

Unparalleled 561

Chapter 561: Coquettish Girl, Seven Emotions Sect, Maiden Sage Seal

“A loud explosion was heard, and several sky-prides were blasted off their feet by an astonishingly colossal power. The crowd turned their gaze to the source, only to see Chu Kuangren standing in the middle of the air. He was glowing with dazzling flashes of brilliance and looked just like a Supreme Godly Monarch. At that moment, everyone at the scene was scared witless. Their hearts were pounding hard, and their mouths were agape.”

“Who could’ve thought that this Chu Kuangren would not only have the Nine Exquisite Orifices Sword Heart but also the Infallible Tormented Physique and the Transcendent Coalescence Physique...”

Inside a restaurant, a storyteller was narrating Chu Kuangren’s marvelous adventures in a vivid manner.

The people below the stage listened on with gusto, and there was a sense of reverence in their eyes.

To take on five outlawed sky-prides alone and then prevailing was something they dared not even think about.

“Are you sure you’re not exaggerating this?”

It was only normal that some people would question the validity of this story. After all, this version of Chu Kuangren that they were hearing was just way too overpowered.

“As a storyteller, I would never fabricate such lies. Numerous cultivators outside the Enchanted Forest Realm have witnessed Chu Kuangren’s strength with their own eyes. There’s just no way I can create a fake story out of this.”

The old man, who had been doing the storytelling, smiled and said.

There were some female cultivators amongst the audience. One of them asked curiously, “I heard Chu Kuangren is a very handsome man, and less than a handful of people on the earth can match his looks. Is this true?”

The old man laughed and replied, “Having met Chu Kuangren in person before, I can confidently tell you that Chu Kuangren’s appearance is not just unparalleled. His looks could be better described as divine. His facial features are exquisite, his eyebrows gorgeously curved, his eyes dazzling, his demeanor extraordinary, just like an immortal from heaven.”

“Come on, that’s too unrealistic. How can someone look so handsome?”

“As a faithful storyteller, I have never once lied to my beloved audience. You may go out there and ask around, and you’ll know that what I said is the absolute truth. All cultivators who had met Chu Kuangren would praise his good looks, and female cultivators who’d come across him could not stop thinking about him after an encounter.” The old man caressed his beard and lamented.

After hearing his description of Chu Kuangren, many female cultivators had a yearning look in their eyes.

“Ah, if only they had the good fortune to meet such a character in real life.”

At one inconspicuous corner amongst the crowd, someone was leisurely sipping on some wine.

This guy had a faint layer of the spiritual veil covering his face, so no one could see him clearly. He found himself chuckling from time to time as he listened to the old man's storytelling.

Although his behavior was kind of odd, nobody really paid him any attention.

This man was none other than Chu Kuangren.

After he left the Enchanted Forest Realm, he went on to look for a place to settle down for the time being. He wanted time to cultivate the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence and the White Spiritual Divine Fruit.

Before he knew it, he arrived at this place, with which he walked inside to have some wine. Coincidentally, he bumped into someone who was recounting his glorious achievements. As such, he decided to stay for a while to listen to it.

"Hmph, I'll never buy those ridiculous remarks you made about this whoever Chu Kuangren."

Just then, a cold scoff was heard from the crowd.

A lady in red, by a window, said with a disgusted look on her face.

This lady was dressed in a bright red dress. Her face looked delicate, her skin was as smooth as a baby's, her figure was rather curvaceous, and her jet-black hair was at waist length.

"Ah, the dame of Seven Emotions Sect has come down to have a drink. Apologies for our lack of service."

The manager of the inn hurried to her side with an apologetic look.

Many people were startled upon hearing his words.

Seven Emotions Sect was one of the few archaic ancient orthodoxies in Emperor Road.

"The wine here is not bad, but it's getting a little annoying that that storyteller keeps babbling about Chu Kuangren's greatness."

The girl in red furrowed her eyebrows and said.

Throughout the day, she had heard Chu Kuangren's name multiple times on her way from her orthodoxy to this place, and it made her feel rather irritated.

It was just another man. What is there to marvel about?

"Yes, yes. You're right. I'll ask that old chap to leave right away."

"Tsk tsk. Everything I said earlier was true. Apparently, even Seven Emotions Sect's Maiden Sage has been enchanted by this Chu Kuangren."

The girl in red raised an eyebrow when she heard that. "Hold up, what did you just say?"

"I said, even the Seven Emotions Sect's Maiden Sage has been enchanted by Chu Kuangren."

"Nonsense! My Senior Sister cultivates the Unruffled Emotions Dao, so there's no way a man in this world can move her heart. You better be careful with your words, or I might rip your tongue out."

The old man hurriedly shut his mouth with his own hand and then whimpered innocently, "But... it's what everybody in the outside world is saying..."

"Hmph, what a bunch of ignorant idiots who believe whatever they hear, tarnishing my Senior Sister's reputation. Next time, if you dare mention this heresy again on Seven Emotions Sect's territory, you better look out, or I might give you a death slap!" That girl in red glared at the storyteller and said.

"Alright, alright. I won't do it again next time."

"As for you guys, if I catch you discussing this matter again, prepare to bear the consequences yourself!"

"Understood."

The people immediately agreed.

"D*mn you people. You guys are really getting on my nerves. How dare you paint such a bad reputation on my innocent Senior Sister. Chu Kuangren... he better wish I don't bump into him, or I'll personally strangle him to death!"

The girl in red was so agitated that she furiously gulped down several mouthfuls of wine.

Not far away, Chu Kuangren took a sip of wine depressingly. He felt that he got swept into the situation.

Nothing had ever happened between him and Leng Ningyu. Yet because of what the folks said, he was now maliciously targeted by this lady in red.

"But who knew that Seven Emotions Sect was just nearby? If they indeed have a connection to those few scrolls, maybe it's worthwhile to pay them a visit."

Chu Kuangren mumbled to himself.

Leng Ningyu once mentioned that his Raging Gods Fist was very similar to several Emperor Techniques back at Seven Emotions Sect. In fact, he had obtained this Raging Gods Fist from a scroll.

He suspected that there was a similar scroll in Seven Emotions Sect.

As such, this would be worth his attention.

"No harm to go there and have a look. Who knows if I would find a surprise there."

Chu Kuangren thought to himself. With that, he decided to delay his plans to cultivate the White Spiritual Divine Fruit and Wood Elemental Leyline Essence.

"Waiter, the bill, please."

After paying for his drinks, Chu Kuangren turned around and left the restaurant.

Seven Emotions Sect was located within a mountain range.

At one end of the mountain range, there was a towering mountain peak that reached the clouds. It looked isolated yet magnificent on its own, and it was very conspicuous amongst the thousand other mountains.

This mountaintop was where Seven Emotions Sect was situated, called the Seven Emotions Peak.

Very soon, Chu Kuangren arrived at the base of the mountain.

Before he could step foot into the place, several flashes of light swooped down before him, which turned out to be a few disciples.

“Stop right there. From this point on, it is the territory of the Seven Emotions Sect. No intruders are allowed.”

The few disciples bore hostile looks in their eyes as they stared at Chu Kuangren.

Chu Kuangren unmasked the spiritual veil on his face and then took out the jade order that was given to him by Leng Ningyu the other day. He said, “I’m here for a visit under Sister Leng’s invitation.”

“Sister Leng?”

One of the disciples was stunned for a moment before accepting the jade order from Chu Kuangren’s hand. He looked visibly shaken. “This is a Maiden Sage Order?”

The Maiden Sage Order is owned exclusively by all the Maiden Sages in Seven Emotions Sect. It was a symbol of their authority.

Of course, this jade token had no use for an outsider.

Otherwise, Leng Ningyu would not have given it to Chu Kuangren that easily.

However, what struck the disciples more was how Leng Ningyu’s Maiden Sage Seal ended up in Chu Kuangren’s hands. What was his relationship with the Maiden Sage?

Chapter 562: Visiting Seven Emotions Sect, The Nuisance of Chi Yue

“Why do you have the Maiden Sage Seal? Who are you?”

A disciple could not help but ask.

“My name is Chu Kuangren.”

“Chu Kuangren?”

The disciples’ expressions changed once again when they heard his name.

Chu Kuangren’s name was undoubtedly the most talked about person in Emperor Road right now.

Even the combined forces of outlawed sky-prides could not beat him, and he effortlessly dispelled the garrison attack from several archaic ancient orthodoxies. Just these two achievements alone would earn him a status whom no one in Emperor Road could compare.

“Please wait here for a moment. I’ll go and inform the Maiden Sage about your arrival right away.”

One of the disciples grabbed hold of the Maiden Sage Seal and swiftly disappeared from his spot.

Chu Kuangren, on the other hand, did not look to be in any rush as he waited patiently.

Before long, a string of footsteps was heard from behind Chu Kuangren. Apart from that, there was also a heavy scent of alcoholic breath wafting in the air.

“This breath...”

Chu Kuangren looked behind him with an odd look on his face.

What he saw was that woman in red from the restaurant who had vowed to strangle him. With her face flushed, she staggered toward the mountain entrance while burping.

The smell of alcohol on her body made people subconsciously step back to distance themselves from her.

How much did she drink?

Chu Kuangren took two steps back.

Nevertheless, that woman in red had already noticed him, and she went up to drag him by his shoulder. She reached out her hand and caressed his chin, proclaiming somewhat drunkenly, “Hey, I never knew we had such a handsome-looking guy here in Seven Emotions Sect. Isn’t he better looking than Chu Kuangren?”

Chu Kuangren’s lips twitched, and he tried to break away from her, taking a couple of steps backward in the process.

“Hey, my handsome mister, I didn’t know you were quite a sheepish one. Which tribe are you from? Tell me, and your Sister, I, will take you under my wing from today onward.”

The woman in red chuckled, seemingly amused by his struggle. As such, she latched on to him and started to tease him even more.

Her drunken look formed a stark contrast from her coquettish appearance back at the restaurant. There was a slightly more sluggish and amorous demeanor on her now.

“Senior Sister Chi Yue, this Brother is not from our sect. He’s here to look for the Maiden Sage.”

“Here to look for my Senior Sister? Quit joking with me. Apart from that idiot from the Sword Tribe, who else would come here to look for my Senior Sister?”

The woman in red, Chi Yue, waved her hands dismissively at that disciple. She had an ‘are you kidding me’ expression on her face.

“His name is Chu Kuangren,” that disciple continued.

“What? Who? Would you mind repeating that?”

“Chu Kuangren.” That disciple repeated once again.

Chi Yue then took a deep breath, after which she immediately circulated the spiritual power in her body to dispel the alcoholic scent all over her body.

As the alcohol evaporated into the air, Chi Yue’s gaze gleamed brighter. Her sloth-like behavior had vanished along with it, and she stared straight into Chu Kuangren’s eyes. With a scoff, she accused him, “It was you who tainted my Senior Sister’s reputation, right?!”

“I have nothing to do with that.”

“How dare you ruin my Senior Sister’s good name? You deserve to be beaten!”

Chi Yue did not elaborate further before she lunged at Chu Kuangren and attempted to fight him. She raised her arm and punched out with a fist. With that, the spiritual power surged toward Chu Kuangren’s direction along with a waft of alcoholic scent.

The power of that attack was not great, as if she was just testing his capabilities.

Right when the fist energy was about to land onto Chu Kuangren’s body, his figure vanished from the scene.

Chi Yue’s punch landed on nothingness.

“Oh, spatial technique, huh? Interesting.”

Chi Yue mobilized her spiritual thought, and in just a few moments, she had tracked down Chu Kuangren’s whereabouts, which was somewhere above her.

“Come again.”

Another punch was thrown at her adversary. However, Chu Kuangren did not even blink twice before his figure once again disappeared from where he was standing.

“Such a fast dodger.”

Chi Yue frowned slightly. This time, she mustered enough spiritual power that enabled her to unleash a powerful Daoist Rhyme within a short period of time. Suddenly, it surrounded the entire space around Chu Kuangren.

“Heart Tearing Claw!”

As soon as those words got out, a compelling feeling of despair was already erupting from Chi Yue’s body. A claw grasped out at the space in front of her, as though it was threatening to rip the fabric of space apart.

Five types of claw strength glided across the air, which then landed on Chu Kuangren!

“Oh, the feeling of grief.” Chu Kuangren sensed an agonizing sorrow in this claw attack. It felt as if his heart and lungs were getting torn apart.

Clearly, this was a technique related to emotions.

Not only that, but he already felt slightly anguished just as his opponent was casting this technique.

This feeling told him that this technique his opponent cultivated was in the same class as his own Heart Piercing Finger, Palm of Sorrow, and Raging Gods Fist.

“It seems like I’ve made the right decision by coming here today.”

Chu Kuangren thought to himself.

After that, a spatial fluctuation appeared in the air. Just like that, Chu Kuangren broke free from Chi Yue’s energy and disappeared from sight once again.

With Chi Yue's cultivation level, she was still a far cry away from having the ability to trap him.

"What?! Where did he go?"

In a panic, Chi Yue desperately looked around to find any trace of Chu Kuangren.

"Here."

Just then, she heard Chu Kuangren's voice from behind her.

She subconsciously threw out a slam as she turned around.

However, the moment it struck out, this slam was immediately shattered by a much more powerful force. As such, Chi Yue's was sent stumbling backward.

Once Chi Yue had stabilized her own body, two fingers were already held to her throat. Extremely sharp sword qi flowed around those fingertips, slicing off a strand of her hair.

Chi Yue gulped nervously as beads of cold sweat formed on her forehead.

She knew very clearly that if Chu Kuangren wanted her dead, not only her hair but her brains would be sliced off.

"If you dare strike again, I'm going to have to use force."

Chu Kuangren said sternly.

Several Seven Emotions Sect disciples beside them were so alarmed that they fetched their weapons and prepared to charge forward to help Chi Yue.

"Stand down!"

Chi Yue, however, yelled at them to back off. "Are you guys dumb? Is there any use of you confronting him if I can't beat him?"

Chu Kuangren put down his arm and said calmly, "I'm here to see someone, and I have no ill intentions. Whatever rumor you've heard from the outside world has got nothing to do with me."

"No matter what the truth is, you've tarnished my Senior Sister's reputation."

Chi Yue remarked and then sized Chu Kuangren up. "He's truly as good-looking as they say he is," she whispered to herself.

"Innocent people need not explain themselves. Whatever people say has no effect whatsoever on me. Chi Yue, you really shouldn't pick on Brother Chu like that just because of unfounded rumors."

Just then, a soothing voice rang from behind the crowd.

Leng Ningyu was approaching them from the air before landing in front of them. Her temperament was extraordinary yet elegant, but her expression was as cool as ice.

"Senior Sister, you're here! Look, I just wanted to seek justice for you."

"You're being too much a nuisance. If Honorable Teacher finds out, she'll surely punish you."

“Oh, don’t worry, I just need to hide behind you. Honorable Teacher would never bring herself to hit you.”

Chi Yue said with a smile. There seemed to be a close kinship between her and Leng Ningyu.

Leng Ningyu looked rather speechless at Chi Yue’s mischievous antics, and it did not take long before she ignored her.

“Brother Chu, it’s good to see you again.”

Leng Ningyu looked toward Chu Kuangren. However, her usual ice-cold gaze wavered a little.

Throughout the days after her return, images of Chu Kuangren would pop up randomly while she was cultivating. This made her puzzled as to why it kept happening.

They had only met each other twice. How could he have had such a long-lasting impression on her already?

Was it because he had saved her life before?

Chi Yue glanced at Leng Ningyu, then at Chu Kuangren with a confused expression etched on her face.

‘Oh my, this does not look good at all.’

Chi Yue almost bit her tongue upon realizing what was really going on.

“Sister Leng, I’m here as per your invitation.”

Chu Kuangren nodded slightly before following Leng Ningyu into Seven Emotions Sect.

“Is he that Chu Kuangren who has recently made himself popular in Emperor Road? He really does look out of this world.”

“Even so, besides having slightly better looks than me, I don’t see how special he is compared to the rest of us. Is he really capable of defeating the combined forces of outlawed sky-prides?”

“I wonder why he came to Seven Emotions Sect.”

Along the way, many people were secretly observing Chu Kuangren. They all looked extremely intrigued by this visitor.

Chapter 563: Lady Leng Yue, To Forgo Something That Was Never Experienced

Inside the grand pagoda of Seven Emotion Sect.

The current Seven Emotion Sect Leader, Lady Leng Yue, was waiting for Chu Kuangren with a curious look in her eyes.

“The fabled sky-pride who escaped the flank attack of four archaic ancient orthodoxies — the Sword Tribe, the demon tribes, the Bai clan, and the Wang clan with ease? I wonder what kind of person he is.”

Lady Leng Yue muttered under her breath.

Before long, she saw Leng Ningyu, Chi Yue, and someone else walking toward the grand pagoda.

Standing behind them was a young man in white.

The young man's jet-black hair contrasted his white robes. His handsome face was almost peerless, with an ever-so-faint smile hanging at the corner of his mouth. His every movement exuded an exquisite elegance and class.

He looked like a fairy from the heavens that could ascend there any time he wanted.

A look of astonishment flashed across Lady Leng Yue's face. She had seen numerous handsome men throughout her life. She had so many handsome men pursuing her during her younger days that they could literally form a line from the Seven Emotions Sect mountain entrance to the Emperor Mountain. Yet, none of those men could compare with the Chu Kuangren who was in front of her now.

It turned out that there was such an extraordinary man in this world.

If there were someone akin to Chu Kuangren among her pack of pursuers back then, she would not still be single.

Lady Leng Yue sighed in melancholy.

At the thought of that, she suddenly sensed that a surge of heat was cooking up inside her stomach.

Lady Leng Yue let out a slight frown. "No way. We've just only met, and this flame poison is already acting up so soon. This man's looks are truly too sinful."

She activated her spiritual power and suppressed the flame poison inside her body.

Meanwhile, Leng Ningyu and Chi Yue were already leading Chu Kuangren into the great hall.

Chu Kuangren took a glance at Lady Leng Yue and managed to catch a glimpse of the blush on her face that was just receding. He was a little surprised.

What... What happened?

Chi Yue's expression changed too. "Honorable Teacher, are you alright?"

Although Leng Ningyu beside her did not show any reactions, there was still a caring and inquisitive look in her eyes.

"I'm fine."

Lady Leng Yue waved her hand and then looked toward Chu Kuangren. She greeted him with a smile. "Pleasure to have you here, Brother Chu. Apologies for not being able to greet you personally at the entrance."

"Don't worry, Lady Leng Yue."

Chu Kuangren's Eye of Revelation was already activated as he spoke, and he secretly observed Lady Leng Yue's condition.

"Lady Leng Yue, Top-notched Boundary Emperor, specializes in Emotion Dao... Plagued by the Flame of Desire Poison, often suffers from burns from the flame poison. It is most painful when her emotions are moved..."

A sense of surprise flashed across Chu Kuangren's eyes.

The Flame of Desire Poison?

He did not expect Lady Leng Yue to be cursed by such a poison. It was no wonder Leng Ningyu asked him for the Emphyrean Frost Python's horn the last time.

That horn was a Frost-type treasure, so it could be used to cure this Flame of Desire Poison.

"Ningyu has told me that Brother Chu owns an Emperor Technique that could trigger emotion. I wonder if you could show me?"

Lady Leng Yu was also not overly courteous as she straight up asked him about it.

Chu Kuangren gave her a slight nod and stopped worrying about that Flame of Desire Poison. That was clearly her secret, so it was inappropriate for him to mention it in front of her.

With a lift of the arm, he began mustering the Raging Gods Fist's Daoist Rhyme.

A gush of fury manifested in the space before them, turning into a black fist sign that burned with flames of wrath.

After seeing this fist sign, Lady Leng Yue's eyes lit up. "This energy... It truly is that cultivation technique that is listed in the scroll."

"Ah, it is just as I thought. The Seven Emotions Sect really does have that scroll too. How many of those scrolls are kept here in Seven Emotions Sect, I wonder?"

Chu Kuangren inquired curiously.

"How many copies do you have, Brother Chu?" Lady Leng Yu smiled back at him and asked.

"Three."

Chu Kuangren said truthfully, not trying to conceal anything.

Lady Leng Yue's eyes lit up when she heard that. "Wow, I didn't expect three. It seems like Brother Chu has had quite a good fortune."

"We, Seven Emotions Sect, have five of the scrolls."

Lady Leng Yue answered him truthfully too. There were plenty of Seven Emotions Sect disciples out there exploring and making a name for themselves. As such, the Emperor Techniques they used were not really a secret, and there was no need for Seven Emotions Sect to hide this fact from Chu Kuangren.

After all, anybody could have found that out if they just did a little more investigation.

"Five... adding to my three, we would have a total of eight."

Chu Kuangren felt a little excited.

There were a total of nine scrolls. Combining all nine scrolls would yield an incredibly powerful cultivation technique — one that could surpass all Emperor Techniques in the entire Firmament Star.

Such a technique would be way too spectacular.

Chu Kuangren even suspected it could be a cultivation technique related to divinity.

If he could gather all of them, it would surely be of great help to him.

He only had three scrolls with him at first. Hence, if he wanted to collect them all, he did not know how long that would have taken him.

However, if he added the five scrolls from Seven Emotions Sect to his collection, he would make astounding progress in this project of his. All he had to do now would be to find that last scroll.

“I don’t think the Seven Emotions Sect would want to pass on the three scrolls that I have, right? Lady Leng Yue, I’m going to come clean. I’m willing to trade these three scrolls I have for the remaining scrolls that Seven Emotions Sect has. What do you think?” Chu Kuangren proposed. Since he had already learned the Emperor Techniques on those scrolls, the physical copy of those scrolls did not matter to him anymore.

“Heh, these Emperor Techniques are closely related to our Seven Emotions Sect’s foundation. I must discuss this matter with our sect’s elders before I can provide you with an answer.”

Lady Leng Yue responded with a smile. Then, she turned to Leng Ningyu, who was beside her. “Ningyu, Brother Chu has come a long way to visit us. You should show him around.”

“Yes.”

Leng Ningyu replied with a nod before taking Chu Kuangren with her and left the place.

Only Chi Yue and Lady Leng Yue were left in the grand pagoda.

Watching Chu Kuangren’s departing figure, Lady Leng Yue could not help but lament, “Who knew there would be such an extraordinary-looking man in this world? I almost fell for him just by looking at him and got myself exhumed by the Flame of Desire Poison.”

Beside her, Chi Yue felt a little embarrassed. “Honorable Teacher, you’re our Seven Emotions Sect Leader. You need to watch your image.”

“What else was I supposed to do? This damned flame poison. It won’t even spare me a little sway of emotion. If we have to blame someone, we could only blame Chu Kuangren for being too handsome.”

Lady Leng Yue pouted and said.

“Hmm... I don’t think I can argue with that,” Chi Yue was left speechless as well. Then, as if she had thought of something, she described Leng Ningyu’s odd reaction to Lady Leng Yue.

After listening to Chi Yue’s description, Lady Leng Yue’s eyes glistened brightly. “You mean, Ningyu might have fallen for him?”

“Yes, I can’t say I’m very certain, but there are signs.” Chi Yue looked rather worried.

“That’s a good thing, though.”

Lady Leng Yue's face lit up with delight, which made Chi Yue a little more perplexed. "Honorable Teacher, how can this be a good thing? Senior Sister cultivates the Unruffled Emotions Dao. If she falls for someone, it would have a detrimental effect on her cultivation journey."

"Oh, Unruffled Emotions Dao. The most vital aspect of Unruffled Emotions Dao is forgoing your emotions. Our dear Ningyu has been cold toward people all her life. But if she had never experienced real love, how could she forgo this feeling? This is the real reason behind why she hasn't been able to perfect her cultivation in the Unruffled Emotions Dao."

"But if she has indeed fallen in love with someone this time, forgetting those feelings will allow her Unruffled Emotions Dao to be fully realized!"

If an incomplete Unruffled Emotions Dao could already produce a mighty outlawed sky-pride, how powerful would Leng Ningyu become when her Unruffled Emotions Dao was completed?

This was exactly what Lady Leng Yue was excited about.

"Pfft, and there I was, thinking that no man in this world could ever win Ningyu over. Either way, this Chu Kuangren does seem like a decent guy."

Upon the mention of Chu Kuangren, the flame poison that Lady Leng Yue had so painstakingly suppressed felt like it was going to ignite again. "Sigh, what a nuisance."

"Honorable Teacher, Master Daoist Li is going to be here soon, isn't he? Senior Sister has also brought back the Empyrean Frost Python carcass. Perhaps there really is a way to remove that flame poison from your body this time."

"Hopefully. But honestly, I really don't want him to come over."

Lady Leng Yue sighed helplessly.

Chapter 564: Warning? Careful With Your Words, Master Daoist Li's Blackmail

Leng Ningyu was taking Chu Kuangren on a tour around Seven Emotions Sect.

As they both had otherworldly looks, standing together made them look like a power couple.

All the disciples who saw them were extremely envious.

In Seven Emotions Sect, Leng Ningyu always had the prestigious image of a fairy who was untainted by the sins of the world. Aside from Chi Yue and Lady Leng Yue, not even the few elders and core Daoists close to her could start a conversation with her. After all, not many would attempt to foster a relationship with an emotionless person.

Nevertheless, this did not stop people from having all sorts of fantasies about her, and there were quite some people who secretly admired Leng Ningyu.

Even so, none of them had ever heard her getting close with any man.

The image of Leng Ningyu taking someone around with her, just like today, was indeed a rare sight to behold. It was the Seven Emotions Sect members' first time seeing her so close with somebody in public.

“Brother Chu, here is Seven Emotions Sect’s Cascading Waterfall.”

Leng Ningyu brought Chu Kuangren to a waterfall, where the water cascaded down from a cliff. The sound of water splattering was so loud that it could be heard from over ten meters out.

After Leng Ningyu introduced the waterfall, she stood at one side in silence, leaving Chu Kuangren there to admire it on his own.

It was like that for most parts of the tour.

Every time they reached a place, Leng Ningyu would tell him the name and then proceed to step behind without saying anything. It was obvious that she seldom interacted with people. Sometimes, she would look like she wanted to say something but could not find the right topic to start the conversation.

Most of the time, it was Chu Kuangren who initiated the conversation. Only then would she reply in a few words.

“Sister Leng, do you know the Sword Tribe’s Daoist?”

Chu Kuangren asked casually all of a sudden.

“I do.” Leng Ningyu nodded.

“I heard Sword Daoist is pursuing you, Sister Leng.”

“Pursuing?” Leng Ningyu frowned, seemingly pondering about what that word actually meant. After that, she said, “Sword Daoist does look for me more frequently than the other people. As for pursuing, Brother Chu, you mean to say that he wishes to be my Daoist companion, right?”

“Yes. What are your thoughts about it?”

“My sole focus is on my Dao cultivation. That thought has never crossed my mind.”

“I see.”

Anyhow, Chu Kuangren was just asking for fun, so he did not pursue this matter further.

“Ningyu, I didn’t know you were here.”

Just then, a voice was heard from behind them.

A young man in white was seen walking up toward them. When the man saw Chu Kuangren, an odd expression flashed across his eyes, and he then stared at the latter vigilantly. “This must be the renowned Chu Kuangren who has become popular in recent days. Nice to meet you, Brother Chu. My name’s Li Celong.”

Upon arriving at Seven Emotions Sect, he had heard of people mentioning Chu Kuangren’s visit here. Coupling that information with Chu Kuangren’s exquisite appearance, it was not hard to guess that the person in front of him was indeed the man.

“Nice to meet you, Brother Li.” Chu Kuangren glanced at Li Celong with a hint of mischief in his eyes.

Was this guy acting hostile toward him?

Why?

“Long time no see, Ningyu. How are you lately?” Li Celong looked at Leng Ningyu and asked caringly.

That was when realization dawned on Chu Kuangren.

This guy was here because of Leng Ningyu. He was another one of Leng Ningyu’s admirers.

“Thank you for your kind concern, Brother Li. I’m fine as always. Oh, right. Is Senior Li here as well?”

“Yes. Honorable Teacher is now looking into Senior Leng Yue’s condition.”

“I shall go have a look too then.”

Leng Ningyu said before turning around and making her way toward the grand pagoda.

Chu Kuangren was feeling a little curious too, so he followed her.

Beside him, Li Celong looked at him maliciously. “I wonder why you’re here, Brother Chu? What are your intentions for getting close to Ningyu?”

“Pfft, what does this have to do with you?”

Chu Kuangren chuckled. He could not be bothered to explain anything to this person.

On the other hand, a cold gaze shot out from Li Celong’s eyes. “I don’t care how incredible you really are, Chu Kuangren. I’m warning you...”

Before he could finish his sentence, an overwhelming sword aura suddenly encased him.

The sword aura was so powerful that it almost made him suffocate.

“Warn me? Nobody has been brave enough to issue me a warning, Brother Li. Be careful with your words.”

Chu Kuangren said indifferently.

Right across him, Li Celong was already so terrified by the domineering aura that sweat started to form on his forehead.

That was so scary.

Li Celong knew that he may not be an outlawed sky-pride, but he was still one of the most elite amongst the sky-prides.

Even so, he could not endure Chu Kuangren’s aura at all.

“Brother Li, Brother Chu, what are you guys up to?”

Sensing something weird occurring behind her, Leng Ningyu turned around to have a look. She glanced at Chu Kuangren and Li Celong curiously.

“Nothing.”

Chu Kuangren smiled and retracted his sword aura.

His mastery of auras had gotten so spectacular that not one bit was leaked when he was using it against Li Celong.

That was why Leng Ningyu did not even notice it at all.

Without any suspicions, Leng Ningyu continued walking forward, and Chu Kuangren followed her too.

Behind them, Li Celong watched Chu Kuangren's back silently. Although this was their first meeting, he looked as if he was looking at a sworn enemy.

"I don't mind plucking off your eyeballs for you if you keep staring at me with those eyes."

Chu Kuangren's cold voice rang out in Li Celong's ears.

After hearing that threat, Li Celong immediately looked away.

He knew that if the rumors out there were true, not even ten of him would be strong enough to take down Chu Kuangren.

The three of them eventually arrived at the grand pagoda.

The moment they stepped into the hall, Chu Kuangren could already sense some unusual energy coursing through the room.

There were five people in the room.

Besides Lady Leng Yue and Chi Yue, there was another handsome middle-aged man with gray hair on either side of his temples. The other two in the group looked much older.

At this moment, Lady Leng Yue was staring at that middle-aged man with a hint of agitation in her beautiful eyes.

"Master Daoist Li, you're just taking advantage of me here. Don't you think you've crossed the line?"

Lady Leng Yue reprimanded him with a harsh tone in her voice.

Meanwhile, Master Daoist Li said composedly, "Lady Leng Yue, this is my only requirement. It's fine if you don't agree. However, I'm afraid that other than me, no other physician or alchemist in this world can help you control this flame poison inside your body."

"Senior Li, you're a prestigious Master Physician of this generation. Don't you feel ashamed for tabling such a ridiculous requirement?"

Chi Yue glared at Master Daoist Li. There was a similar hostile expression on her face.

"This is a matter between me and your Honorable Teacher. A youngling like you has no right to interfere in this," Master Daoist Li commented.

"What's going on here?"

Leng Ningyu walked toward them from the side and asked curiously.

"Senior Sister, Senior Li says he has a way to cure the flame poison inside Honorable Teacher's body, but only on the condition that he can become Honorable Teacher's Daoist companion."

Chi Yue explained to her in anger.

However, Leng Ningyu did not have much of a reaction after hearing that. Instead, she merely frowned. "Senior Li, could you please change the requirement to something else?"

"I've adored your Honorable Teacher for years, but she keeps insisting on rejecting me. I've had enough, and today, I must achieve what I've always wanted."

Master Daoist Li inhaled deeply and looked at Lady Leng Yue. His eyes were burning with desire.

He had already fallen for Lady Leng Yue since they were young. However, he had never succeeded in his advances after so many years. When he knew that she was poisoned, his first reaction was not to feel sad for Lady Leng Yue but instead... excitement.

The reason was that he could use his profession and openly utilize it to make advances on her.

Chapter 565: I Can Cure This Flame Poison, Arrogance, The Truth Behind The Unruffled Emotions Dao

"After so many years, even a stone that has been held for so long would have warmed up already. Leng Yue, do you feel nothing for me at all?"

Master Daoist Li looked at Lady Leng Yue and said with anguish.

"Brother Li, I've always been grateful to you for helping me slow down the effects of the flame poison throughout these years. However, when it comes to love, things can't be forced."

Lady Leng Yue took in a deep breath and attempted to soothe her emotions as she said.

She knew about Master Daoist Li's intentions toward her, so she had always kept a safe distance between the two of them. Every time he was done with her treatment, she would pay him with a stash of soul emblems, or reward him with some treasures. She was insistent on not owing him any favors.

However, she did not expect that Master Daoist Li would keep coming back to her even with such straightforward actions. He had even resorted to using his medical expertise as blackmail to force her to become his Daoist companion.

"No, I must stand my ground. Even if I can't have your heart, I must have you."

"If you wish to stay alive, you must get engaged to me today and become my Daoist companion."

Engagement was a common tactic seen amongst cultivators with Daoist companions. After getting engaged, they would be sworn to live and die together and take a vow to never betray each other.

If engagement was not one of the prerequisites, Master Daoist Li would never have proposed this requirement.

Otherwise, the moment he cured Leng Yue, she would kill him, and he would be the sole loser of this agreement.

"Master Daoist Li, don't take it too far."

Leng Ningyu may cultivate the Unruffled Emotions Dao, but seeing her Honorable Teacher threatened by somebody else made her quite agitated.

“Right, not just you, Leng Yue. This agreement involves Ningyu as well. My student, Celong, has admired you for a while now, so why don’t we make it two happy occasions in one day? You and Celong shall be engaged as Daoist companions as well.”

Li Celong, who was standing at the side, was so ecstatic that he almost jumped in joy. Deep down, he must be singing praise for Master Daoist Li right now.

His Honorable Teacher was truly the best.

He did not forget about his student even after finding a Daoist companion for himself. With that, Li Celong’s hopes and dreams for so many years would finally come true.

“Ningyu, don’t you worry. If we become Daoist companions, I’ll treat you wholeheartedly for the rest of my life.”

Li Celong looked at Leng Ningyu with a loving and longing look in his eyes.

Chu Kuangren was flabbergasted as he watched this scene unfold from the side.

‘What kind of disgusting teacher-student duo is this? Do they have no shame?!’

“Master Daoist Li, please kindly leave. You don’t have to cure this flame poison of mine anymore.”

Suddenly, Lady Leng Yue spoke.

She could tolerate the longing that Master Daoist Li had for her. However, she could no longer accept it when it involved Leng Ningyu as well.

The fact that she did not use violence to blast Master Daoist Li and his student out of Seven Emotions Sect right there and then showed how much self-control she had.

“Leng Yue, I advise you to think through it clearly. If you don’t cure the flame poison inside your body within ten years, no matter how high your cultivation level, you’d burn to death!”

Master Daoist Li remarked.

Leng Ningyu, Chi Yue, and the two elders from Seven Emotions Sect were shocked to hear what he said.

However, having expected him to say that, Lady Leng Yue said calmly, “That would have nothing to do with you by then.”

Only she was most aware of her own current condition.

She did not need Master Daoist Li to tell her how long she could live. She could already guess it by now.

Nevertheless, she could not let this become a weakness for Master Daoist Li to blackmail her. Between her own life and her student, she would pick the latter without any hesitation.

“Master Daoist Li, I’m willing to become Daoist companions with Brother Li, but I plead you don’t ask Honorable Teacher to do the same. I wonder if you’re willing to tolerate this slight change of terms?”

Just then, Leng Ningyu spoke all of a sudden. The tone in her voice seemed unaffected, as though the person who would be engaged as a Daoist companion was not her but somebody else.

“Senior Sister, no.”

“Nonsense.”

Chi Yue and Lady Leng Yue called that off at the same time.

Despite that, Leng Ningyu stared back at the two of them calmly. “We have to prioritize the poison inside Honorable Teacher.”

Chu Kuangren felt a little perplexed as he stood at one side. Was Leng Ningyu really cultivating the Unruffled Emotions Dao?

To say that she had feelings, yet it seemed like nothing in this world concerned her.

To say that she did not have feelings, yet she sacrificed herself to Li Celong in exchange for her Honorable Teacher’s wellbeing.

“I don’t need my student to take care of my poison. I’m making the final say here.” Lady Leng Yue sneered, firmly rejecting her proposal.

“Honorable Teacher...”

“Not another word.”

Leng Ningyu was about to say something else. However, Lady Leng Yue’s glare made her swallow the latter part of her sentence.

“Actually, I can cure the flame poison inside Lady Leng Yue’s body.”

Right when the situation was reaching its climax, Chu Kuangren suddenly budged in.

His words drew the attention of everyone at the scene.

“Are you even a physician? On what basis are you saying that you can cure the flame poison?”

Master Daoist Li jeered at him. “That flame poison originated from an archaic ancient Crimson Lotus Serpent King. Of all the physicians in this world, nobody besides me has the ability to cure it!”

The Crimson Lotus Serpent Kings were an archaic ancient wild beast race. They were extremely rare.

Lady Leng Yue had encountered one of them some years back when that Crimson Lotus Serpent King was terrorizing innocent civilians. She attacked and killed it, thus landing this Flame of Desire Poison unto herself.

“Nobody besides you?”

Chu Kuangren could not help but chuckle when he heard that. “What an arrogant yet ignorant fool.”

“Kiddo, what did you say?!”

Master Daoist Li’s expression turned ominous, and spiritual power began to surge in his body as if he was ready to strike the next second.

“Don’t even think about it. If you dare make a single movement, I can guarantee that your brains will meet your puny body within the next second.”

Chu Kuangren placed his palm on the handle of the Descendant Self Sword.

The bone-piercing Sword-based Daoist Rhyme instantly made Master Daoist Li shudder. He stared at his adversary with fear in his eyes. “Who are you?”

“Honorable Teacher, he is the rumored Chu Kuangren.”

“Oh, that outlawed sky-pride. You really do look otherworldly, but do you know medicine?” Master Daoist Li was somewhat surprised.

“I know more than you do.”

Chu Kuangren could not be bothered to continue this chatter with Master Daoist Li. He immediately looked at Lady Leng Yue and said, “Sister Leng, if you trust me, could you let me have a go at curing the poison?”

Lady Leng Yue looked deep into Chu Kuangren’s eyes, then smiled and said, “If you did not have the confidence, I trust that you wouldn’t have offered to help in the first place. Please, I shall leave it to you to showcase your medicinal skills then, Brother Chu.”

“Leng Yue, are you really going to surrender your life to this nobody?” Master Daoist Li suddenly got anxious.

“It’s still better than getting blackmailed by someone.”

Lady Leng Yue scoffed back at him.

“I need a place that is rich with water qi. Sister Leng, the Cascading Water that you took me to earlier nicely fulfills that criteria. I may need you to go there with us, Sister Leng Yue.”

“Alright.”

With that, everyone headed toward Cascading Waterfall.

Even Master Daoist Li followed along too. “Pfft, I’d like to see what sort of capabilities this kid really has.”

On their way to Cascading Waterfall.

Chu Kuangren asked Leng Ningyu curiously, “Why did you agree to become Li Celong’s Daoist companion just now?”

“To save my Honorable Teacher’s life.”

“I hear that you cultivate the Unruffled Emotions Dao, Sister Leng, but it seems like the Dao that you’ve cultivated is not profound enough.”

“I may cultivate the Unruffled Emotions Dao, but I owe my life, my upbringing, my education, and my career to my Honorable Teacher. I was not going to stand by and do nothing.”

Leng Ningyu explained.

Only then did Chu Kuangren understand something.

The Unruffled Emotions Dao that Leng Ningyu cultivated did not mean a complete abandonment of feelings or love. In fact, it just drastically reduced how emotions impacted her.

She still had the usual cognizance that normal people have in certain situations.

For instance, repaying one's good deed.

"Being unruffled doesn't necessarily mean forgoing every emotion. It seems like I've been mistaken all this while. I don't think anybody in this world can truly forgo all care and love for other people."

Chu Kuangren let out a light chuckle.

Soon, they arrived at Cascading Waterfall.

Sounds of water splashing echoed throughout the entire area as massive amounts of water qi filled every corner, creating a faint layer of mist that surrounded the area.

"Sister Leng, I'll infuse the water qi into your body in a while. May I request that you don't resist it later on? Let your spiritual power flow along with the water qi and allow it to circulate within your body."

"Got it." Lady Leng Yue nodded in response.

Chapter 566: Curing the Poison, Exchanging Emperor Techniques, Buy One Free One

"Let us begin."

Chu Kuangren extended his index and middle fingers, gathering the surrounding water qi towards him.

In an instant, the water qi condensed into several tiny needles in the void. Everyone was shocked to see that.

"Condensing water qi into needles... So you're going with acupuncture?"

An expert in the Medical Dao, Master Daoist Li murmured and smiled contemptuously. "To think you'd use some sort of advanced medical technique. I tried using acupuncture in the past before — the highly advanced Youth Rejuvenation Acupuncture Technique Seventh Form. Despite that, I still cannot get rid of this flame poison."

"You can't be more foolish for using that!"

Upon hearing Master Daoist Li's words, Chu Kuangren could not help but yell at him. "The Youth Rejuvenation Acupuncture Technique is a technique that channels the surrounding wood-based spiritual qi to cure a patient. However, the flame poison inside Sister Leng's body is a fire-based poison. If you use a Wood Elemental Acupuncture Technique to treat her fire-based injury, aren't you feeding the flame even more?!"

"It's all thanks to Sister Leng's high leveled cultivation and deep foundations that she's still alive under your damaging treatments. I'd consider her extremely lucky if she could live for another ten more years."

Master Daoist Li's expression became incredibly sullen and grim at Chu Kuangren's remarks.

On the other hand, Chi Yue got so angry that she gritted her teeth and immediately scolded, "You bast*rd, it turns out you've been harming my Honorable Teacher all along!"

"Hmph, how can a physician's matter ever be considered harmful?"

Master Daoist Li snorted. "The flame poison inside Leng Yue's body is incurable. If I didn't use acupuncture to suppress it, who knows how many relapses she would have had?"

"You idiot, the method you used is only effective in treating the symptoms and not the root cause of the issue. Besides, I'm sure it burns more fiercely every time after you've suppressed her flame poison's effects."

Lady Leng Yue could not help but recall the times when Master Daoist Li treated her poison.

Although her flame poison's relapses had decreased after Master Daoist Li's help, it would always occur far worse than before.

She initially assumed it was a trait of the flame poison. However, she did not expect it was because of another factor instead.

"You..."

Master Daoist Li's face flushed with rage. He flicked his sleeves and said, "Hmph, there's no point in saying that now. Let's wait until you've successfully treated Leng Yue."

'As long as Chu Kuangren fails to treat Leng Yue, then everything he said earlier would be meaningless.'

"You don't say."

Chu Kuangren grabbed one of the water qi needles in the air and pierced it into one of Lady Leng Yue's meridian points.

A surge of water qi instantly entered her body.

Repeating the same method, both of Chu Kuangren's hands moved rapidly. He skillfully grabbed the water qi needles and pierced them into Lady Leng Yue's other meridian points, one by one.

"Sister Leng, start channeling spiritual power towards the water qi that has just entered your body in this sequence. First is the Great Palace, then Sea of Chi, Violet Palace, Hundred Meetings, Triple Warmer[1]..."

Lady Leng Yue followed Chu Kuangren's instructions.

She could feel two alternating sensations in her body, one hot and another cold. They were akin to ice and fire.

From the others' perspective, Lady Leng Yue's expression was constantly changing within. It was pale in one moment and red in another.

Soon after, a large ball of water qi that contained a dark red bundle of flame was gradually drawn out from Lady Leng Yue's body.

“Roar!!”

That dark red flame seemingly had a mind of its own as it turned into a poisonous snake-type strange wild beast, which kept on roaring in the ball of water qi.

“This flame is without a source, yet it is still roaring so rebelliously.”

Chu Kuangren pursed his lips before lifting his arm and gathering the surrounding water qi once more.
“Know your place!”

The surges of water qi turned into a razor-sharp blade that struck at dark flame!

In a split second, it vaporized into steam and dissipated into nothingness.

“He did it!”

Chi Yue’s face lit up with delight.

As for Master Daoist Li, his face turned pale instead. “How... How can this be? How did he succeed?”

He had never managed to cure Lady Leng Yue despite treating her condition for so many years, yet Chu Kuangren succeeded?

He even used a technique that he had never seen before, right before his eyes!

“T-that’s it?”

Lady Leng Yue also looked at Chu Kuangren with disbelief.

Chu Kuangren had gotten rid of the stubborn illness that plagued her for so many years with such little effort. This was incredible!

“How do you feel now?” Chu Kuangren looked at Lady Leng Yue and chuckled.

“I feel great. I’ve never felt this good before. It’s as if a weight has been lifted off my shoulders,” Lady Leng Yue replied joyfully.

“How in the world did you do it?”

Master Daoist Li asked Chu Kuangren with a look of disbelief.

“Want to find out? Why don’t you kneel and beg me? I might consider it if I’m in a good mood.”

“You...”

Master Daoist Li snorted as he flicked his sleeves angrily and left.

This time, Chi Yue stopped him. “What’s the matter? You’ve been harming my Honorable Teacher for so many years. Aren’t you a bit too naïve to think you can leave that easily?”

“Let him leave, Chi Yue.”

At this moment, Lady Leng Yue said, “However, from this day onwards, the Seven Emotions Sect shall not welcome you and your disciple any longer.”

“Leng Yue, can’t you let this slide for old times sake?”

“You and I have been strangers from the moment you threatened me, so get the h*ll out of here.”

Without further ado, Lady Leng Yue drove both Master Daoist Li and his disciple out of the Seven Emotions Sect.

“Brother Chu, I’m deeply grateful to you for curing my Honorable Teacher’s illness. I shall repay you for the troubles I’ve caused in the past.”

Chi Yue went up to Chu Kuangren and bowed to him.

“Don’t worry. I’ve never taken those things to heart.”

Such trivial matters were not worth Chu Kuangren remembering after all.

Since he saved Lady Leng Yue, he became an esteemed guest at the Seven Emotions Sect, and he was served well during his stay there.

The second day.

Lady Leng Yue summoned Chu Kuangren to the grand pagoda, where several elders of the Seven Emotions Sect were there too.

The people who were gathered there sized Chu Kuangren up. Some of the bolder female elders even whistled at him.

Chu Kuangren calmly greeted everyone with a fist salute. “Greeting, fellow Daoists.”

“Greetings to you as well, Brother Chu. I’ve called you here today to talk about the matter of exchanging Emperor Techniques.”

Lady Leng Yue took out five scrolls. “These are the five scrolls possessed by the Seven Emotions Sect. They are the Heart Tearing Claw, Mighty Cleave of Anger, Seal of Delight, Dreadful Ghoulish Slash, and Strike of Hatred, which corresponds to the emotions of grief, rage, joy, fear, and hatred respectively.”

Chu Kuangren’s eyes lit up upon seeing them. He then took out the three scrolls in his possession. “This is the Heart Piercing Finger, Raging Gods Fist, and Palm of Sorrow.”

Trading five techniques for three? The Seven Emotions Sect seemed to be at a disadvantage here.

However, Chu Kuangren knew that Lady Leng Yue was doing this as a sign of gratitude for saving her life yesterday.

Otherwise, she would never hand out those Emperor Techniques that willingly.

“Brother Chu, you’re free to study these five scrolls within the Seven Emotions Sect. I hope you won’t take them with you when you leave.”

“Of course.”

Chu Kuangren nodded slightly.

Following that, Lady Leng Yue ordered the elders to bring the three scrolls away and leave them alone.

She then looked at Chu Kuangren weirdly.

Her stare gave Chu Kuangren goosebumps. Was Lady Leng Yue going to offer him her body for saving her life?’

However, at a closer look, she was a beautiful, charming, and seductive lady. Otherwise, why would Master Daoist Li keep on lusting for her all these years?’

‘Tsk.’

‘If she really is offering me her body as a reward, should I accept it?’

‘If I do not accept her offer, would Lady Leng Yue resort to taking me by force? After all, I’m so handsome. She may attempt to dominate me too.’

‘If that happens, should I resist her advances then?’

Chu Kuangren’s thoughts started to wander.

“What do you think of Ningyu?”

At this time, Lady Leng Yue suddenly spoke.

‘What?’

‘Why did she suddenly mention Leng Ningyu? Is she offering me... a buy one and get another for free?’

[1] English names of Meridian Points were chosen over Chinese pinyin version for readers to understand.

Chapter 567: I Can’t Do It, Refining the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence, Entering the Boundary Emperor Realm

“As a Maiden Sage of the Seven Emotions Sect, Sister Ningyu is quite remarkable in both cultivation and talent.”

Chu Kuangren stopped his mind that was wandering like a loose horse and replied.

“You know that’s not what I’m asking you about.”

Lady Leng Yue said lightly.

“Um... I don’t think I understand what you’re asking about, Sister Leng Yue.” Chu Kuangren pretended to be confused.

Who was he kidding? He knew what she meant.

There was no way he was going to let Lady Leng Yue tempt him into having an affair!

“I shall be frank then. I hope you can let Ningyu fall in love with you.”

“Ahem. Sister Leng, please forgive me for saying no. Relationships must never be forced, and I don’t have any feelings for Sister Ningyu.”

“It doesn’t matter whether you have feelings for her or not. What’s important is that Ningyu is allowed to feel that way.”

Chu Kuangren got even more confused. “Sister Leng, are you asking me to seduce sister Ningyu? Wouldn’t that make me a... playboy?”

“More or less, yes,” Lady Leng Yue replied while rubbing her chin.

Chu Kuangren was dumbfounded.

‘How much bad blood do this master and disciple have between them?’

‘Hold up, that can’t be right. Their relationship seems quite good, seeing that they’re willing to sacrifice and bear hardships for each other’s sake. How did it change so quickly?’

‘Although they say women are fickle creatures, this change is just too sudden.’

“Don’t get me wrong. The reason I want you to do this is to help with Ningyu’s cultivation by letting her fall in love with you and forget you later on. This will allow her to reach the complete stage of her Unruffled Emotions Dao.”

Lady Leng Yue explained.

Only then did Chu Kuangren realize that he was asked to be a tool for someone else.

“What if she falls in love with me but can’t forget me?”

“Don’t you worry about this. You can leave it to me if this happens.”

Chu Kuangren pondered for a moment and then shook his head. “I’m sorry. I really can’t do something like this.”

Asking him to play with a woman’s feelings and letting her fall in love with him despite holding none for her, Chu Kuangren could never do something like this.

“Tsk tsk. It looks like I did not misjudge you, Brother Chu. Your refusal to do it is proof of your noble character. This means that Ningyu has her eyes on the right guy too.”

Lady Leng Yue looked at Chu Kuangren with admiration.

“Then, what if I agree to this?”

“That’ll be even better because I can now use you as a tool without any worries.”

Chu Kuangren was speechless.

He then shook his head and asked, “I hear the Sword Daoist likes Sister Ningyu a lot? Why don’t you ask him to help with this instead?”

“Him? If that guy has half of what you’ve got, Ningyu’s Unruffled Emotions Dao would have reached a completed stage by now.”

Lady Leng Yue curled her lips.

Meanwhile, in the Sword Tribe, the Sword Daoist suddenly sneezed for some unknown reason, which puzzled him. Could he still catch a cold at such a high cultivation level?

Back in the Seven Emotions Sect, Lady Leng Yue continued speaking, "But things like this do require the consent of both parties. If you do not wish to do so, then I shall not force you. Now that I've given you these five scrolls, I'll arrange for someone to have your study quarters ready. Take your time to study them, Brother Chu."

"I will. Many thanks, Sister Leng."

Chu Kuangren nodded before he turned around and left.

Looking at his departing silhouette, Lady Leng Yue smiled faintly. "Oh, Brother Chu, you have no idea of how attractive you are. Even someone like me has started to take a little liking to you. Regardless of whether you're willing or not, Ningyu will undoubtedly fall for you as long as you have that handsome look and alluring charm of yours. By the time that happens, her Unruffled Emotions Dao will be more than fifty percent complete."

After that, Lady Leng Yue called Leng Ningyu over.

"Greetings, Honorable Teacher."

"Ningyu, I've called you here today mainly because there's something I want to tell you. I want you to fall in love with someone."

Upon hearing this, Chu Kuangren's image immediately appeared within Leng Ningyu's thoughts for some reason.

"Honorable Teacher, who's this person you're talking about?"

"Chu Kuangren."

Leng Ningyu's heart skipped a beat, and a slightly flustered look appeared from her apathetic face.

Lady Leng Yue was secretly delighted to see this. 'Sure enough, she likes him!'

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Seven Emotions Sect, inside a secret cultivation chamber.

Chu Kuangren opened the five scrolls one by one and started to gain insights into the Emperor Techniques within them.

He was already very familiar when it came to gaining insights into Emperor Techniques. With his ridiculous and indescribable cognizance, it took him no more than a full day to learn all five of them. If news of this got out, it would shock many disciples of the Seven Emotions Sect.

Even the most insanely overpowered sky-pride in the Seven Emotions Sect would take at least half a year to gain some understanding over the Emperor Techniques.

However, Chu Kuangren had fully grasped all five Emperor Techniques within a day!

His understanding of them was not on a surface level but a thorough mastery!

If Lady Leng Yue were to visit him now, even she might not be confident that her understanding in these Emperor Techniques was better than Chu Kuangren's.

"Now that I've mastered these Emperor Techniques, I might as well take the opportunity to refine the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence and White Spiritual Divine Fruit."

Chu Kuangren thought.

He then took out those two treasures excitedly. "A portion of this Wood Elemental Leyline Essence is enough to increase my cultivation to the Boundary Emperor level. As for this White Spiritual Divine Fruit, it can instantly allow me to enter a state of enlightenment and increase my understanding in the Dao."

Chu Kuangren's cultivation level could now be considered a Sage Ruler. Strictly speaking, he would be considered a Supreme Sage Ruler due to his Supreme Sage Foundation.

Not only him, but most of the outlawed sky-prides were at a Sage Ruler's level too.

Putting aside their foundation level, the most important factor that gave them a Boundary Emperor combat strength was having chosen their path of Dao!

However, their cultivation level remained within the Sage Realm's category.

As for the Sovereigns who were a level above, they were Boundary Emperors. The only difference was that their own path of Dao had progressed until a point that was hard for ordinary Boundary Emperors to reach.

Chu Kuangren started to refine the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence first.

In addition to increasing his cultivation level, this treasure could also prolong his life and heal him from injuries.

Its healing capabilities were so potent that even a Sovereign would be interested in it.

Chu Kuangren had previously split some portions of it with Murong Xuan and Shang Qingxue before this, so he refined what was left of it.

Healing abilities?

Why would he need its healing abilities when he already possessed the Immortal Body ability?

Moreover, he had the Spring Breeze Healing Technique, which its healing effects were more or less on par with the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence. Coupled with his top-tiered physician skill into this, he could even cure an injury so critical that the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence could not. In that case, what was the point for him to keep this? To be a waste of space?

Hence, he decided to refine all of it.

He opened his mouth wide. Like he was drinking water, he swallowed all of the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence into his body.

In an instant, his Universal Cauldron Physique activated!

The terrifying Universal Cauldron Physique rapidly converted all the incoming energy into spiritual power.

The energy contained within the Wood Elemental Leyline Essence was so immense that even a top-notch Boundary Emperor would require at least one year to refine all of it.

However, Chu Kuangren was not the same.

His Universal Cauldron Physique could rapidly refine any type of strange energy in this world.

This leyline essence was one of those strange energies.

What took ordinary Boundary Emperors a year at least to refine only took him a day to refine most of it.

Within that day, his cultivation level kept on increasing from a Single-Step Sage Ruler to a Second-Step Sage Ruler, Third-Step Sage Ruler...

At last, he broke through the threshold of a Sage Ruler's level and reached the Boundary Emperor Realm!

Even so, his cultivation level still continued increasing until it had passed a large portion of the Boundary Emperor Realm before stopping.

The Boundary Emperor Realm was not categorized in steps like the Sage Realm. Instead, it was based on one's spiritual power quality and categorized into four tiers — low, mid, high, and top-notched. For Boundary Emperors, what mattered most was the progress of their own way of Dao!

The stronger a Boundary Emperor's Dao, it meant that they had a more thorough understanding of it. So even if their spiritual power was lower than their opponent's, they still stood a chance to win!

"Before reaching the Emperor's Dao, the journey of one's Dao is divided into three steps — seeking one's Dao, solidifying one's Dao, and becoming an Emperor by affirming one's Dao. The second step, which is solidifying one's Dao, is split into five stages. It is the novice stage, expert stage, peak stage, perfected stage, and ultimate stage respectively. The Dao of those Sovereigns is at least in the perfected stage. Some of them might've reached the ultimate stage!!"

"Now that my cultivation is at a Boundary Emperor's level, I'm confident that coupled with my Supreme Sage Foundation Level, even a Boundary Emperor with top-notch spiritual power qualities won't be able to defeat me. With the help of my Emperor Weapons and other techniques, I believe I can defeat a Sovereign whose Dao is at the perfected stage in battle!"

Chu Kuangren let out a slight grin. He had a feeling that he was now much more powerful, but his evolution was not over yet.

He still had a White Spiritual Divine Fruit.

Chapter 568: The White Divine Spirit Fruit, The Forbidden Barren Wasteland, To Each Of Their Own

The White Divine Spiritual Fruit was one of the Ten Great Spirit Fruits.

There were not many in history that had taken that spirit fruit before. However, the most famous example was a normal sky-pride who immediately became top-notch after consuming it.

That person also became an Emperor within the next hundred years, which was why the White Spiritual Divine Fruit was so well-known among the cultivators.

Chu Kuangren looked curiously at the spirit fruit in his hand. Then, he opened his mouth and took a big bite from it.

With a crunch, the spirit fruit exploded in his mouth, and a sweet taste went down his throat.

‘Hm, the taste is not bad. It’s just like eating a pear.’

Chu Kuangren took a few more bites, devouring the greatly famed White Divine Spirit Fruit whole into his stomach. He even ate its core.

Strange energy soon erupted within his stomach and rapidly spread throughout his body.

Following that, Chu Kuangren’s mind gradually turned black as he started to enter a mysterious state of enlightenment.

His understanding of the Dao was quickly improving too.

While Chu Kuangren refined the White Spiritual Divine Fruit and entered a state of enlightenment, many things happened in the outside world.

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In the Forbidden Barren Wastelands, the source of Opportunities of Fortune in the Emperor Road.

According to rumors, that area was one of the first places to take form in Emperor Road. It was since known as one of the most ancient places in the entire Emperor Road.

Countless valuable Opportunities of Fortune were hidden within it.

Emperor-grade treasures, Emperor Weapons, and even the remains of former Emperor cultivators could be found there. As such, it attracted the attention of many cultivators to head there.

However, that location was sealed away with countless restrictions. It would only open when the Emperor’s Throne was about to emerge. Normally, that place was filled with many types of danger, and those who dared to enter it would certainly end up dead!

Now that there were some changes in the Emperor Mountain, most of the seals and restrictions within the Forbidden Barren Wastelands had been unlocked. As a result, the priceless Opportunities of Fortune had reappeared once again.

Every sky-pride who wished to gain a spot on the Emperor’s Throne, especially the outlawed sky-prides, would never let such an opportunity slide. With that, everyone soon started heading towards the Forbidden Barren Wastelands.

Inside the Forbidden Barren Wastelands.

At a mountain range somewhere.

Terrifying shockwaves from an intense battle erupted everywhere, heavily damaging the surrounding terrain.

Coming from within the depths of that mountain range, several rays of five-colored light flashed with surges of horrifying Daoist Rhymes.

A group of cultivators was engaging a giant five-headed spider in combat.

The size of that spider was gigantic. From its aura, one could tell that its combat strength was at the level of a top-notch Boundary Emperor, and its skill in Five Ways Dao was even more impressive. However, the group of cultivators fighting it were no weaklings either. The weakest among them was as strong as a Sage Ruler, while dozens of other people were Boundary Emperors.

One of the young men had brilliant five-colored light radiating above his head. His power was almost on par with the giant spider's.

Eventually, the giant spider was defeated by the group of cultivators.

Meanwhile, that young man, who was the Wang clan's outlawed sky-pride, Wang Quan, looked into a cave within the depths of the mountain valley. His figure disappeared as he dashed into it.

Mists were swirling within the cave, and a five-colored pool of water soon came into Wang Quan's sight.

"Judging by its aura, it seems like I have chosen the right place to look. This is the legendary Five Ways Essence, and it's a high-quality one too. Once I'm done refining this, my Five Ways Divine Wheel will reach a greater level! When that time comes, I might even be able to go against Chu Kuangren!"

Wang Quan looked delightfully at the Five Ways Essence.

After that, he told the Boundary Emperors outside the cave. "I'm going to start my closed-doors meditation to refine this Five Ways Essence, so stand guard for me during the meantime."

"Very well."

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"The sealing restrictions here are quite remarkable indeed."

Bai Hongyu lifted her hand to form the Divine Bai Clan Seal, shattering the sword qi traps that were from the partially working seals.

After using up a great amount of spiritual power, Bai Hongyu finally broke down the restrictions before her, revealing a fiery-red long saber within. That saber had a unique and beautiful design, with several lifelike dragons and phoenixes carved on it. It also emitted an extremely dense Emperor Aura.

"An Emperor Weapon!!"

"I can't believe it. This is really an Emperor Weapon. Rumor has it that quite a lot of Emperors met their end in this Forbidden Barren Wasteland. It seems like the rumors were true. This Emperor Weapon must've been left behind by some fallen Emperor."

Bai Hongyu looked at the Emperor Weapon with excitement and immediately rushed towards it.

She also noticed a damaged corpse that was emanating surges of Emperor Aura not far from the Emperor Weapon.

“An Emperor’s body! Seeing that only a few bones are left, what terrifying power could’ve damaged this Emperor’s corpse to such an extent?!”

Bai Hongyu was very shocked. Before its seals were unlocked, this Forbidden Barren Wasteland must be hell on earth.

Nevertheless, she happily murmured, “If I can refine this Emperor’s body too, my power will break through to the Boundary Emperor Realm, and with this Emperor Weapon...”

She looked at that Emperor Weapon and reached out to grab it.

However, the Emperor Weapon was so rebellious that it unleashed a powerful streak of saber ray towards her, hoping that it would force her back.

“I’ll make you submit!”

Bai Hongyu’s face turned grim. Then, she rushed toward it while channeling her spiritual power and Daoist Rhyme.

After a few bouts of fighting, the Emperor Weapon finally acknowledged Bai Hongyu as its master.

“The Fiery Dragon Phoenix Saber.” After refining it with ease, Bai Hongyu soon learned the name of that saber. She let out a slight grin and uttered proudly, “Don’t you worry. As long as you’re by my side, I shall let the world know your name!”

The Emperor Weapon shook lightly and let out a wave of saber chant, causing the surrounding void to tremble.

“Just you wait, Chu Kuangren. Once I’ve fully refined this Emperor Weapon and the Emperor’s corpse, I’ll defeat you!!”

Chu Kuangren’s figure popped up in Bai Hongyu’s mind, and a cold glint shot out from her eyes.

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“This... This is the inheritance of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique!!”

Inside a spatial secret realm in the Forbidden Barren Wastelands.

Having accidentally entered that place, Xiao Jingchen looked at the levitating bundle of light in front of him with great shock.

The Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique was the second strongest physique in the world. Despite that, he had been suffering one defeat after another. At this point, any of the outlawed sky-prides could easily send him packing in a fight, let alone Chu Kuangren.

This made Xiao Jingchen feel incredibly depressed, so he entered the Forbidden Barren Wasteland in hopes of finding an Opportunity of Fortune that would change his fate. He did not have much hope while exploring the area at first. However, he eventually did find a great Opportunity of Fortune!

It was also one that suited him best!

“Seeing you’re able to enter this secret realm, this means that you possess the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique as well!”

“I’m known as the Great Emperor Moxuan. Similar to you, I’m also a host of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique. Although I’ve become a Great Emperor, my lifespan was still limited. Hence, I came to the Forbidden Barren Wasteland in search of ways to live on for another life. Unfortunately, I met my end here. That is why I’ve left my inheritance here.”

“Cultivator of the future, once you’ve refined my inheritance, you’ll become a successor of me, the Great Emperor Moxuan. Do not bring shame to the might of the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique!”

An elderly voice was heard from that bundle of light.

After that, this bundle of light quickly fused into Xiao Jingchen’s body.

A pile of insights regarding the Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique unleashed within Xiao Jingchen, causing his combat strength to increase rapidly!

“My way of Dao is that of the Heavenly Imperial Dao. Its might can crush everything in its path!!”

“Once I’m done refining this inheritance, I shall reign supreme throughout the whole world!!”

“Sword Daoist, Wang Quan, Touheng, Bai Hongyu, and... Chu Kuangren!! Just you wait, my Heavenly Golden Imperial Physique will strike fear into all of you!!”

There was a look of confidence on Xiao Jingchen’s face.

Every sky-pride soon entered and explored the Forbidden Barren Wasteland, each gaining various treasures within it.

Everyone was making their final preparations for the fight for the Emperor’s Throne.

Meanwhile, far away at the Seven Emotions Sect, Chu Kuangren had also gained new insights during his closed-doors meditation.

Chapter 569: Creating the Invincible Techniques, Esoteric Techniques, Qin Tianchen

At the Seven Emotions Sect, Chu Kuangren was now in a state of enlightenment after consuming the White Spiritual Divine Fruit.

His understanding of the Dao kept on increasing. As he recalled all techniques he had learned throughout his life, his mastery and proficiency in them increased too.

However, he suddenly thought of a problem.

Although he had found his way of Dao, he had no Daoist technique that could pair with it specially.

His way of Dao may be a bit unique, enabling him to use all sorts of techniques, but those techniques were all created by someone else.

As for him, he still had not created a technique based on his way of Dao!

Upon thinking of this, Chu Kuangren figured it was the right time to create his own Daoist technique!
It was not his first time doing this.

Long ago in the past, he had created several Sage Techniques and even Emperor Techniques.

This time, he was going to create a new technique based on his way of Dao!

Having entered a state of enlightenment due to the White Spiritual Divine Fruit, the process was quite smooth. Very soon, Chu Kuangren had gained new ideas and inspirations.

“Since my path of Dao is the Invincible Dao, I shall create my series of Invincible Techniques!”

“Since I know all sorts of Emperor Techniques, I might as well not let this knowledge go to waste. Why don’t I amplify their strengths, minimize their weaknesses, and merge all of them into a single technique?!”

“This shall be the prototype of my Invincible Techniques!”

Wasting no time, Chu Kuangren immediately started combining the techniques that entered his mind one by one.

The number of techniques he knew was just too much.

Any cultivator would already be unmatched if they knew a tenth of those techniques, let alone a single technique that was merged from all the others.

Even an Emperor could not do something like that.

However, with Chu Kuangren’s ridiculous cognizance and the help he gained from the White Spiritual Divine Fruit, something impossible was made possible.

Sword Dao, Buddhist Dao, Guqin Dao, Fist Dao, Saber Dao... Those were mere forms that his Invincible Dao could take.

Countless techniques consisting of Sword Dao, Buddhist Dao, Guqin Dao, Fist Dao, Saber Dao, and many more gradually merged to form the indomitable Invincible Technique!

As time went by, a month had passed since Chu Kuangren started his closed-door meditation.

On this very day.

An extremely terrifying energy wave and an indescribable surge of Daoist Rhyme suddenly emanated from Chu Kuangren’s meditation chamber.

The cultivators of the Seven Emotions Sect suddenly sensed something and looked towards Chu Kuangren’s location.

“This surge of shockwave, what’s going on?”

“What a mysterious Daoist Rhyme. Why does it seem similar to a certain cultivation technique?”

“Hold on a minute. That’s where Chu Kuangren is doing his closed-door meditation. Is it him who’s causing this? Wait, isn’t he studying those scrolls? Why would there be this Daoist Rhyme instead...”

The scrolls given to Chu Kuangren contained a few of the Seven Emotions Sect's Emperor Techniques, which were cultivated by the elders and disciples. Hence, they were very familiar with the Daoist Rhymes associated with it. It was certainly different compared to the Daoist Rhyme that emerged from Chu Kuangren's location.

Just when everyone was confused about what was happening, the Daoist Rhyme coming from his place got denser. Then, a great colorful pillar of light shot into the sky.

As the pillar of light shot through the clouds, surges of mysterious Daoist Rhyme started to spread outward from it, covering thousands of kilometers in radius. Following that, Daoist chimes reverberated in the skies, and countless golden lotuses formed by spiritual qi appeared. Other prosperous conjurations, such as dragons, phoenixes, and all living beings bowing, appeared as well.

"What's going on?"

Lady Leng Yue and the others were a little puzzled.

The conjurations happening were just too magnificent. It was the first time they had seen something like this in so many years.

"A conjuration like this won't happen even if he has fully mastered the Emperor Techniques in those scrolls. Could he have created a new cultivation technique?"

The conjurations of the heavens and earth would only happen when something new was created or born.

For example, the birth of a new Emperor, a new technique being created, etc.

Chu Kuangren could not have caused that conjuration to appear just by learning the Emperor Techniques alone. However, if he did create a new cultivation technique, it was natural for the conjurations to happen.

If the latter was true, the question now was what kind of technique did he create to cause the appearance of such a terrifying conjuration?

Even an Emperor Technique would not necessarily cause a conjuration of that scale.

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While everyone was stunned, the Daoist Rhymes that emanated from the pillar of light became even denser.

From the pillar of light, a white figure slowly emerged.

With the figure's back facing everyone, horrifying conjurations of planets crumbling and the reversal of day and night could be seen as it lifted its arm!

It was as if that figure was standing on the pinnacle of eternity and could seemingly reach out and grab the planets themselves.

Lady Leng Yue and the others gulped as they looked at that figure. Everyone suddenly felt an urge to kneel and bow before it.

“By the heavens, what kind of cultivation technique has been created!”

“Is it just an Emperor Technique? Or the rumored ethereal and non-existent Immortal Techniques?”

Everyone tried to guess but could not settle on a conclusion.

In everyone’s view, the Emperor Technique was already the highest level of cultivation technique there was. The only thing that had a higher level than the Emperor Technique would be the rumored Immortal Techniques.

However, the existence of Immortals was illusory and was never confirmed. No one had any idea whether those beings even existed.

Let alone the Immortal Techniques.

That was why nobody knew how to define Chu Kuangren’s newly created cultivation technique.

Only some incredibly ancient beings had some idea of what it was when they sensed the aura of Chu Kuangren’s cultivation technique.

“An Esoteric Art? This aura seems to be from an Esoteric Technique. Has someone created a new Esoteric Technique?”

“No, it’s not an Esoteric Technique. But this cultivation technique possesses great potential to develop into one, and even beyond that...”

“This surge of cultivation technique aura is coming from... the Emperor Road!”

The energy waves from Chu Kuangren’s newly created cultivation technique had spread to the Underworld, Firmament Star, and Nine Heavens.

Countless ancient beings shifted their curious gazes towards the Emperor Road.

Ever since ancient times, there had only been less than a handful of cultivators who could create Esoteric Arts. Each of them was one of the best among the Great Emperors and was peerless, stunning figures in their own right.

In the Emperor Road, Forbidden Barren Wastelands.

On top of a mountain range somewhere.

A young man with black hair and straight, slender eyebrows looked towards Chu Kuangren’s direction with surprise. “This aura, is it an Esoteric Art? No, that’s impossible. How could someone in Emperor Road be capable of creating something like this? The likes of an Esoteric power isn’t one that those below an Emperor’s level can control.”

“What the hell is going on?!”

The young man with black hair was surrounded by several corpses of beasts, while many more alive beasts were still staring at him with fear nearby.

It was obvious that those beasts were killed by this young man.

There were Boundary Emperor-level beasts among the dead as well.

“I’ll put this matter aside for the time being and focus on refining this Supreme Elixir before doing anything else. This Forbidden Barren Wasteland is still the same as ever, filled with countless Opportunities of Fortune. I even came across this completed Emperor-grade Supreme Elixir by coincidence. Once I’ve refined it, my chances of obtaining the Emperor’s Throne in this second life will almost be certain.”

The young man with black hair murmured. If anyone saw him here, they would no doubt be shocked.

It was because this man was Qin Tianchen, who was known as the reincarnation of a Great Emperor of the Qin clan!

He was also the most reputable outlawed sky-pride in the Emperor Road!

“Scram!”

Qin Tianchen looked at the surrounding beasts.

The countless beasts suddenly fled the area, not daring to stay for another second.

The person before them was just too terrifying. Despite having the advantage in numbers, hordes of them were slaughtered without mercy by him alone, and he was not even injured at all.

Soon after, only Qin Tianchen alone was left in that area.

He looked towards Chu Kuangren’s location.. Although he was very concerned by that mysterious Esoteric Art-like aura, he eventually decided to refine the Supreme Elixir he had obtained first.

Chapter 570: Closed-door Meditation Complete, Jian Changfeng’s Cover Blown, I’m Sent By Master Too

Seven Emotions Sect.

The conjurations in the sky that happened as a result of Chu Kuangren creating a new cultivation technique gradually disappeared.

Inside his meditation chamber, Chu Kuangren slowly opened his eyes. As he opened his hand, an immeasurably terrifying Daoist Rhyme began to swirl on the center of his palm.

It was the Daoist Rhyme from the cultivation technique he created!

He knew that this cultivation technique was still a prototype with great growth potential in the future. In terms of power, this mere prototype of his has already surpassed most Emperor Techniques. Moreover, he had created it according to his Invincible Dao.

With such a cultivation technique, his combat strength would undoubtedly increase.

“Since this technique is made based on my Invincible Dao, I shall name it the... Invincible Technique!”

Chu Kuangren quickly named his cultivation technique without much thought.

After that, he tidied his belongings and prepared to leave.

When Lady Leng Yue and the others saw Chu Kuangren coming out, everyone hurriedly went to greet him.

“Brother Chu, congratulations on completing your closed-door meditation.”

“That conjuration in the sky was very frightening, Brother Chu. Do you mind telling us what technique you have created?”

Chu Kuangren nodded slightly. “Oh, it’s nothing much.”

He did not say much about it. The Indomitable Technique was one of his trump cards, so it would not be wise of him to tell anyone else.

Lady Leng Yue also knew that such a technique he created was incredibly rare and might even involve some hidden secret of the Emperors. As such, she did not ask much about it.

“Brother Chu, now that you’ve completed your closed-door meditation session, I suppose you’ll be heading to the Forbidden Barren Wastelands, right?”

Lady Leng Yue changed the topic and asked.

Chu Kuangren’s eyes lit up upon hearing that. “So the Forbidden Barren Wastelands is opened?”

He had heard of the Forbidden Barren Wastelands before.

He knew that it was a great area filled with great Opportunities of Fortune in the Emperor Road. It might even contain more valuables if not the same compared to the Enchanted Forest Realm.

“It has. Both Ningyu and Chi Yue just set out towards there two days ago,” Lady Leng Yue said.

“I see. This Forbidden Barren Wasteland does seem interesting indeed.”

Since it was a place of great Opportunities of Fortune, Chu Kuangren would not easily let this opportunity slip by.

He soon bid farewell to Lady Leng Yue and the others.

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Inside the Forbidden Barren Wasteland.

At a certain mountain range, the Sword Daoist was leading a group of his tribe members to explore the place.

Each of them had obtained Opportunities of Fortune of their own during the past few days of being in the Forbidden Barren Wastelands and have thus become stronger respectively. This was especially true for the Sword Daoist, who was already an outlawed sky-pride. With the help of several Opportunities of Fortune, he also improved rapidly in strength. His cultivation level was just one step away from reaching a Boundary Emperor’s level.

“Not enough. This is far from being enough!”

“With this pace, I’ll never be able to match Chu Kuangren at all!”

The Sword Daoist looked at the longsword in his hand. It was the Godly Golden Emperor Sword, one of the Emperor Weapons of the Sword Tribe.

The Sword Tribe Leader had given this sword to him when he was about to travel to the Forbidden Barren Wasteland. Due to his Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart, he quickly gained the sword's acknowledgment and refined it right after.

With that sword in his possession, he was currently more powerful than the elders in the Sword Tribe.

However, despite the help of the Emperor Weapon and his increased cultivation level, he still felt that he was not strong enough to fight Chu Kuangren.

'Emperor Weapon?'

'Chu Kuangren has them as well, and several of them at that. This doesn't even put me at an advantage over him.'

'Cultivation level?'

'What else is there to say about that? That guy is a Supreme Sage. His foundations are far stronger than mine, and with that Wood Elemental Leyline Essence, he'll undoubtedly reach a Boundary Emperor's level once he refines it.'

As of now, he had no chance of winning against Chu Kuangren.

The Sword Daoist understood that fact.

"If I want to go against Chu Kuangren, I'll either need to have a completed Emperor Weapon or increase my cultivation to the level of a top-notch Boundary Emperor. Along with my Exquisite Nine Orifices Sword Heart, I might have a chance to fight him. Besides, there's also my Sword Dao. If I can improve it until the perfected stage, I might even be able to fight against a Sovereign!"

"It looks like it's time to go find that item."

The Sword Daoist murmured and then took out a green lamp. It was the Divine Emerald Lamp.

At this time, a flame was already burning inside it, radiating the Divine Lamp with mysterious rays of light.

Somewhere nearby, Swordsman Mei's eyes lit up uncontrollably upon seeing this.

"My Master is correct. The Sword Daoist does indeed have the Divine Lamp's wick. Now that the wick has been returned to its rightful place, the Sword Daoist should be getting ready to do something by now."

Swordsman Mei thought.

She was right. Right after that, the Sword Daoist was seen channeling his spiritual power into the Divine Emerald Lamp, which automatically pointed towards a certain direction.

"So it's over there?"

The Sword Daoist followed along the path guided by the Divine Lamp and led the rest of them with him.

Swordsman Mei did not immediately follow after him but stayed at the back of the group instead. She was going to send a secret message to Chu Kuangren.

However, she soon noticed that besides her, Jian Changfeng was also acting a bit sneaky within the group.

She started to feel suspicious and decided to observe him in secret.

She soon realized that Jian Changfeng was sending a message to someone too. Could it be...

Swordsman Mei's eyes lit up when she figured it out.

'Jian Changfeng is one of Master's men!'

Swordsman Mei could not help but lament Chu Kuangren's tactics.

Since Jian Changfeng was sending the message, she might as well save herself the trouble. Yet just as she decided to leave, she suddenly noticed something strange.

There was someone else spying on Jian Changfeng from within the void as well.

She recognized that person to be one of the Sword Daoist's three great Shadow Swordsmen, Swordsman Yin!

Swordsman Yin grinned when he noticed she was looking at him. Then, he signaled to her to stay silent before disappearing without a trace.

Swordsman Mei was shocked. 'What does he mean?!'

'Did Swordsman Yin find out that Jian Changfeng was secretly contacting Master by coincidence? Or did the Sword Daoist suspect him and thus sent Swordsman Yin to investigate it?'

'What about me?'

'Has my identity been exposed too?'

Swordsman Mei suppressed the panicking feeling within her. As she looked at Jian Chanfeng, who had yet realized anything at all, her figure flashed and disappeared into thin air too.

She went to the Sword Daoist and noticed that Swordsman Yin was already there with him.

"Master, your suspicions were correct. Jian Changfeng was indeed secretly sending messages to Chu Kuangren..."

Swordsman Yin was reporting to the Sword Daoist about Jian Changfeng.

"Greetings, Master."

Swordsman Mei approached them both. She appeared normal, without the slightest hint of panic on her expression.

Swordsman Yin laughed beside her and said, "Your reputation is well-deserved, Swordsman Mei. I only started to notice Jian Changfeng after Master ordered me to do so. Never did I think you'd find out his strange behavior as well. That level of vigilance you have is greater than mine."

“Oh, Mei’er, have you noticed something too?” The Sword Daoist was a bit surprised.

“Yes, I realized Jian Changfeng has been acting strange these days and hence decided to observe him more. I was going to report to Master about this but didn’t realize that you had already noticed it. It seems that my actions were unnecessary.” Swordsman Mei chuckled.

“It was only a suspicion, but little did I think that Jian Changfeng would indeed betray me. I wonder what benefits did Chu Kuangren offer to get him on his side.”

“Master, when did you start to suspect him?”

“When we were in the Enchanted Forest Realm the last time, Chu Kuangren was able to appear without activating any of the sealing restrictions and snatch the White Spiritual Divine Fruit away. After that, I started to realize something wasn’t right. Enchanted Forest Realm is such a large place. What was the possibility of Chu Kuangren showing up there of all places? That was when I started to suspect Jian Changfeng.”

“I see. Since we already know, I shall go and kill him.”

Swordsman Mei said coldly.

“No hurries. I can use him to deal with Chu Kuangren by letting Jian Changfeng deliver the wrong information to him. Just you wait, Chu Kuangren, your cleverness shall be the reason for your downfall.”

The Sword Daoist sneered as if he was a strategist who controlled the battle.

There was a look of admiration on Swordsman Mei’s face. “What a brilliant idea, Master.”

However, she was also sneering secretly inside her heart.

‘Oh, my dear Sword Daoist, would it shock you to know that I’m also a spy sent by Master?!’