Commander Peng, it was still enough to severely injure Xingyi after taking the attack head-on.

After inspecting her body thoroughly, Shun Long placed his right hand on Xingyi's stomach before a familiar azure light covered it a moment later.

Xingyi could feel a soothing sensation enveloping her entire body before it started to spread inside her. Every couple of seconds, Shun Long's hand moved slightly around Xingyi's abdomen, causing the refreshing feeling to spread throughout her body.

A few seconds later, the bright blue light faded, revealing Xingyi who was still sitting on the ground with her eyes closed with a bright smile on her face, as well as Shun Long who was completely exhausted.

Opening her eyes, Xingyi looked at Shun Long and said in a quiet voice

"Brother Long, thank you!"

Shun Long simply smiled at Xingyi and shook his head, before he closed his eyes and started to absorb the qi in the air around him as he started to refill his almost empty qi balls.

Even with the help from his top-grade rank 5 'Qi replenishing pills', using his 'Time Reversal' twice to heal both Bai Longtian and Xie Xingyi had completely exhausted Shun Long.

In the next 6 hours, Shun Long simply absorbed the qi in the air around the lake before he finally opened his eyes.

The moment that he opened his eyes, the first thing that Shun Long saw was Jiang Chen staring at him with a serious look on his face as he asked in a hopeful voice

"Brother... can you heal my father?"

Silence instantly filled their surroundings as Liu Mei and the rest all stared at Shun Long without speaking as they waited for his answer.

Although Jiang Chen hadn't mentioned it, after Jiang Tianfang had saved them from the Dao Emperor of the Tang dynasty, Shun Long and the rest all understood that Jiang Tianfang was heavily injured.

Besides, how could a genius like Jiang Tianfang who had spread his name throughout the entire central region in the past, suddenly give up on his wife and put all of his hopes on his son's shoulders for no reason?

There was only one explanation for this;

His dantian was heavily injured and he couldn't utilize his strength!

This was why Jiang Tianfang was so exhausted after merely using 2 saber strikes to fend off Tang Wu!

Shun Long stared at Jiang Chen without speaking, before he turned his gaze towards Jiang Tianfang with a deep look in his eyes.

And yet, contrary to everyone's expectations, Jiang Tianfang was the first one to speak, as he looked at Jiang Chen with a warm gaze and patted his shoulder before he shook his head and said

"Chen'er, it's alright."

He then turned his attention towards Shun Long and continued with a kind smile

"Little nephew Shun, don't worry about it. My condition isn't something that can be healed. I have asked for help from many star-rank alchemists in the past 40 years, but none of them could find a cure for it."

Shun Long ignored Jiang Tianfang's words, and seeing the determined gaze that hadn't left Jiang Chen's face as he looked at him, he nodded his head a moment later, before he turned his attention towards Jiang Tianfang and asked

"Senior, do you mind if I have a look?"

Shaking his head, Jiang Tianfang had the same smile on his face as he said

"Have a look then. Also, you don't have to call me senior in the future, you can just call me uncle Jiang."

Shun Long didn't decline as he stood up and walked in front of Jiang Tianfang.

Just like he did with Xingyi, Shun Long closed his eyes before he spread his soul sense outside of his body, completely covering Jiang Tianfang, and focusing on the area around his dantian.

Jiang Tianfang didn't put up any defenses, allowing Shun Long to have a look at his dantian directly.

This was an extremely dangerous approach that most cultivators wouldn't allow others to do.

After all, allowing someone's soul sense to enter your dantian without putting up any defenses, was no different than letting yourself completely unguarded in front of that person.

If Shun Long had any malicious intents, Jiang Tianfang knew that his cultivation could be completely crippled in an instant.

And yet, he still allowed Shun Long to do so without any hesitation.

For a powerful late-stage Dao Emperor to do this, it was unknown what thoughts were coursing through his mind.

After taking a deep look at Jiang Tianfang's dantian, a shocked look appeared on Shun Long's face the next moment, as he opened his eyes and stared at Jiang Tianfang without speaking.

However, Shun Long didn't stop there, as he closed his eyes once again a moment later, before he sent his soul sense towards the area of Jiang Tianfang's severed right arm.

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Finally, a few minutes later, Shun Long opened his eyes and looked at Jiang Tianfang who was still standing in front of him with a calm smile on his face, almost as if he had been through this situation hundreds of times already.

Even Jiang Chen and the others didn't speak as they all looked at Shun Long silently waiting to hear what he had to say.

Turning his gaze towards Jiang Chen however, Shun Long shook his head before he said seriously

"It's impossible to heal his dantian using my 'Time Reversal'. At least not right now..."

Shun Long then looked at Jiang Tianfang and continued

"Uncle Jiang, you should understand that your problem is much deeper than just a half-crippled dantian."

Jiang Tianfang's eyes widened when he heard Shun Long's evaluation and saw the look on his face, before he nodded his head and said in a somewhat surprised tone

"Nephew Shun is truly talented. I didn't think that you would actually see through that so quickly."

Shun Long then turned his attention towards Jiang Chen and said with a deep look in his eyes

"Although your father should still be considered young, he has at most 100 more years left to live right now. The person who severed his right arm didn't just make sure that he wouldn't be able to regrow it in the future, but the attack he used slowly corroded your father's body from the inside as well.

Even right now, your father should be in a terrible mental and physical pain, almost as if thousands of bugs are gnawing on his dantian right now, almost as if they are slowly eating him from the inside.

In less than 100 years, your father's dantian will be completely corroded until he can't even muster the slightest bit of qi... until he eventually dies."

Jiang Chen's face instantly changed when he heard this as he turned to look at his father with a shocked look, but the moment he saw the rueful smile on Jiang Tianfang's face, he understood that his father already knew about this.

With his eyes turning red, Jiang Chen's cultivation at the peak of rank 5 of the Nascent Soul exploded outwards, as he then roared out in a voice that was dripping with killing intent

"I swear! In the future, I will destroy the Yu family until there is nothing left!"

Shun Long nodded his head as he looked at the determined look on Jiang Chen's face before he continued

"However, although it's impossible to treat the damage in his dantian right now, stopping the corrosion from expanding any further is still possible. Not only will uncle Jiang be able to live longer this way, but it will even allow him to regrow his right arm."

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"What did you say??"

Jiang Tianfang was the first one to lose his cool, as he held Shun Long by his right arm tightly and looked at him with a gaze filled with incredulity and disbelief.

Of course, this reaction was only natural.

Jiang Tianfang had already visited some powerful star-rank alchemists, but they were all unable to do anything about his condition.

Forget about healing his dantian or stopping the corrosion inside his body from spreading any further, even making him live a few more years had already been deemed impossible by those old monsters.

And yet, a kid who looked to be the same age as his own son had just said that it was actually possible?

Although Jiang Tianfang didn't want to get excited, how could he contain himself when he heard that he could even regrow his right arm back?? For a genius like him who had lost the primary arm that he used to hold his saber with, was not only a mark of humiliation, but it even affected his overall strength as well.

"Nephew Shun... is it really possible?"

Shun Long nodded his head before he pointed at the area around Jiang Tianfang's dantian and continued

"The truth is, that even uncle Jiang's dantian can be cured in the future, and there is more than one ways to do it. However, right now it's simply impossible to do so.

However, when I become a Dao Emperor in the future, I should be able to use the same skill that I just used on Longtian and Xingyi to heal you. By then, it shouldn't be too hard for you to return to your peak strength!"

Although Jiang Tianfang was a bit disappointed when he heard Shun Long mentioning becoming a Dao Emperor, since Jiang Tianfang already knew that something like that would take at least a few hundred years if not more, and right now he himself only had less than 100 years left to live, if Shun Long could really stop the corrosion inside his body from spreading any further, then Jiang Tianfang would happily wait for as long as he had to.

After all, as long as he could live more meant finding more ways to heal himself!

Just the thought of returning back to his peak strength was something that he had dreamt for, nearly every single night for the past 40 years.

The look on Shun Long's face turned serious as he then continued

"Uncle Jiang, it will only take a month to completely stop the corrosion inside your body and help you regrow your right arm, but the pain you will feel will be thousands of times worse than what you are feeling right now."

Jiang Tianfang nodded his head calmly before he surprisingly bowed his head and cupped his hands at Shun Long as he said

"Nephew Shun, as long as you can help me, I will forever be in your debt."

A powerful late-stage Dao Emperor, someone who would be at the peak of strength even inside the Holy sect, was actually bowing and thanking a small Nascent Soul stage cultivator.

And yet, Liu Mei and the rest all understood how Jiang Tianfang was feeling.

For an expert who had lost his strength, seeing hope in getting it back was a miracle.

Shaking his head, Shun Long didn't have Jiang Tianfang to keep bowing at him, and after taking a look at his surroundings he suddenly asked

"Uncle Jiang, do you have a flying magic beast?"

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Jiang Tianfang was surprised by Shun Long's sudden question, but he still nodded his head a moment later as he answered

"I have a peak rank 6 'Flame eagle' that I tamed a couple of years ago. Although its speed is not very fast, it's among the strongest flying peak rank 6 magic beasts when it comes down to strength."

"Then, uncle Jiang, do you want to come with us to the central region?"

Seeing the look of surprise on Jiang Tianfang's face, Shun Long then continued

"Since it will take a month to completely stop the corrosion inside your body and help regrow your right arm, we can do it while we travel back to the Holy sect. Unless uncle Jiang wants to stay in the northern region by yourself, you should come with us to the central region."

Jiang Tianfang's eyes lit up when he heard this, before he nodded his head calmly a moment later.

Indeed, he actually had no reason to stay in the northern region any longer.

The only reason he had stayed in this place to begin with, was to raise Jiang Chen and live a calm life.

However, if he could really expel the corrosive power inside his body and even regrow his right arm back, Jiang Tianfang would be more than glad to go back to the central region.

Of course, Shun Long wouldn't forget the rules of the Holy sect that stated, that only a disciple or an Elder of the sect could ride the magic beasts from the Beast Tamer hall.

Since Jiang Tianfang didn't have a sect identifying token, the 'Arctic blue bird' wouldn't allow him to ride on its back.

Of course, as a late-stage Dao Emperor, Jiang Tianfang normally wouldn't need a peak rank 6 magic beast to carry him around. After all, the speed of a late-stage Dao Emperor when they are flying was simply incomparable to that of any peak rank 6 magic beast.

Only rank 7 magic beasts and above would thus enter the eyes of a Dao Emperor!

However, due to the current condition of his dantian that was worsening with every passing day, Jiang Tianfang knew that he wouldn't be able to fly for even half a day before he collapsed down due to exhaustion.

Thus, having a peak rank 6 flying magic beast was still important to him.

Nodding his head, Shun Long turned his attention towards the outline of an enormous city in the distance.

Seeing the outline of Tang city ahead of them, Shun Long and the rest didn't have to ask Jiang Tianfang where they currently were in, as Shun Long turned around and looked at Jiang Chen and the rest and said calmly

"Let's go. Let's return back to the Holy sect."

After their group flew for a little more than an hour, they finally arrived at the entrance of a familiar small forest, not too far away from Tang city itself.

"Keeew!"

The moment that Shun Long's group stopped outside the forest, a loud bird cry resounded in the air, before a gigantic blue bird that was more than 40 meters(131ft) tall, with icy blue feathers and hazy blue eyes emerged from the depths of the forest, heading towards Shun Long's group at full speed.

Seeing that the 'Arctic blue bird' was still alright, Liu Mei smiled before she was the first one to get on its back.

Xie Xingyi was the next one to follow her, followed by Bai Longtian and Jiang Chen.

Shun Long's lips curved up when he saw this scene, and with just a glance on everyone's faces, he instantly understood what was on Liu Mei's and the rest's minds.

Of course, how could they not be excited to return back to the Holy sect now that they had completed the C-rank mission?

This meant that their faction was finally eligible to fight against the other factions in the sect in the faction wars!

They would finally be able to fight against the strongest geniuses of the Holy sect as well.

With a smile on his face, Shun Long was the last one to step on the 'Arctic blue bird's' back, before he turned his attention towards Jiang Tianfang who was standing in the air a few meters away from them.

Jiang Tianfang then closed his eyes and whistled loudly, and just a few minutes later, an enormous eagle that was even bigger than the middle rank 6 'Arctic blue bird' that Shun Long and the rest were riding on, appeared in the sky above the small forest.

The 'Arctic blue bird' instantly tensed up when it felt the 'Flame eagle's' aura that was clearly even stronger than its own and had already reached the peak of rank 6, but the gigantic 'Flame eagle' that

was almost double the 'Arctic blue bird's' size only threw a disdainful glance at the blue bird, almost as if the 'Arctic blue bird' itself wasn't even worth its notice, before it continued flying forward and arrived in front of Jiang Tianfang barely a moment later.

Jiang Tianfang nodded calmly and sat comfortably on the 'Flame eagle's' back, before he patted its dark red wings, causing the eagle to soar in the sky and fly straight towards the south.

Although somewhat unwilling, after receiving Shun Long's instructions, the 'Arctic blue bird' soared in the sky as well, as it followed after the peak rank 6 'Flame eagle' and headed back towards the Holy sect.

As the 2 gigantic birds flew side by side and slowly left the 'Blue star continent' behind them, Liu Mei looked at Shun Long and asked in a curious tone

"Long-ge, is there another method to fully treat senior Jiang's injuries before we reach the Dao Emperor realm?"

Liu Mei's question instantly attracted everyone's attention, as Xingyi, Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian, all stared at Shun Long curiously.

After all, since Shun Long had said that there was more than one way to treat Jiang Tianfang's injuries, then there was definitely going to be another way as well.

Even Jiang Tianfang had a slightly expectant look in his eyes as he waited to hear the answer.

Shun Long nodded his head calmly as he said

"Although there is another way, it is not really easier than the first. If anything, it is probably slightly harder."

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Seeing that everyone was staring at him expectantly, Shun Long continued

"The second way would be to have uncle Jiang consume an extremely rare pill called the 'Heavenly purity pill'. The 'Heavenly purity pill' is an extremely rare rank 7 pill that will not only allow him to expel the corrosive power from his dantian completely, but it will even allow his cultivation to soar even higher."

Jiang Tianfang's heart started to beat wildly, as his attention was fully placed on Shun Long.

Although he had never heard of the name 'Heavenly purity pill' before, if it was just a rank 7 pill like Shun Long had said, even if it was the hardest of the rank 7 pills, it should still be possible for him to acquire it!

After all, the central region had star-rank alchemists who were strong enough to concoct even rank 9 pills! How difficult would it be for those monsters to concoct a rank 7 pill?

Naturally, even Jiang Tianfang himself hadn't met with an alchemist that could concoct a rank 9 pill in his life, since those were experts who were standing at the absolute peak of the central region, but it was still a fact that those experts truly existed.

Even if Jiang Tianfang couldn't get in touch with one of those monsters, he should still be able to find an alchemist who had decent chances of concocting this pill successfully!

And yet, Shun Long had a serious look on his face as he continued

"However, I doubt that there are many alchemists who would be able to concoct this pill even if they had the recipe for it.? After all, the main ingredient for the 'Heavenly purity pill' is a rank 7 medicinal herb called the 'Golden light flower'.

Uncle Jiang should also understand how rare a 'Golden light flower' really is. Among rank 7 medicinal herbs, not only is it among the rarest ones, but it's also one of the most difficult rank 7 medicinal herbs to extract its essence.

Even normal star-rank alchemists have a high chance to fail when extracting its essence.

However, even if an alchemist somehow manages to get their hands on a 'Golden light flower' and the recipe for the 'Heavenly purity pill', they will still be unable to refine the pill if they don't own an earth flame!"

Jiang Tianfang's hopes seemed to have instantly extinguished upon hearing the last sentence that Shun Long had said.

Indeed, this method wasn't any easier than Shun Long himself personally becoming a Dao Emperor.

Although Jiang Tianfang knew that normal people would never dare to claim that they would become Dao Emperors, Shun Long was already a junior that Jiang Tianfang had failed to fully see through.

To dare assassinate the crown prince of the Tang dynasty and even stand up in front of a Dao Emperor like Tang Wu without any fear, was already shocking enough for Jiang Tianfang to look at him seriously.

However, finding the root of Jiang Tianfang's injury with just a glance and even having a method to treat it was already something that even the star-rank alchemists that Jiang Tianfang had met in the past had failed to do!

Thus, Jiang Tianfang truly believed that Shun Long had at least some chances of successfully becoming a Dao Emperor in the future.

Of course, this was only some chances and nothing more than that.

After all, nobody knew better than him how dangerous it was to try and breakthrough to become a Dao King, let alone a Dao Emperor!

Even if Shun Long was talented enough, he couldn't guarantee that he would become a Dao Emperor.

No, it was actually even harder for a genius to successfully breakthrough and become a Dao King and later on even a Dao Emperor.

Jiang Tianfang could clearly remember the terror he himself had felt that day, nearly dying during his breakthrough.

And yet, Jiang Tianfang knew that the chances of Shun Long becoming a Dao Emperor were probably slightly higher than finding an alchemist who could successfully refine the 'Heavenly purity pill' for him.

Putting aside the fact that he had never even heard the name of the pill before, just finding an alchemist who happened to have the pill's recipe was probably going to be no different than finding a needle in a haystack.

Even if he searched throughout the entire central region, Jiang Tianfang didn't know how many years it would take him to find such an alchemist.

That alchemist not only needed to be a powerful star-rank alchemist, but according to Shun Long's words, he needed to have absorbed an earth flame inside his body as well!

Although some of the peak powers around the central region possessed an earth flame or 2, just like the Holy sect who was rumored to have 2 earth flames, Jiang Tianfang knew that none of those powers would truly allow their alchemists to absorb the earth flames!

Even though it was common knowledge that an alchemist would become much stronger upon absorbing an earth flame inside his body, and he would even be able to concoct pills with much greater success, the moment that an alchemist really absorbed an earth flame, then he would be the only person who could use the earth flame.

Those peak powers would much rather have the earth flames in a place where every single alchemist could make use of them, rather than having them in the hands of 1 or 2 of their alchemists then!

After all, if an alchemist who had absorbed an earth flame died, the flame wouldn't stay inside the alchemist's body and would patiently wait for someone to seal it, but it would return back to the earth, 'dying' along with the alchemist.

Thus, Jiang Tianfang knew that only a handful of the extremely old monsters or some very lucky people had truly absorbed an earth flame in their lives!

As for the 'Golden light flower' itself, Jiang Tianfang actually knew that even though that one was probably the easiest thing to find among the 3, the difficulty to obtain this specific rank 7 medicinal herb wasn't low even for an early rank 9 Dao Emperor realm expert like him.

Even locating the flower itself was an extremely difficult task.

Instead, Jiang Tianfang knew that he would be lucky if the flower was actually placed in an auction. Even though the price was very likely to be sky-high due to all the wealthy star-rank alchemists who would be competing for it, the one thing that Jiang Tianfang didn't lack was actually money!

However, even if he managed to obtain the flower and the recipe for the 'Heavenly purity pill', Jiang Tianfang knew that there was still a high risk for the pill concoction to fail.

Shaking his head, Jiang Tianfang didn't say anything else, but in his heart, he still decided to exhaust all of his channels and have them search for the 'Golden light flower'.

After all, the risk for a pill's concoction to fail was always there regardless of the pill itself.

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In the blink of an eye 2 weeks had passed, as the 'Arctic blue bird' had already crossed the enormous continental sea and had finally arrived at the edges of the northern part of the central region!

Chapter 609: Above the Dao Emperor realm

In these past 2 weeks, Shun Long had treated Jiang Tianfang twice every single day, using his 'Time Reversal' on the area of his severed right arm.

Although there was no obvious improvement externally, Jiang Tianfang could clearly feel the corrosive effect that was preventing him from using the energy of his body refinement to regrow his right arm slowly disappear with every passing day, causing his face to be filled with endless wonder and joy.

He could clearly feel that with every day that passed, he was coming a step closer to regrowing his right arm, while the corrosive effect that was slowly spreading throughout his body and the rest of his dantian was finally being suppressed!

Although his dantian didn't show any symptoms of getting better, just the fact that the malicious energy inside him was being suppressed and wasn't expanding any further inside him was already more than what Jiang Tianfang had dreamed of in the past!

Every day, Shun Long had to rest for 6 hours after using his Time Reversal to treat Jiang Tianfang, since his qi would be exhausted every single time after the treatment.

In these last 2 weeks, their journey through the continental sea to return back to the central region was peaceful, as there wasn't a single magic beast that dared to attack them on the way.

Finally, as they arrived back in the central region, a huge coastal city that Shun Long and the rest had seen the first time once again appeared in their eyes.

Staring at the huge city that was even bigger than the Holy city itself and had thousands of cultivators queueing up in front of the city gates, Jiang Tianfang smiled and said in an easy-going tone

"It looks like the Zhong clan is still as prosperous as it was 50 years ago. Haha, I suppose it's only natural!"

"The Zhong clan?"

Jiang Chen asked in confusion as he stared at the city in the distance with a look of curiosity in his eyes, while Liu Mei and the rest had all turned their attention towards Jiang Tianfang.

Even Shun Long who had just finished absorbing the qi in the air to refill his qi balls opened his eyes and looked at Jiang Tianfang curiously.

After all, none of them knew anything about the powers of the central region that were outside the Holy sect's territory. Even the powers within the Holy sect's territory were a mystery to newcomers like Shun Long and the rest.

As for this 'Zhong clan', it was clear that it was a clan outside the territory of the Holy sect.

With a smile on his face, Jiang Tianfang nodded his head and explained

"Indeed, the Zhong clan is one of the relatively more powerful clans in the northern part of the central region.

Although they are nowhere near close to matching the strength of the true peak powers of the central region, they are still an extremely famous clan in their own right, since they have 2 star-rank alchemists backing their clan!

Rumor has it that the old clan leader of the Zhong clan has stayed in seclusion for more than a thousand years, preparing to advance to the realm above the Dao Emperor as well.

Of course, a thousand years later, nobody really knows if he has successfully advanced past the level of a Dao Emperor or not. However, if he has really succeeded in his breakthrough... then the Zhong clan will really be considered among the more powerful clans in the northern part of the central region!"

Everyone sucked in breaths of cold air upon hearing this secret of the Zhong clan!

Naturally, to have 2 star-rank alchemists meant that the Zhong clan had at least 2 Dao Emperors inside the city!

After all, it was common knowledge that for an alchemist to reach the star rank, aside from his skill in alchemy itself, he needed to have a sufficiently strong spiritual strength that could support his pill refinement.

Thus, to refine rank 7 medicinal herbs and turn them into pills, an alchemist needed to have at least reached the average level of spiritual strength as that of a powerful rank 6 Dao Emperor.

As for the old clan leader of the Zhong clan... he was actually attempting to advance past the level of a Dao Emperor?

Shun Long could easily guess that at least in terms of experience, such an old monster would definitely be among the stronger 1-star alchemists!

"Uncle Jiang, then, is the Zhong clan considered to be at the same level as our Holy sect?"

In the last 2 weeks, everyone had started to get more familiar with Jiang Tianfang as they traveled together, and since he was Jiang Chen's father and didn't put any airs with him despite being a powerful Dao Emperor, everyone had started to naturally call him uncle Jiang as well.

Jiang Tianfang looked at Bai Longtian and smiled, before he shook his head a moment later and said seriously

"If the old clan leader of the Zhong clan has truly managed to breakthrough to the realm above the Dao Emperor, then I suppose the Zhong clan can be considered to be slightly inferior in terms of strength when compared to the Holy sect.

As for the strength of the Holy sect, it is actually much deeper than what it chooses to show on the surface.

Why do you think there are so many Dao Emperors among the powers that are subservient to the Holy sect and yet none of them dare to revolt? After all, every single one of their families has to pay tribute to the Holy sect every year if they want to remain within the Holy sect's territory, and the tribute they are paying isn't a small sum. Besides, who wants to have their head lowered towards another for their entire lives?

However, none of them even dare to think of revolting and they are more than happy to pay tribute to the Holy sect every year.

The reason behind that is simply the sect master of the Holy sect!

The sect master is an expert who managed to breakthrough to the realm above the Dao Emperor countless years ago! As for his current strength, nobody really knows about it!

Even if it wasn't for the sect master's power, the Holy sect still isn't a sect that just any power would dare to mess with either. In the depths of the sect, there is also an old monster who has reached the

peak of the Dao Emperor realm as well, and among the Dao Emperors that I personally know of, he definitely ranks in the top 5 in terms of strength! Even if he isn't as strong as the Holy sect's sect master, that old man is strong enough to protect the Holy sect all by himself!"

It wasn't just Bai Longtian, but even Shun Long, Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, and Jiang Chen were all stunned when they heard this piece of news.

Naturally, normal people wouldn't be qualified to learn of the true experts behind the Holy sect, but who was Jiang Tianfang?

As an early rank 9 Dao Emperor whose name had spread far and wide throughout the central region in the past, he was more than qualified to know of the experts behind the Holy sect!

At that moment, Shun Long closed his eyes and asked Little Black in a curious voice

"Little Black, what is the realm above the Dao Emperor realm called?"

Little Black who had been drinking Shun Long's new wine non-stop in the past 2 weeks with an excited look on his face, opened his bright blue eyes and looked at Shun Long's spiritual projection in front of him before he answered in a serious voice

"Master, above the Dao Emperor is the Sovereign realm!"

Chapter 610: Jiang Tianfang's strength

"The Sovereign realm?"

Shun Long mumbled to himself absent-mindedly, before he opened his eyes and looked at Jiang Tianfang who was leisurely staring at the Zhong clan's city below them.

Even Jiang Tianfang had a bright gleam in his eyes when he mentioned the old clan leader of the Zhong clan and the sect master of the Holy sect, one of whom was just a step away from the Sovereign realm while the other had long since stepped into that level.

It was obvious that Jiang Tianfang really wanted to join their ranks as well.

However, no matter what, Shun Long understood that for the current him, the Sovereign realm was too far away right now.

"It's okay. After we return back to the sect, I will first enter seclusion and try to breakthrough to the middle stages of the Nascent Soul, before I start fighting in the faction wars. Fighting against the strongest disciples of the sect should allow my cultivation to advance even faster!"

As he reached this conclusion, Shun Long turned his gaze towards Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, Bai Longtian, and Xie Xingyi, and smiled brightly.

He understood that it wasn't just his own cultivation, but Xie Xingyi's and the rest as well that would explode after they started fighting in the faction wars.

Only by pushing themselves and fighting against the strongest geniuses of the Holy sect would they be able to have a chance to advance even further!

As the peak rank 6 'Flame eagle' and the middle rank 6 'Arctic blue bird' flew past the city of the Zhong clan, Xie Xingyi looked at Jiang Tianfang and asked in a curious tone

"Uncle Jiang, I have a question. How did you manage to find us inside Tang city? Elder brother Jiang Chen said that you were living in the Polar star continent instead."

Jiang Tianfang nodded his head calmly, and after putting aside the thoughts of reaching the Sovereign realm temporarily, he turned his attention towards the beautiful blonde young woman who was sitting on the 'Arctic blue bird's' back and answered smilingly

"Chen'er has a small pendant on his neck that has part of my soul sense sealed inside it.

Although it's usually not very useful, I can still sense its location as long as it's not too far away. With the Blue star continent being right next to the Polar star continent, how could I not know it when you arrived there?

Haha, of course, I didn't expect you brats to kill Tang Wu's great-grandson inside his own royal palace!"

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2 more weeks soon passed, and in the blink of an eye, the 'Arctic blue bird' and Jiang Tianfang's 'Flame eagle' had already entered the Holy sect's territory and were now less than a day away from the Holy mountain.

In these last 2 weeks, Shun Long had increased the intensity of his treatment on Jiang Tianfang, but the results were finally showing.

Shun Long could feel that the corrosive power inside Jiang Tianfang's body was completely suppressed by now, while Jiang Tianfang could feel his body feeling much lighter.

As he stopped using his 'Time Reversal', Shun Long looked at Jiang Tianfang with a smile on his face, and ignoring the beads of sweat that were dripping from his forehead he then said

"Uncle Jiang, see if you can use the energy from your body refinement."

Jiang Tianfang nodded his head with a solemn look on his face, before he closed his eyes and circulated the energy of his body refinement inside his body.

An excited expression appeared on his face the next moment, as tears actually started to roll from the powerful Dao Emperor's eyes!

For the first time in 40 years, Jiang Tianfang no longer felt the energy inside his body being heavy like it was being blocked by something, and he could now freely sense it circulating inside him.

Barely a second had passed, and the spot in his right sleeve that was previously empty, now had a right arm appear out of nowhere and occupy it.

This right arm with its well-defined muscles that looked almost identical to Jiang Tianfang's left arm, caused Jiang Chen's father to stare at it with eyes filled with disbelief.

Even Jiang Chen felt boundless happiness for his father, before he turned his gaze towards Shun Long and bowed deeply as he said

"Thank you!"

Naturally, although Jiang Chen was a cold person by nature, the affection he felt for his father and his mother wasn't something that he took lightly.

And yet, Shun Long immediately took a step forward and appeared in front of him, before he pulled Jiang Chen up from his bowing position and said

"If you truly consider me a brother you won't bow to me like this. There is no need for you to thank me either."

Jiang Chen stared at Shun Long with a deep look in his eyes for a few moments, before he nodded his head and actually smiled a moment later.

Even Liu Mei and the others were stunned by this rare smile of his, but Shun Long simply nodded his head with a smile on his face as well.

"Nephew Shun, I, Jiang Tianfang don't owe favors to anyone else aside from you in my life. In the future, regardless of what you need, I swear that I will always be there!"

"Uncle Jiang, don't worry about it. Just remember that although the corrosive power inside you is now suppressed, it is still inside your body. Although your strength won't reach its peak until you completely expel it, you should be able to utilize around 30 to 40 percent of your peak strength now."

Jiang Tianfang nodded his head seriously since he could feel that Shun Long was right.

Indeed, right now although his body still had that poison-like power inside him that was still affecting his strength, he could now utilize a much larger part of his cultivation than before.

The most important thing was that he could even use the energy from his body refinement as well!

Little Black had a calm look in his bright blue eyes as his voice sounded in Shun Long's mind the next moment

"Master, that man's strength is really stronger than the average Dao Emperor at the same level as him. Although his strength still can't compare to mine right now, by the time he expels the darkness qi inside him and becomes a peak rank 9 Dao Emperor in the future, he may even be able to fight against some newly-advanced Sovereign realm experts!"

Shun Long was slightly stunned by Little Black's evaluation of Jiang Tianfang's strength.

He knew that after Little Black had finished absorbing the dragonstone and had woken up, he hadn't just reached the early rank 7 but he had actually reached the middle of rank 7!

This meant that Little Black's strength was enough to eradicate most middle and even late-stage Dao Emperors!

For him to praise Jiang Tianfang's current strength meant that Jiang Tianfang was truly stronger than the average Dao Emperor at the same level as him.

Of course, Little Black only threw a glance at Jiang Tianfang through the 'Stone of Time', before he continued drinking Shun Long's wine joyfully.

As for Little Silver, it would keep eating stalk after stalk of 'Dragonblood grass' as he watched the greedy dragon hog all the wine for himself.

2 days later, the 'Arctic blue bird' finally let out a loud cry as it saw the familiar outline of an enormous mountain in the distance, before it flew towards it at full speed.