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Chapter 981: Master Huakai “

“What is Plan B?”

Chen Mobai asked.

Lan Haitian smiled, not saying a word but instead walked to the edge of the airship and opened the shielded window’s panel.

Then, a brilliant azure spiritual light like the clear sky entered Chen Mobai’s eyes.

The blue light surged like tidal waves, like an ocean, forming into the shadow of a gigantic shark which opened its gaping maw as if a rift into a dark void had torn through the heavens, abruptly descending.

In Chen Mobai’s shocked and incredulous eyes, the symbol of Red Sandstone City, the towering Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree emitting steam and fog, was devoured whole, from top to bottom, by the immense phantom shark.

“Once the Narcissus Venerable’s Beiming Domain is deployed, it can sever the flow of spiritual mechanisms within and without. In the past, our Daoist Academy’s Spiritual Venerable used this to deal with the Changchun Ancestor of the Jumang Academy,” Lan Haitian explained as he gestured Lin Yin to stop the airship, turning towards Red Dawn Institution not far away.

Chen Mobai followed him to the window of the airship, looking at the massive yawning jaw of the shark occupying half the sky, murmuring to himself:

“Deputy Hall Master of the Hall of Orthodox Law, Enforcement Department Director, Sea Goddess... I didn’t expect her to take action!”

Among the fourteen Nascent Souls of Xianmen, three were not in human form, and the one with the greatest background was this Narcissus Venerable.

She was a disciple of the Spiritual Venerable, who presided over the vast Four Seas. After her Transformation, she entered the Kunpeng Daoist Institute to cultivate and quickly succeeded in “Nascent Soul Formation” by studying the Six Dominions Scripture.

She was also the only Yuan Ying level Deputy Hall Master among the Three Great Halls of Xianmen.

As Gongye Zhixu and Ye Yun’e toiled away, waiting for the Infant Forming Spirit Medicine, Narcissus had already directly become the first successor to the Three Great Hall Masters.

Should any of the Three Great Hall Masters step down, she would be next in line to take over.

The Sea Goddess was the title bestowed upon Narcissus when she first joined the Kunpeng Daoist Academy by the other students.

In such a resource-scarce environment of Xianmen, as a disciple of the Spiritual Venerable, she was arguably the wealthiest among the fourteen Nascent Souls.

Because the Spiritual Venerable had granted her clan a Sea Territory within Di Yuan Star as their fiefdom.

It’s said that there, an innumerable count of spiritual pearls and shellfish thrives, with the full pearls brimming with spiritual energy, rivaling even top-grade Spirit Stones.

“Once the Beiming Domain isolates the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, all we need to do is arrest Shi Qing,” said Lan Haitian, as a dark green sword light had already shot up from the highest peak of the Danxia Mountain Range, after the loss of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree.

It was Gongsun Jielu!

Chen Mobai, having felt her power when she suppressed Yu Tianguang, recognized her at once.

The sword light soared like a dragon, extending in the void with ease, instantly enveloping a lithe figure in a purple gown within it.

Chen Mobai pushed his Void Spirit Eye to its limits and finally caught sight of Shi Qing, the unanointed monarch who had presided over Red Sandstone City for over a hundred years.

She was an ordinary-looking woman, but her eyes shimmered with a strange iridescence. Her expression was stern, her snow-white hand holding a crimson Stone Flower.

With each wave of the Stone Flower, a ring of torches blossomed as if they were shockwaves, sweeping away the encircling dark green sword light that Gongsun Jieli had sent from all directions.

“Shi Qing had already reached the Ninth Level of Golden Core decades ago, and with the aid of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree and the Fire Vein of this city, she was in complete harmony with them. Although Vice Director Gongsun’s cultivation level is extraordinary, ranking among the four great Sword Dao masters of Xianmen, facing Shi Qing who has the geographical advantage, the outcome is uncertain,” Yu Tianguang stated, coming over with a worried look on his face.

“That’s exactly why the Narcissus Venerable personally took action,” said Lan Haitian, not the least bit worried. At that moment, a strand of blue light lit up atop the massive shark in the sky that had devoured the Biyu Wutong Tree, and a girl with white hair and eyebrows, as pure and white as jade, floated out.

With a flick of her finger towards Shi Qing, a stream of water sharp as a laser pierced through Shi Qing’s Spiritual Force Shield in an instant, penetrating into the Qi Sea of her Dantian.

Is this the power of a Xianmen Nascent Soul? Chen Mobai marveled upon seeing the Narcissus Venerable suppress the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree and then with a single move, overpower Shi Qing, who was at the Ninth Layer of Golden Core.

Zhou Shengqing, who had used the Reverse Longevity Technique, was not nearly so fierce.

“Is this... over?” Yu Tianguang, witnessing this scene, couldn’t help but widen his eyes. He had never imagined that the Narcissus Venerable could subdue the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree and still have a clone to subdue Shi Qing.

“Of course, the gap between Golden Core and Nascent Soul is just so,” Lan Haitian said, his face showing a rare pride.

The Narcissus Venerable was a graduate of their Kunpeng Daoist Institute, and her easy victory in this battle demonstrated their institute’s status as the number one of Xianmen’s Daoist Academies.

Even though during the eras of Chen Mobai and Zhongli Tianyu, the Dance Tool Dao Academy had unexpectedly taken the top seat, it was still their Kunpeng Daoist Institute that held the position as the foremost Daoist Academy in Xianmen.

“Now that Shi Qing has also been arrested, you can release me. If you wanted to use me to lure her out, why didn’t you notify me first? Would I have disagreed?” Yu Tianguang started to complain, raising his still handcuffed hands in displeasure.

“I’m sorry, True Person Yu, but you have, after all, practiced the Devour God Technique; even unconsciously, you need to be treated as a suspect,” Lan Haitian replied.

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Lan Haitian felt a tinge of regret as he shook the bracelet connected to his wrist, for even now, he had yet to remove the restrictions placed upon Yu Tianguang.

“This has already proven that I’ve been wronged. To treat me this way, isn’t it a bit inappropriate!”

When Yu Tianguang said this, there was a hint of emotion in his voice.

Mainly because the extreme fright and joy of this night had pushed this seasoned Golden Core Master to a point where he could scarcely endure.

Seeing that Lan Haitian still refused to release him, Yu Tianguang's eyes flashed with anger, turning toward Chen Mobai.

"True Person Yu, as long as you have been wronged, once we are at Wangwu Cave Heaven, the Daoist Academy will naturally help you clear your name."

Chen Mobai preemptively interrupted Yu Tianguang's words, but at that moment, he felt something odd.

Yu Tianguang's emotions were inexplicably becoming overexcited.

But just then, the previously enraged Yu Tianguang suddenly became calm. With his head bowed, he offered a sinister smile and made a comment that caused Lan Haitian and Chen Mobai's pupils to constrict.

["Little devils of Immortal Gate, you are unexpectedly cautious!"]

Sizzle sizzle sizzle!

Whoosh whoosh whoosh!

Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian acted simultaneously, transforming Yi Wood Divine Thunder and Yin Yang Yuan Magnet Force into a stream of azure and a stream of gray, pressing down on Yu Tianguang's Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion and Dantian Qi Sea at the same time!

A silver torch appeared out of nowhere in front of Yu Tianguang, as if connected to a mysterious void. A vague figure holding a colorful treasure tree emerged within the torch.

With a swing of the treasure tree in his hand, he deflected the attack from Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian, protecting Yu Tianguang.

If not for the fact that both Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian had perfect control over their lightning and Yuan Magnet Force, they might have been turned into a shower of fragments by the flying boat in that moment.

“Divine Control Pavilion Master!”

Recognizing such an iconic entrance, Lan Haitian retracted the Yuan Magnet Force and his expression turned grave.

He raised his hand and fully triggered the power of the bracelet on his wrist. A swath of pitch-black luminescence flared up, swiftly spreading toward Yu Tianguang at the far end.

The binding artifacts of the Sky-Mending Group always had a safeguard, permitted to be used in extreme measures when the situation was unfavorable.

But the Divine Control Pavilion Master had already reached through the void, extending his right hand and that colorful treasure tree and lightly brushed over Yu Tianguang’s hands.

Crack!

The Third Rank Superior Grade handcuffs binding Yu Tianguang shattered in an instant, breaking into pieces and scattering on the ground.

[“I’ve nurtured this God Seed for quite a long time; it’s truly a pity to use it like this.”]

After freeing himself from the shackles, Yu Tianguang slowly raised his head, but his tone and expression had completely changed.

A silver flame symbol blazed on his forehead, and his eyes revealed a never-before-seen malevolence.

But amidst the malevolence, there was struggle, anger, pain, fear, and various other emotions.

“Who are you... how is this possible... I am a disciple of Immortal Gate... I can't be your God Seed... act quickly... kill me...”

By the end of his plea, Yu Tianguang had already grabbed his own throat, intending to end his life while asking Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian to take action.

Lan Haitian didn't hesitate at all and directly retrieved a magic artifact from his Domain. It was a stone with a mix of silver and black, vaguely divided into Yin and Yang.

It was the Star Concentrating Stone he originally obtained in the Dance Tool Dao Academy, which Lan Haitian had crafted into his Lifespan Artifact after his Core Formation.

He opened his right hand slightly, and the Star Concentrating Stone burst forth with pitch-black radiance, heavily slamming into Yu Tianguang, who was struggling against the Divine Control Pavilion Master for control of his body.

The hilt of the Purple Electric Sword dropped from the Domain; Chen Mobai reached out hesitantly, wondering whether to draw the sword, when he saw Lan Haitian catch the rebounding Star Concentrating Stone with both hands and was sent flying back, impacting the aft cabin wall of the flying boat.

After flinging Lan Haitian away, another phantom flew out of the true body of the Divine Control Pavilion Master who stood behind the torch.

This phantom, holding the colorful treasure tree, stepped out of the torch, descended upon the territory of Immortal Gate, and then directly merged into Yu Tianguang's Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion.

“It's been perhaps three hundred years since I last came here.”

After completely occupying Yu Tianguang's body, Shenyu Xuanzhu raised his palm to extinguish the torch and breathed in the fresh air of Di Yuan Star with a hint of intoxication.

Boom!

What met him head-on was a column of azure lightning.

The Shenyu Xuanzhu, who had just refined the God Seed, waved the rainbow-colored treasure tree in his hand in surprise. However, the Magic Artifact seemed to awaken its own will, trembling as it broke free from his grasp. It then burst through the airship's window and headed straight for Shi Qing at the peak of Danxia Mountain.

With a snap, Chen Mobai's Yi Wood Divine Thunder hit Shenyu Xuanzhu's face without any resistance.

Taken off guard, Shenyu Xuanzhu was blasted away, just like Lan Haitian a moment ago.

With a thunderous crash, the airship could no longer hold together and disintegrated completely.

Fortunately, those on board were Foundation Establishment Practitioners, all capable of self-preservation. Chen Mobai flung out the Six Yang Divine Fire Mirror, using the Magic Artifact to shield them from the aftermath and safely bringing them to ground.

A spiritual light flared, landing beside Chen Mobai.

"Thanks."

Lan Haitian floated beside Chen Mobai, wiping the blood from the corner of his mouth, and expressed gratitude to the latter for protecting the Sky-Mending Group aboard the airship.

"I was mainly saving Qing Nu."

Chen Mobai maintained his persona, but Lan Haitian took it as pride and nodded his head in acknowledgment.

“Tch, and to think I nurtured you for three hundred years!”

At that moment, Shenyu Xuanzhu, who had been blasted away by the Yi Wood Divine Thunder, halted his momentum. Annoyed, he said, raising his slightly charred face and looking toward Shi Qing, who was now wielding immense power with the rainbow-colored treasure tree, fiercely battling with Narcissus and Gongsun Jielu at Danxia’s summit.

Shenyu Xuanzhu closed his eyes, feeling Yu Tianguang’s Spiritual Power, then opened them, his whole body erupting into torrents of spiritual flames, transforming into a crimson fireball and flying towards the highest peak of the Danxia Mountain Range.

“Stop him, the Shenyu Xuanzhu after catalyzing the God Seed and borrowing a body is at his weakest because he can only use the power of Yu Tianguang.”

As Lan Haitian spoke, he held the Star Concentrating Stone in the palm of his hand. With flickers of dark Yuan Magnetic Force, iron needles as thick as fingers and as long as half an arm with sharp ends emerged from the Void out of nowhere, bristling with a fierce cold light and intercepting the path of Shenyu Xuanzhu.

The golden-red flames, pushed to the extreme by the Scorching Heaven Cultivation technique, allowed Shenyu Xuanzhu, who surpassed the Gold Core Realm, to effortlessly melt the iron needles into molten metal, equivalent to the peak of Gold Core existence.

The Yi Wood Divine Thunder conjured by Chen Mobai was also blocked by the Scorching Heaven Light Shield.

Amidst his hearty laughter, Shenyu Xuanzhu breezed through the mountain of needles and the sea of thunder, easily landing in the midst of the battle at Danxia’s tallest peak.

The white-haired and white-browed Narcissus, upon seeing Yu Tianguang, roughly understood the situation. She frowned slightly and tilted her head to examine the rainbow-colored treasure tree in Shi Qing’s hands, her face revealing a moment of realization.

“So, it’s you. Three hundred years ago, you were shattered by the Kaiyuan Hall Master, your Taoist Body in tatters and your divine spirit scattered. I had thought you were already dead.”

At this time, Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian also arrived there, just in time to hear these words.

Who was the Narcissus talking about?

Chen Mobai glanced at Lan Haitian beside him, who silently transmitted four words.

Master Huakai!

This name Chen Mobai had heard of—the Master Huakai was one of the three Vice Sect Hierarchs of the Ascension Sect, as renowned as Shenyu Xuanzhu and the Hall Master of the Shrine of Life and Death.

Shi Qing was her reincarnated form!

“Can Narcissus fight against both of them?”

Chen Mobai asked Lan Haitian with some anxiety, who shook his head, showing disbelief, yet he had a face full of confidence and certainty.

“The Leading Star Ancestor’s Lifespan Artifact is linked with the Heavenly Curtain. As soon as Shenyu Xuanzhu breaks into Di Yuan Star, the Heavenly Curtain will sense it.”

“Once the Heavenly Curtain senses it, it means that the Leading Star Ancestor knows as well.”

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Chen Mobai asked again, but Lan Haitian, who usually had an answer for everything, hesitated this time.

“The Five Peaks Immortal Mountains are half an Immortal Sect Domain away from here, which is quite a distance. The Ancestor might need some time.”

When Leading Star Ancestor last made a move, Lan Haitian had not yet been born, so he knew nothing about the Ancestor’s speed.

Moreover, within the Immortal Sect, details about the Huashen Ancestor’s strength had always been the highest-level secret. Even someone with Lan Haitian’s status had never accessed any related information.

“So, as it stands, we must rely on Master Narcissus.”

After Chen Mobai finished this sentence, he glanced at the battle situation at the highest peak of the Danxia Mountain Range. His innate combat instinct made him start to analyze the situation coolly and involuntarily.

On their side, there were four people: Master Narcissus, Gongsun Jieli, Lan Haitian, and himself.

On the opposite side were two evil powerhouses from the Ascension Sect; whether it was Shenyu Xuanzhu or Master Huakai, if they were to enter the fray in their peak true forms, both were no weaker than Master Narcissus.

Fortunately, Master Huakai hasn’t re-cultivated to the Nascent Soul Realm after being reincarnated through dissolution, likely to avoid drawing the attention of the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect.

And Shenyu Xuanzhu just catalyzed a God Seed and took over Yu Tianguang’s body to enter the battle.

The strength either of them could exhibit wouldn’t be too off the charts.

As long as Master Narcissus could perform normally...

Just as Chen Mobai was thinking this, Master Huakai suddenly swung the colorful treasure tree in her hand towards the massive shark phantom in the sky.

The treasure tree glittered like a rainbow and in an instant traced an arc of light, plunging straight into the Beiming Domain.

Amidst the booming sounds!

Chen Mobai felt the entire Danxia Mountain Range begin to shake, and Master Narcissus also frowned slightly, saying to the three of them, "While I'm suppressing the Biyu Wutong Tree, the Spirit Veins of Red Sandstone City are also being influenced by this Spirit Tree, resisting and trying to break free from my Beiming Domain."

At this moment, Master Huakai was continuously swinging the colorful treasure tree in her hand, linking the vast Spirit Veins of Red Sandstone City with beams of rainbow light in a combined assault with the Biyu Wutong Tree from both inside and out.

The massive shark phantom actually revealed a rift.

Through the rift, one could clearly see the Biyu Wutong Tree with bark as green as jade and leaves as fine as flowers, continuously emitting clouds and fog, drawing in a vast Spiritual Machine, trying to break through the Beiming Domain trapping it.

"Without this Biyu Wutong and the Spirit Veins of Danxia pinning me down, I could take down these two alone," Master Narcissus couldn't help but spit out a breath, then her body radiated vast and profound Spiritual Power, transforming into a deep blue Spiritual Light that surged into the large shark phantom in the sky, reinforcing the power of the Beiming Domain.

"Master, is there anything we can help you with?"

"Will Leading Star Ancestor come?"

Upon hearing this, Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian asked different questions.

Master Narcissus: "Leading Star Uncle is a homebody who dislikes going out. He doesn't consider the situation here a big deal and might not intervene."

This statement left Chen Mobai and the others exchanging glances.

"What should we do?"

Across from them were two Vice Sect Hierarchs of the Ascension Sect, both of Nascent Soul Level.

"I'll use the Six Imperial Swords Sha Formation to hold one of them at bay," said Gongsun Jielu when the situation got to this point. She threw off her green suit jacket and rolled up the sleeves of her dress shirt, revealing six Sword Killing Sword Marks on her arms and hands.

The Sword Sha was a mysterious blue, snakelike, and dragonlike.

The dragon's head was on the left hand, the tail on the right hand, and its body passed through her upper back. Although the white dress shirt covered it, once the Sword Sha marks lit up, Chen Mobai could still see them clearly.

"Why are you all so worried? I have a sky-reaching method to suppress the cultists," Master Narcissus said, showing no concern. As the Righteous Law Hall Master and one of the top three in combat experience among the fourteen Nascent Souls of the Immortal Sect, she was well-versed in magical duels.

As she spoke, she pulled out a white jade bracelet, emitting an aura so peculiar that even Chen Mobai felt uncomfortable.

"The three of you, listen up..." Master Narcissus transmitted her voice into the minds of Chen Mobai and the others, sharing her full strategy in the span of a mere thought.

"Can it be done?"

After revealing her battle plans, Master Narcissus looked toward Master Huakai, who was continuously swinging the colorful treasure tree in the half-sky, and Shenyu Xuanzhu, standing beside her resolutely.

Gongsun Jielu: "We will do our best."

Lan Haitian: "Even at the cost of my life, I will delay her."

Chen Mobai merely nodded without speaking.

Master Narcissus didn't care about his silence. After all, although Chen Mobai was regarded as having the qualifications for Divinity Transformation, he had just achieved Core Formation, and his combat power was certainly the lowest of the three.

"Before I devour Shenyu Xuanzhu, make sure you aren't eaten by Master Huakai first," Master Narcissus said, her mouth wide open, revealing two canine teeth, and showing to the two from the Ascension Sect in the sky an instinctively cruel smile.

"If possible, could you spare Yu Tianguang's life?"

Chen Mobai hesitated but ultimately followed his conscience and requested this from Master Narcissus.

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The Narcissus simply gave him a strange glance and did not respond. She tightly closed her eyes and executed a powerful technique of the Kunpeng Daoist Institute.

"Close Eyes for Night!"

In that instant, darkness fell upon the sky!

In mid-air, as the Master Huakai and the Shenyu Xuanzhu who were causing rifts in the sharks' shadows that emerged from Beiming Domain by leveraging the power of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, witnessed this turn of events, their attention was naturally drawn.

“Zulong Divine Eye Technique!”

The Ancient Evil Path Union had been competing with the Immortal Gate for thousands of years, and they were familiar with the significant techniques of both sides. Seeing the Narcissus close her eyes turning day into night, they recalled this top-tier Art of Spiritual Eyes from the Immortal Gate.

But what use would it be in this current situation?

The Shenyu Xuanzhu was a contemplative person. Seeing this, he began to ponder what exactly the Immortal Gate side was planning to do. He didn't believe that with the Narcissus's realm, she would engage in pointless actions.

“In the darkness, would the power of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore weaken?”

The Shenyu Xuanzhu asked Master Huakai this, who was beside him. She shook her head indifferently, uninterested in such matters. She simply shook the seven-colored treasure tree she was holding, driving this magic artifact, which was the culmination of all her power in her past life, aiming to coax the Azure Jadeite Sycamore through the Domain to complete her thorough rebirth!

The Azure Jadeite Sycamore in Red Sandstone City was a Fourth Grade Superior Spirit Plant. Under the meticulous care of Master Huakai, it had already shown signs of evolving into a fifth-order Spirit Plant.

According to her plan, all she needed to do was wait for her reincarnated body to break through to the Nascent Soul Realm. Then she could use the Forbidden Technique of the Flower Bloom Courtyard to deplete the Spirit Vein of Red Sandstone City completely, using all the Spirit Plant's power to produce a fifth-order, nine-colored Immortal Flower!

This flower would contain all the essence of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore from over four thousand years. Furthermore, under the Forbidden Technique of the Flower Bloom Courtyard, it would filter out impure

consciousness such as the vastness of the earth and the changes of mountains and rivers, leaving only the most pure and extreme vitality and Elemental Energy.

Once ingested by Master Huakai, she would not only instantaneously merge the powers of her past life and present life, reaching the Nascent Soul Peak realm, but could also comprehend the profound mystery of a Spirit Plant's ascension to the fifth order through the experience.

With her profound cultivation, perhaps she could seize this opportunity to transform from Nascent Soul to Divine Spirit, setting foot at the peak of cultivation within the Immortal Gate with this reincarnated body of Shi Qing!

Unfortunately, even the best disguise was eventually exposed.

Shi Qing could roughly guess when her cover was blown. If only she had known, she would have intervened to stop that man, even if it meant the death of the cultivators with Dark and Wind Spiritual Roots at the hands of the Immortal Gate, rather than startling the enemy into awareness.

Regretting this, Shi Qing couldn't help but feel bitter resentment.

When Kong Feichen took Yang Jing away, as the Vice Sect Hierarch of the Ascension Sect, she must have been aware of it.

The Shenyu Xuanzhu had also communicated with her in advance before sending people.

As the members of the Sky-Mending Group, such as Lan Haitian, arrived, she had been covertly monitoring the situation.

In her view, Kong Feichen and Yang Jing combined were less important than a single fingertip of hers. It didn't matter whether their mission was successful or failed.

The key was to avoid exposing her true identity.

However...

Master Huakai thought of that person who made the final move to help Kong Feichen escape with Yang Jing, frowning deeply.

But at this stage in the game, the most important thing was to forcibly catalyze the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree before the experts of the Immortal Gate arrived.

Even if she was unable to produce a fifth-order nine-colored Immortal Flower, she had to leave Di Yuan Star before the arrival of the Divinity Transformation.

With this thought in mind, Master Huakai hesitated no longer, and pushed the power of the seven-colored treasure tree in her hands to the limit.

A brilliant splendor, never seen before, shone from her hands—it was as if she summoned a rainbow bridge from both ends of the sky, with one end in her hands and the other ending within the huge shark's head that loomed faintly in the darkness.

This strike seemed to trigger a qualitative change!

With a loud bang!

The Beiming Domain could no longer sustain itself. The massive shark began to split from the head, spreading to the sides, and the top of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore first emerged through the crevices...

“By uniting with the Forbidden Technique and the Azure Jadeite Sycamore, I can harness the power of this Fourth Grade Superior Spirit Plant. The entire Spirit Vein of Red Sandstone City can be at my disposal, and even suppressing the Narcissus will be within reach!”

Seeing the Azure Jadeite Sycamore break free from the Beiming Domain, Master Huakai spoke confidently. She waved the seven-colored treasure tree and motioned for the Shenyu Xuanzhu to protect her as they flew towards the Sycamore Tree.

“Let’s take action!”

But at this moment, the Narcissus Superior suddenly spoke, her jade-white bracelet suddenly turned pitch black, a terrifying force capable of reversing Yin and Yang spread out.

Caught off guard by both Shenyu Xuanzhu and Master Huakai, this black deluge spread, submerging the skies above Danxia Mountain Range, enveloping all of them within.

Chen Mobai only felt a flash of darkness and light before his eyes, and the sky had cleared up once again.

However, looking down, he saw the surging sea below, dotted with scattered islets, like stars.

This was within the Beiming Domain!

They had been transported inside by the Narcissus Superior.

Besides them, there was another who had been transported in, and that was Master Huakai!

Her face full of astonishment, she waved the multicolored treasure tree in her hand, attempting to call upon the power of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore to break the barrier of the domain, but her current realm was only at the Ninth Level of Golden Core, and the difficulty of breaking the domain from the inside was many times greater than from the outside.

“Damn beast, I underestimated her!”

Immediately, Master Huakai also realized she had been fooled by the Narcissus Superior and lost her composure, cursing out loud.

Had she merged with the Azure Jadeite Sycamore, she was confident she could have overpowered the Narcissus.

But at the critical moment, the Narcissus used the magic artifact to reverse the Beiming Domain, released the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, and trapped her inside.

Moreover, she separated Shenyu Xuanzhu from her.

This way, outside the Beiming Domain, the Narcissus would be alone facing the rampaging Azure Jadeite Sycamore and Shenyu Xuanzhu.

But without Master Huakai's control, the Azure Jadeite Sycamore posed little threat to the Narcissus, and since Shenyu Xuanzhu was currently present through a borrowed body, he probably wouldn't last many moves against the true Nascent Soul Superior, the Narcissus.

"The Spirit Plant can be made to destroy the Spirit Vein of Danxia City, causing a massive explosion that could break through Beiming Domain from the outside."

However, Master Huakai, being a seasoned cultist with rich experience in magic duels, immediately moved to wield the multicolored treasure tree to cast a forbidden technique, but a dark green sword light, like a dragon, slashed towards her head in an instant.

Gongsun Jielu's hands were marked with dark sword scars like ink dragons swelling, opening their dragon maws wide, biting towards Master Huakai's head.

But the multicolored treasure tree flickered and blocked the dark green sword light.

Hum hum hum!

Sss sss sss!

Following Gongsun Jielu, Lan Haitian and Chen Mobai also made their move simultaneously.

Facing a heretical cult demon, naturally they would join forces, striking decisively and ruthlessly!

But at this time, Master Huakai showed the essence of her higher realm. She lifted the Lifespan Artifact Stone Flower she had refined in this world, its blossoming flame brilliance like a Red Lotus, extinguishing the Flying Needles and lightning coming at her from all directions.

Only Gongsun Jielu's dark green Sword Sha managed to penetrate the barrier of the Stone Flower Red Lotus and slash towards Master Huakai.

However, facing the multicolored treasure tree, the Sword Sha softened and became powerless, dissipating into smoke.

But Chen Mobai saw this scene and his eyes lit up.

All they needed to do was delay Master Huakai here, and the Narcissus Superior outside would guarantee that within at most five minutes, she could suppress Shenyu Xuanzhu who had arrived through a borrowed body!

"You little devils, since you seek death yourself, you can't blame me!"

Clearly, Master Huakai had also thought of this, and she had to invoke the power of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore to possibly break through the domain and escape Di Yuan Star.

With this thought, a fierce light flashed in her eyes, and she took the multicolored treasure tree in her hands and plunged it fiercely into her own chest.

In an instant, the roots of the treasure tree turned bright red.

Drops of Essence Blood were drawn, spreading along the withered branches, throughout the tree.

The originally multicolored radiance gradually began to shine with an eighth color!

Chapter 985: Aurora Starfall Talisman The eighth color lit up, and instantly merged and devoured the other seven colors, then transformed into a dim and profound shade of gray-green that spread into the sky and in all directions.

Before the shocked gazes of Chen Mobai and the others, the precious tree that had been planted in the Master Huakai's heart suddenly seemed to have gone through hundreds of years of time, abruptly growing into a large tree with withered branches yet full of vividly colored flowers.

After the tree expanded, its roots, like tentacles, entwined and enveloped Master Huakai's closed-eyed body, layer by layer covering and protecting it.

Then, a blue flower fell from the tree amidst a sky full of Spiritual Light, transforming into a blue-skinned Master Huakai appearing before the three of them, including Chen Mobai.

But that wasn't all; at the same time, three more flowers of different colors fell.

Afterward, four Master Huakais with the same countenance and stature, but different skin colors, stood in four directions around the tree.

"Being able to use this move to bestow death upon you is indeed your great fortune across three lives," said all four Master Huakais at once. Then, aside from the first blue-skinned one, the other three Master Huakais—yellow, orange, and blue—flashed with sinister Spiritual Light and charged toward Chen Mobai and the group.

Amidst the clanging of metal,

Gongsun Jielu was the first to meet the charge, with her Sword Sha now fully bursting forth.

Dark sword marks swirling around, her right hand rejuvenated, transformed into a pitch-black evil dragon. With a mighty charge, its mouth opened wide to a 180-degree angle, biting and shattering the head of the yellow-skinned Master Huakai.

Gongsun Jielu's eyes gleamed as she wielded her Art of the Spirit Eyes to pierce through the vision of the Master Huakai protected by the roots, cocooned within the tree.

With her right hand formed like a sword, her Sword Sha completely revived, seeming as if half her body had turned into a pitch-black evil dragon. She bypassed the yellow-skinned Master Huakai and charged straight for the tree.

Among the whooshing sounds, strands of withered yellow vines materialized out of nowhere in mid-air, forming a net in the sky that blocked the pitch-black dragon that was Gongsun Jielu.

“Such trivial obstacles...”

Gongsun Jielu slashed swiftly with her hand, her dark Sword Light flashing like a dragon, cleaving the air like a dark crescent moon, and slicing the myriad vines in two.

After cutting through the vines, the Sword Light continued its swift rush towards the tree.

But at that moment, Gongsun Jielu felt a sudden numbness in her right hand. Frowning, she ignored it and, turning into a dragon, charged right up to the tree.

Following that, a dark yellow, withered light appeared on the right side of Gongsun Jielu’s body. A tender sprout burst from her shoulder, and in the blink of an eye, blossomed into a small yellow flower.

Gongsun Jielu’s eyes opened wide, her left hand rose, and she directly chopped off her right shoulder, where the small yellow flower with a piece of flesh had grown.

Among the splattering blood, the small yellow flower suddenly transformed into the head of the yellow Master Huakai that she had devoured with her Sword Sha.

The yellow Master Huakai let out a sinister laugh, opened her mouth, and from it a petal flew towards Gongsun Jielu.

Meanwhile, not far away, the headless corpse whose head had been shattered by the Sword Sha flew over. Its arms transformed into vine-like whips, each bearing sharp barbs that shone with a cold light, sweeping towards Gongsun Jielu’s back.

Amidst the clashing sounds!

Sword-like dark lights suddenly pierced from Gongsun Jielu's back, forming wing-like sword shields in an instant, blocking the vine whips.

The massive impact drove her even closer to the head's flying petals.

However, this was her intention. With the momentum of the impact, Gongsun Jielu spread her right hand, and a cold, sinister sword tip of intermingled shades of black and gray burst from her palm. As it pierced through the flying petal, it also penetrated the forehead of the freshly reformed head.

With a loud bang!

The Master Huakai planning to regenerate was shocked to find a terrifying Sword Intent flooding into the flower clone's Sea of Knowledge at the Purple Mansion; it then burst into a flurry of petals.

After destroying the head, the Six Imperial Swords Sha Formation in Gongsun Jielu's palm suddenly retracted and disappeared, traveling up her arm to the dark sword wings on her back.

Then, with a slight unfurling of her sword wings, she also ground the headless flower clone attempting to escape behind her into bits.

"She's using this cloning technique to hold us off while her real consciousness connects with the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree in Red Sandstone City. We can't give her the time!"

Determined to end the battle swiftly, Gongsun Jielu, after dealing with her flower clone, spared not a glance for Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian. She immediately turned back into a dragon, roaring as she swept towards the true body of Master Huakai at the base of the tree.

In that moment, Gongsun Jielu had evolved her Six Imperial Swords Sha Formation into its most potent Sword Array.

Six different black evil dragons emerged from her body. In mid-air, they opened their jaws in unison to roar, with six streams of pure Sword Light emerging from their mouths. With the palm of Gongsun Jielu's right hand as the center, it gathered into a deep night Sword Intent, as if it could drown all the light in the world.

With a thunderous roar!

Gongsun Jielu's Six Imperial Swords Sha Formation struck the tree. The withered branches began to shake uncontrollably and split open with a deep crack, through which one could faintly see the true body of Master Huakai inside, and even trickles of blood seeping out through the crevice.

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Clearly, the true body of Master Huakai, who was protected in the deepest place, had been injured!

Seeing this scene, Gongsun Jielu felt a surge of excitement and was about to deploy his Swords Slaughter Formation again when a paralyzing sensation suddenly flooded his body.

He widened his eyes in disbelief and looked down.

Tender shoots had, unbeknownst to him, sprouted all over his body, followed by the blooming of little yellow flowers.

Each little yellow flower transformed into the face of Master Huakai, with a cold expression. In an instant, they fully blossomed, starting from the back of his right hand and quickly engulfing Gongsun Jielu's entire body.

A yellow flower cocoon then emerged in mid-air.

A withered branch extended from the treasure tree above, burrowing into the cocoon, and like a blood-drawing tube, it extracted strands of vivid red from inside the cocoon, injecting them into Master Huakai's body deep within the treasure tree.

"This isn't good, this guy has actually been tricked."

When Chen Mobai saw Gongsun Jieli sealed in the flower cocoon, he couldn't help but frown slightly; their mission was just to hold off Master Huakai.

Therefore, facing the flower clones rushing towards him, he simply activated the full defense capabilities of the Six Yang Divine Fire Mirror. Under the guidance of his Divine Sense, the golden Mysterious Yang Divine Light blocked the water swords, water knives, water crossbows, and other such techniques coming from all directions.

The flower clones that Master Huakai had dispatched were obviously well considered.

The blue-skinned flower clone that targeted Chen Mobai was able to manipulate water attribute spiritual power.

If it hadn't been for the fact that the vast ocean environment of the Beiming Domain was still under the control of Narcissus, preventing Master Huakai from borrowing even a trace of the water elemental energy, perhaps Chen Mobai wouldn't have been able to respond so easily with just the Six Yang Divine Fire Mirror.

By comparison, Lan Haitian's approach was somewhere between Chen Mobai and Gongsun Jieli, advancing step by step towards the treasure tree while maintaining a strong defense.

Loud, explosive 'bangs' rang out not far away.

The orange flower clone seemed to be manipulating Earth-Fire Duality Attribute elemental energy. Every petal that flew out was like a Divine Thunder Bomb, repelled by the magnetic field, and when they hit the ocean's surface, they triggered huge tidal shockwaves.

Lan Haitian was using his Star Concentrating Stone, and he had already invoked the Yin Yang Yuan Magnetism force of the Liu Yu Scripture.

Streams of starlight transformed into a magnetic field, merging with his domain to form an impenetrable realm, blocking the attacks of the orange Master Huakai outside, and he moved slowly but firmly towards the treasure tree.

“How can this guy turn his domain into a realm at such a level? Is it the characteristics of the Liu Yu Scripture, or is it because he opened his domain during Foundation Establishment?”

Chen Mobai was slightly surprised by the way Lan Haitian countered the orange-skinned Master Huakai clone.

“Brother Chen, Deputy Commander Gongsun is now in crisis. I will deploy a Fourth Order Starfall Aurora Talisman, but this talisman will be aimed at the true body of Master Huakai inside the treasure tree. By then, please assist in rescuing Deputy Commander Gongsun.”

The voice transmission from Lan Haitian suddenly resonated in Chen Mobai’s ears. Both of them had witnessed Gongsun Jielu’s condition, and as a member of the Immortal Gate, naturally, if they could save him, they would.

“Leave it to me!”

Chen Mobai, still a principled disciple of the Immortal Gate at heart, did not hesitate upon hearing this and reached into the void to grasp, and a long sword artifact, radiant with purple light, dropped out of thin air accompanied by sizzling sounds, and a surge of Lingxiao Sword Intent exploded from him as the center!

“This is... Unity of Man and Sword, Clear Heart of Sword!”

Lan Haitian’s eyes widened at this sight.

The Fourth Grade Superior Purple Electric Sword had completely submitted to the control of Chen Mobai who had just achieved Core Formation?

His swordsmanship talent was indeed rare in the world.

Among those of the same realm, only Ancestor Baiguang could be mentioned in the same breath.

He truly possessed the Qualification of Deification!

Lan Haitian, who had been quite worried, felt his confidence surge after witnessing the aura unleashed by Chen Mobai and the Purple Electric Sword.

He didn't hesitate any longer, bringing out the Aurora Starfall Talisman he had specially requested for this mission!

A Fourth Order Talisman, each requiring registration and record-keeping within the Immortal Gate.

And the Sky-Mending Group, due to the special nature of their mission, could apply for Fourth Order talismans specifically for combat, powerful enough to reduce half of Danxia City to ruins.

Lan Haitian extracted a talisman from his domain, with black paper as the base, silver threads and patterns, the length of a small forearm, and the width of five fingers.

The moment spiritual power was injected, three lines of password locks suddenly flashed on the talisman paper.

“Spiritual Power Verification Passed!”

“Divine Sense Verification Passed!”

“Please Enter the Activation Password!”

Lan Haitian's right eye brightened, and as he entered the password, the blocks were unlocked one by one!

After all three layers of passwords on the talisman were verified, the fourth-order talisman instantly transformed into a pale silver-blue light curtain that spanned across the skies and the ocean of the Beiming Domain.

In an instant, the light curtain condensed into a brilliant trail of starlight, as if a piece of the starry sky had fallen, heavily landing on the treasure tree.

It seemed that the treasure tree sensed the danger. Dozens of blossoms on its withered branches burst open at that moment, turning into a sea of flowers in an attempt to catch the descending aurora starfall!

The two fourth-order forces collided, and the sea of flowers exploded with great force.

The aurora starfall smashed onto the treasure tree!

Amidst the crackling sounds,

the withered branches of the treasure tree snapped one after another, breaking from the middle, revealing the true body of Flower Bloom Courtyard's master hidden deep within.

At this life and death juncture, she could only open her eyes, filled with an extremely cold glint. Suddenly, a void opened in the palm of her hand, and one could vaguely see the landscape of the Danxia Mountain Range beyond the domain.

After being summoned by her, a branch as thick as an arm violently passed through the spatial rift and extended inside, colliding with the aurora starfall plummeting from the sky.

Meanwhile, Chen Mobai had already cut off the connection between the chrysalis and the treasure tree before this.

He wanted to uncover the sealed treasure, but remembering the scene of Gongsun Jielu covered in daffodils, he stopped himself from contacting the daffodils to avoid meeting the same fate.

Boom!

At that moment, the two earth-shattering forces collided and burst forth fully, and Chen Mobai immediately activated the Six Yang Divine Fire Mirror to form a hemispherical shield, protecting both himself and the chrysalis.

A familiar figure was sent flying back.

It was Lan Haitian, who appeared to have severely damaged his vital energy while activating the fourth-order talisman, looking as pale as golden paper and extremely weak.

Chen Mobai immediately reached out to pull him inside the protection of the Six Yang Divine Fire Mirror.

“Just hold on for half a minute more, Shenyu Xuanzhu is down to his last breath!”

The words of the Narcissus sage suddenly rang in their ears, and at this moment, the master of Flower Bloom Courtyard also stood up, drenched in blood, from the cracks at the base of the treasure tree.

She had briefly activated some of her past life’s power, thinking that taking down three Gold Cores would be as easy as reaching out her hand.

But, to her surprise, she had been breached in her defenses by Gongsun Jielu’s Sword Sha and Lan Haitian’s fourth-order talisman one after another. If it weren’t for the critical moment when she called upon Biyu Wutong, she might have been severely injured if not killed under the aurora starfall.

However, she had managed to hold on!

Feeling the spatial rift growing larger and her connection to the Biyu Wutong in the Danxia Mountain Range getting closer, a look of joy couldn’t help but emerge on the corners of her mouth.

If only she could merge with the Biyu Wutong, even facing the Narcissus sage, she would have the strength to fight.

“I hope Shenyu Xuanzhu can use that transformation to buy me another half a minute!”

After communicating with the Biyu Wutong, the master of Flower Bloom Courtyard intended to first blow up the fire vein of Danxia Mountain, which would completely break through the Beiming Domain.

And once the fire vein of Danxia Mountain was blasted open, the spiritual energy supplied to this blessed earth city would gradually weaken, leading to a falling in the grade of the spirit vein, and even possibly initiating tectonic shifts and causing a major earthquake!

Even the Biyu Wutong would degrade in grade over a long period due to insufficient spiritual energy.

But for the master of Flower Bloom Courtyard, that was no longer important.

Because once she got out, she would immediately perform a forbidden technique, exploiting the explosive release of spiritual energy from the blasted spirit vein to forcibly catalyze the progression of the Biyu Wutong.

Afterward, the entire Spirit Vein of Danxia City along with this fourth grade superior spirit plant would transform into a rank-5 nine-colored immortal flower, ready for her to harvest!

Chapter 987: "Just one more step!"

As Master Huakai was thinking this, the Beiming Domain suddenly started to shake.

The void crack she had just barely connected to through the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree was also starting to close suddenly.

"Damn, that beast still has strength left!"

Seeing this scene, Master Huakai's complexion changed drastically, and she was about to use a forbidden technique to control the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree and blast open the fire veins of Danxia Mountain.

But the crack in the Beiming Domain that she had managed to open was quickly closed under the overwhelming spiritual power of the Narcissus.

“[I have severed Master Huakai’s link to the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree again, and the time it might take to deal with the Divine Control Pavilion Master could be extended by another minute. Can you hold on?]”

The words of Narcissus rang in the ears of Chen Mobai and the others. But by this point, no matter if they were able to hold on or not, they had no choice but to!

“I’ll try my best.”

While Lan Haitian was speaking, he also took out a snow-white elixir and swallowed it. Then, after a few breaths with his eyes closed, the previously pallid color of his complexion suddenly improved.

Such tiger wolf medicine would only be carried by members of their Sky-Mending Group within the Immortal Gate.

“Another attempt is needed. This time, we absolutely cannot be disturbed by these people.”

By this time, Master Huakai too had realized what was happening. Her eyes coldly fixed on Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian.

Gongsun Jielu was still trapped and was no longer a consideration.

If she could suppress or kill the remaining two, then she would be able to wholeheartedly summon the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree and, perhaps, break through the Beiming Domain before Narcissus dealt with the Divine Control Pavilion Master.

At this point, that was the only path left.

Master Huakai no longer hesitated. Her hands performed a seal, and the multicolored treasure tree enveloped her once again.

Although the treasure tree had been damaged due to the consecutive attacks from Gongsun Jielu and Lan Haitian, the two of them were now unable to use the same powerful Sword Sha and talisman.

Master Huakai was confident that with her own cultivation level of a true body of a lifetime and the damaged treasure tree, she could slay Chen Mobai and Lan Haitian.

The treasure tree was now unable to completely envelop her after being damaged, but with the supply of her vital essence, Master Huakai could still use the forbidden technique she had just displayed.

As fresh flowers started blooming on the withered branches again, Lan Haitian's expression shifted slightly.

He took a deep breath, supporting the Star Concentrating Stone, ready to use the Domain to buy some time.

A dazzling, eye-piercing purple radiance suddenly shone brightly around him!

Chen Mobai's right hand held the Purple Electric Sword, the flickering electric light like stars, radiating arcs of light constantly from him as the center.

As his hand wielding the sword lifted, the specks of electric light, like fluorescent light, merged into the blade of the Purple Electric Sword. When the blade was raised above his head, a terrifying energy that made the void tremble and the oceans roar with a tsunami-like force had been fully gathered.

"This sword!?"

At this moment, Master Huakai finally noticed the scene.

The news of Chen Mobai wielding the Purple Electric Sword had occupied headlines in the Immortal Gate for quite some time, and although she had been in seclusion nurturing the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, she was aware of this.

But like Lan Haitian and the others, she had thought that Chen Mobai, even though he was a prodigy, couldn't possibly make a Rank-4 superior Crystal Divine Sword submit to him.

Rank-4 corresponding to the Yuan Ying level, if it weren't for the fact that her own treasure tree had been cultivated by her in a previous life, she would probably not be able to control it perfectly, even with treasure-refining techniques.

However, what she was witnessing now, the scene of man and sword achieving one with a Clear Heart of Sword, was beyond Master Huakai's imagination!

"I've misjudged, this guy's talent is even more terrifying than the legends!"

Master Huakai could say that she had watched Chen Mobai grow step by step to this level, after all, he was a citizen under her command.

When Chen Mobai impressed everyone and won first place during the entrance examination, out of curiosity, she left her body with Divine Consciousness Leaving Body and personally came to observe.

She could affirm that this was a student with very ordinary talent.

It was just his aptitude in Magic Duel that was indeed brilliantly exceptional.

If he had lived in a war-torn era, he would have certainly achieved great things.

But in the peaceful times of the Immortal Gate, being able to enter one of the Ten Great Academies was already quite impressive.

Although eventually, because of Yu Tianguang, Chen Mobai joined the Dance Tool Dao Academy, Master Huakai still did not pay much attention since, essentially, she was at the same level as Master Chengxuan. The Daoist Academy might have a high reputation, but to her, it was just that.

Out of the students who came out of the Daoist Academy, those who could achieve Core Formation were few, and those who could reach Nascent Soul Formation were even fewer.

At least, she hadn't seen anyone from the Dance Tool Dao Academy's Gold Core ranks with much hope or potential for Nascent Soul Formation.

At the close of the entrance examination, Master Huakai thought that with Chen Mobai's talent, Foundation Establishment should be fine, but Core Formation would be hard.

Even if he luckily achieved Core Formation, it would be his final step, never advancing further, never becoming her peer.

Yet, the subsequent developments in Chen Mobai's journey kept surpassing all her expectations.

Hearing the Path Foundation Establishment, he suppressed all the Foundation Establishment prodigies of the Immortal Gate single-handedly at Jumang Academy!

He even managed to outweigh three Golden Core Masters as just a Foundation Establishment cultivator in the Mountain and Sea Academy, and the Purple Electric Sword favored him.

Such swordsmanship talent made even Master Huakai feel threatened.

But within the territory of the Immortal Gate and with the attention Chen Mobai was receiving, she could only watch quietly, not daring to make a move.

After all, exposing herself for the sake of merely an Immortal Gate prodigy would be unwise.

Chapter 988: There was another reason, after all, that Chen Mobai became silent after his graduation. Whether it was studying at the Repairing Heaven Institute or returning to Red Sandstone City to research farming and talismans, the talent he displayed was only of an upper-middle level.

Subsequently, Master Huakai confidently entered secluded cultivation in preparation for the advancement of the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree. However, when she emerged, she was shocked by the news she heard.

Chen Mobai had comprehended the path and formed his golden core!

What furrowed her brows even more was that after forming his core, he had unexpectedly chosen neighboring Yu Wood City!

At this time, Master Huakai had already sensed some ominous signs.

So when Yu Tianguang was apprehended by the Immortal Gate, she remained unmoved, allowing Lan Haitian and his companions to take the man away.

Regrettably, she had still underestimated the Immortal Gate's resolve.

And even more, she had underestimated that fellow's talent!

Watching the dark purple, fan-shaped sword radiance slashing down from the sky, Master Huakai gritted her teeth and fed it another drop of her own essence blood, which wasn't much to begin with, and stimulated the mighty power of the sacred tree.

The dark purple sword radiance collided with the sea of flowers, erupting into a thunderous roar that shook heaven and earth!

Petals shattered one by one, yet inch by inch they whittled down the power of the Purple Lightning Sword!

"Although this guy can achieve unity of man and sword, he has only just formed his core. The power of the Purple Lightning Sword he can wield is less than one-tenth, maybe even weaker than the Aurora Starfall Talisman!"

After laboriously erasing the last wisp of the Purple Lightning Sword's thunderous light, Master Huakai's eyes flickered with a cold gleam, and petals fell one after another, transforming into several flower clones!

“In one fell swoop, turn those two into cocoons as well, make them nutrients for the sacred tree. That way, the connection with the Azure Jadeite Sycamore can be sped up...”

Countless pitch-black Flying Needles shot down from the sky, piercing the six flower clones full of holes.

Lan Haitian utilized his Six Dominions Scripture. Once the Star Concentrating Stone had absorbed enough spiritual power, it resembled a black sun emerging mid-air, continually extracting specially crafted Flying Needles from within the domain using the resources of the Immortal Gate. He formed an impenetrable Yuan Magnet Domain array, launching piercing assaults from all directions toward Master Huakai, merged as one with the sacred tree.

But Master Huakai simply sneered and waved the branches of the sacred tree, instantly brightening tens of thousands of differently colored petals to block every Flying Needle.

This precise control of divine sense showcased Master Huakai’s superior essence.

“Indeed worthy of being a powerhouse of the Evil Path. As things stand, I can only take a risk. I can probably draw her attention for half a minute. Go try to release Vice Minister Gongsun from the flower cocoon seal. If she can act, the three of us should be able to hold out until the arrival of Narcissus Elder!”

As Lan Haitian spoke, a withered yellow branch shot out from the palm of a green flower clone far away, exploiting the gap when he was channeling spiritual power, and pierced through his Yuan Magnet Domain.

If it weren’t for the Yuan Magnetic Force moving Lan Haitian’s body half a step at the crucial moment, he would have likely been impaled through the heart.

Even so, Lan Haitian still ended up with a hole in his side from the branch.

After spitting out a mouthful of blood, he gritted his teeth, took out a black flying knife, and cut off the branch in his side.

“Why aren’t you going...”

After doing all this, Lan Haitian realized Chen Mobai hadn't moved an inch and became extremely anxious, thinking that his lack of experience in magic duels had left him petrified by the gruesome battle!

Boom!

But just then, a thunderous rumble, which had sounded earlier, once again spread to his ears, and the dim Purple Lightning Sword blade lit up with a stunning brilliance once more.

"Sorry, I was fully preparing for the second sword just now, so I couldn't divert my attention to respond to you,"

said Chen Mobai's calm voice in Lan Haitian's ear. He raised his right hand, once again aiming the Purple Lightning Sword at Master Huakai, and brought it down heavily.

The observant Lan Haitian even noticed that the tips of Chen Mobai's fingers, holding the sword in his right hand, lit up with the colors of the Five Elements, seemingly forming a powerful array that perfectly synchronized with the sword radiance of the Purple Lightning Sword.

The sky lit up with a crescent of dark purple light, which, wherever it passed, turned all the flower clones derived from the sacred tree into a shower of wooden chips and shattered petals without any resistance!

Master Huakai's face changed dramatically as she threw the Stone Flower Artifact she had refined in her lifetime towards the arc of the Purple Lightning Sword, hoping to detonate the artifact and vent the energy of the sword strike in advance.

But her plan was seen through by Lan Haitian, who had been closely watching the battlefield. He immediately used the Yuan Magnetic Force to move the Star Concentrating Stone along with the remaining thousand or so Flying Needles around the Purple Lightning Sword, hitting the Stone Flower beforehand.

In the midst of the roaring thunder, Lan Haitian's face suddenly turned pale, and fresh blood spilled from the corner of his mouth.

This meant his Lifespan Artifact was severely damaged and could even be destroyed!

But his action allowed Chen Mobai's arc of Purple Lightning Sword light to slash unimpeded onto the sacred tree.

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Amid the harsh grating noise, the Purple Electric Sword deeply sliced into the deepest part of the treasure tree.

On the left side of Master Huakai's shoulder, waist, and legs, a deep sword mark that reached the bone became visible, with fresh blood spraying out incessantly.

Amid violent coughing!

Master Huakai clasped his hands in a seal, resorting to a forbidden technique that he had thought he would never use again!

At this moment, high above in the sky, a dark purple arc of light once again lit up!

Chen Mobai's face was pale, but he held the Purple Electric Sword with a resolute expression, slashing down the third sword strike of the day!

Master Huakai's eyes widened, staring fixedly at the handsome young man in the sky who was swinging the sword down, as if to etch his visage deeply in his memory.

Following that, the dark-purple fan-shaped arc of light descended, and along the sword mark that had already split the treasure tree, it cut Master Huakai into two.

Blood spread all over the sea, and the treasure tree lost its brilliance entirely.

A withered and broken Stone Flower also fell from mid-air, landing right on the top of Master Huakai's head, whose eyes were still wide open in death.

"Is it over?"

Lan Haitian asked with some disbelief.

He had thought that this time things looked grim and that they might lose one or two.

To his surprise, Chen Mobai had made three successive strikes, slicing the illustrious Master Huakai of the Ascension Sect down!

"The power of my single sword strike might not match your Aurora Starfall Talisman, but it also possesses Rank-4 might. With three strikes, I think he should be dead!"

Chen Mobai was also unsure, as his opponent was no minor character.

Moreover, he had few experiences using the Purple Electric Sword to kill Golden Core Masters. Those powers from the Ancient Evil Path Union might have some deception or escape techniques!

"You burn her with true fire," said Lan Haitian hesitantly to Chen Mobai.

Chen Mobai immediately took out the Six Yang Divine Fire Mirror and activated the Pure Yang Fire, directing it onto both halves of Master Huakai's corpse and the treasure tree.

However, this Pure Yang Fire was too balanced and peaceful and couldn't ignite the corpse and the treasure tree.

"Chen brother, have you not cultivated the 'Great Sun Qianyang Fire' from the Pure Yang Scroll?" asked Lan Haitian, somewhat surprised seeing this.

“I’ve only formed my core recently; when would I have had the time?” replied Chen Mobai truthfully. The Pure Yang Scroll’s core formation section contained many spells, and the Great Sun Qianyang Fire was a signature of the Pure Yang cultivators from the Immortal Gate, one of the six great precious flames. It’s created by combining Pure Yang Fire, Great Sun Fire, and one’s own pill fire. When cultivated to the extreme, even the void could be burned to nothingness.

However, he was always uninterested in techniques that couldn’t rely on resources for cultivation.

“Hey, you kid did quite well, didn’t you?”

Just at that moment, the void opened, and the Jade Narcissus, with her white hair, white eyebrows, and skin like jade, walked in. Seeing Master Huakai’s body with eyes wide open in death upon the ocean, she looked at Chen Mobai with some surprise.

With her realm, she could instantly see the Purple Lightning Sword Power lingering on Master Huakai’s corpse.

“Deputy Division Chief Gongsun and Deputy Head Lan first depleted most of her spiritual power and essence blood, which allowed me the chance to strike her down. I dare not take all the credit,” Chen Mobai said humbly.

The Jade Narcissus listened and then sized him up again, nodding her head in satisfaction.

Afterward, she snapped her fingers, and amidst the whirling of heaven and earth, they had left the Beiming Domain and returned to the Danxia Mountain Range.

“I gave you some face, and left him a breath of life,” the Jade Narcissus pointed toward Yu Tianguang, who was unconscious and trapped within a huge water sphere.

“Thank you, Elder!”

Upon seeing this, Chen Mobai couldn’t help but breathe a sigh of relief.

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Chapter 989: The Secret of Flower Bloom Courtyard “It won’t be easy to save his life, I’m afraid.”

As Narcissus Superior spoke, she also brought out Gongsun Jieli, who had been sealed by Master Huakai within the Beiming Domain.

“Master Yu has shown me kindness, and after all, he is a senior teacher on the roster of Dance Tool Dao Academy. I must do my best.”

If it were anyone else, given Yu Tianguang’s confirmed status as a host body for the Divine Control Pavilion Master’s God Seed, they’d surely be quick to disassociate themselves and prove their innocence.

But Chen Mobai had no such concerns, for he had slain Master Huakai.

This was sufficient to prove his loyalty to the Immortal Sect.

And it was for this reason that he spoke with a clear conscience.

“You’re a loyal and righteous young fellow. Then, I shall give you a hand.”

With each look at Chen Mobai, Narcissus Superior grew more fond of him, feeling that his values and principles perfectly aligned with hers. Moreover, his cultivation level wasn’t weak, and he might very well reach her own rank in the future. Thinking of her own endeavors, she couldn’t help but owe another favor to Chen Mobai.

She took out her phone and dialed a number.

[Hello!]

After the call connected and, since Narcissus Superior had turned on the speakerphone, Chen Mobai heard a familiar voice.

It was the principal of their Dance Tool Dao Academy, Master Chengxuan.

Narcissus Superior: [The matter here is settled, Shi Qing was slain by your academy's youngster, but Yu Tianguang is also a host for the Divine Control Pavilion Master. In consideration of your face, I left him a breath of life.]

Master Chengxuan remained silent for a moment, seemingly weighing whether it was better for Yu Tianguang to be dead or alive. After a long while, he simply said two words: [Thank you.]

Narcissus Superior: [Gongsun was deceived by Master Huakai. To avoid any hidden dangers, I plan to take her to see Sanjue. Should I take Yu Tianguang as well? His essence, Qi, and spirit have been drained by the Divine Control Pavilion Master and he likely won't survive more than half a year without prompt treatment.]

Master Chengxuan: [Then I will have to trouble you with this matter, and I'll give Sanjue a heads-up in advance.]

After a brief conversation, the two of them had settled the matter.

The task of saving Yu Tianguang was essentially handled by Master Chengxuan, thereby extricating Chen Mobai from the situation.

Chen Mobai was quite pleased with this outcome.

After all, if he were to run for the position of one of The Three Great Halls' Hall Masters in the future, the issue of Yu Tianguang could potentially become a problem.

"Many thanks to you, Superior."

Chen Mobai expressed his gratitude to Narcissus Superior with a bow.

"Leave this place to you. I must be on my way."

After applying a seal to the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, Narcissus Superior left with the sealed Gongsun Jielu and Yu Tianguang.

Although Chen Mobai was a member of the Kaiyuan Hall committee, he only nominally had control over the Immortal Sect branches in Yu Wood City. Plus, he had no experience dealing with the aftermath of events within the Immortal Sect and was completely clueless.

So in the end, it was Lan Haitian who took up the task without complaint.

Since Shi Qing was a member of the Ascension Sect, the personnel within Danxia City's Immortal Sect system were no longer trusted. After Lan Haitian received authorization from Narcissus Superior, he immediately called upon the Department of Law Enforcement from Wangwu Cave Heaven.

Having presided over the Cinnabarite Institute for over two hundred years, the number of Immortal Sect Disciples who graduated under Shi Qing were countless, and they were nearly ubiquitous across every department of Danxia City. Many even reached out to nearby Blessed Earth Cities and even within certain Cave Heavens.

For instance, Wu Shangru, the former legal representative of the Flying Talisman Factory, who had completed his Foundation Establishment at Cinnabarite Institute before striving and succeeding in moving his household registration into Huayang Cave Heaven.

However, once Shi Qing was exposed, Wu Shangru immediately received a notice from the Immortal Sect instructing him to report to Huayang Cave Heaven's local Department of Law Enforcement to assist in the investigation.

Besides him, every student who graduated during Shi Qing's tenure as principal of Cinnabarite Institute was added to the Immortal Sect's watchlist.

For the foreseeable future, this group would be under close scrutiny by the various departments of the Immortal Sect.

All these troublesome tasks were single-handedly managed by Lan Haitian.

Chen Mobai, meanwhile, was asked to oversee the Danxia Mountain Range during this time, guarding the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree.

This Spirit Plant was temporarily sealed by Narcissus Superior, capable only of absorbing the most basic Spiritual Energy to survive, in order to prevent any outburst due to Master Huakai's demise.

However, this seal could not last for very long. Given the immense Spiritual Power contained within the fourth grade superior Azure Jadeite Sycamore, which was even greater than Narcissus Superior's, and the fact that it was closely related to Danxia City's Fire Vein, a comprehensive sealing plan would require the concerted effort of Immortal Sect's Forestry Bureau, Land, Formation, and Celestial Phenomenon departments.

Moreover, at minimum, it required the oversight of a proficient Nascent Soul Superior in formations and Spirit Plants.

Yet it seemed that none of the eligible Nascent Soul Superiors were eager to wade into these troubled waters.

So while the upper echelons of The Three Great Halls of the Immortal Sect were still in meetings, Lan Haitian asked Chen Mobai to stand guard until a decision was reached.

Given Chen Mobai's aversion to getting involved, he naturally wasn't too happy about it.

But, as he had already become involved, and considering that if Lan Haitian were to request from the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect a Golden Core Master to guard the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, the Kaiyuan Hall committee would likely give a direct order for the nearest him to undertake the task.

After the battle, Chen Mobai had come to see Lan Haitian as someone he could trust with his life, who had also mentioned that if he was unwilling, he could refuse on the grounds of injury from the encounter with Master Huakai.

But Danxia City was Chen Mobai's hometown, and at such a turbulent time, he felt it was his duty to step forward and take responsibility.

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Therefore, after making arrangements for Yu Wood City, Chen Mobai calmly and irreversibly took his seat at the highest peak of the Danxia Mountain Range.

During this period, Qin Baipeng, the City Lord of Red Sandstone City, visited several times, hoping to have Chen Mobai save him.

Lan Haitian had already restrained all Immortal Sect institutions in Red Sandstone City, initiating a thorough investigation and screening from top to bottom, with key personnel from several departments taken away for questioning by the Department of Law Enforcement.

As the saying goes, “Weeding out the radishes pulls out the mud.” Before long, Qin Baipeng was also asked to cooperate with the investigation.

Chen Mobai could only assure Qin Baipeng that as long as he had no ties to the Ascension Sect, he would remain unharmed and safe.

After Qin Baipeng, representatives from both Red Dawn Institution and Cinnabarite Institute also sought him out.

“Councilor Chen, many teachers have been taken away for investigation, and many classes have had to stop. The students are all in a panic...”

“The teachers can all take vows of Dao heart, assuring that they have nothing to do with the Ascension Sect. Could Councilor Chen perhaps speak with the Department of Law Enforcement and communicate on our behalf?”

“At the very least, ensure the normal conduct of the students’ classes...”

After hearing the requests from both institutions, Chen Mobai communicated with Lan Haitian, who showed considerable respect. Except for a few key figures, he had the rest of the teachers sent back.

The person in charge of this matter was Lin Yin, and when she came over, there was another matter at hand.

“What is this for?”

Chen Mobai watched curiously as Lin Yin carried transparent glass tubes, in and out of the wooden hut beneath the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree where Shi Qing had long been in seclusion, and couldn't help but ask.

“These are Spirit Sealing Tubes. They can extract remnants of spiritual power and other energy traces from the air. This way, we can identify who had more contact with Shi Qing.”

Qing Women, a member of the Sky-Mending Group, answered. It was a device they had developed.

In front of Chen Mobai, Lin Yin deployed the device, and soon a stream of blue light formed from the void and flowed into the glass tube in her hand.

Chen Mobai: “Is it really this miraculous?”

Qing Women: “It can only extract traces from the past year; anything earlier has long since dissipated. It's just a routine procedure, and I doubt Team Leader Lin expects to find any crucial clues with it.”

During this time, Qing Women had been staying by his side. While Chen Mobai presided on the mountain summit, she stayed in the wooden hut on the mountainside.

Although Lan Haitian was short on manpower, he seemed to have forgotten that someone like Qing Women existed within the Sky-Mending Group.

Soon, Lin Yin completed her task.

The energy in all four glass tubes she held was the same blue color.

“This is Shi Qing's spiritual power, without any further discoveries.”

Lin Yin shook her head in disappointment, although this was an anticipated outcome. As she spoke, she took out a talisman and affixed it to one of the glass tubes.

“What’s this now?”

Chen Mobai asked, pointing to the talisman.

“This is a Spirit Coagulation Talisman. Used in tandem with the Spirit Sealing Tube, it can solidify the extracted spiritual power, preventing it from dissipating. Although Master Huakai has died, her spiritual power holds high research value, and Elder Yuanxu specifically called to have us collect it and send it to him.”

Lin Yin made no attempt to hide anything from Chen Mobai.

After his exceptional performance, Chen Mobai’s level of trust within the upper echelons of the Immortal Sect was no lower than that of Lan Haitian, and he was entitled to be informed of many things.

“Oh, isn’t there a body? Wouldn’t it be more convenient and faster to extract directly from the body?”

Chen Mobai found it somewhat odd to ask; although a cultivator’s spiritual power would slowly dissipate after death, with the technology of the Immortal Sect, they should certainly be able to extract enough.

“Master Huakai’s body was taken by Peach Blossom Sage and given to Three Extremes Sage. Elder Yuanxu is mainly interested in researching the Biyu Wutong.”

Lin Yin didn’t dare say more, only hinting vaguely at Chen Mobai in accordance with Lan Haitian’s intentions.

“I see, are four tubes enough, or should we collect more?”

Unaware of the Nine-Colored Immortal Flower incident, Chen Mobai didn't understand the hint; instead, he was concerned about the task Elder Yuanxu had assigned.

"That's enough, the document only required us to collect three tubes, and I've already extracted one more. Later, I still need to take a branch from the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, and I'll need Councilor Chen's assistance for that."

After hearing Lin Yin's words, Chen Mobai nodded and then used the Immortal Flower's sealing technique to subdue the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree. He personally took action and cut off a section of the branch with his Purple Electric Sword.

After seeing Lin Yin off, Chen Mobai suddenly thought of something and turned his head to look at the Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree standing at the mountain's peak, pensive.

"What's the matter?"

Qing Nu, who was by his side, saw his expression and asked curiously.

"The Spirit Sealing Tube and the Spirit Coagulation Talisman, how long can they solidify and preserve the Spiritual Power within?"

Chen Mobai, during his time studying at the Repairing Heaven Institute, had also attended more than a dozen Yuanqi system classes with Yan Bingxuan, and was very familiar with the foundational theories of Elder Yuanxu. He suddenly had an idea that could significantly increase his own combat power in a short time.

"If you are willing to continually use Spirit Coagulation Talismans, theoretically, it could be an unlimited amount of time. The Yuanyang Ancestor's Pure Yang Qi was preserved in this way," Qing Nu replied. Although she was from the Sky-Mending Group, she was very familiar with the Spirit Sealing Tube and the Spirit Coagulation Talisman; after all, there were many occasions where their group had to deal with corpses, extracting residual Spiritual Power and such.

Chen Mobai: "Can the Spirit Sealing Tube store any quality of Spiritual Power?"

Qing Nu: "That's not the case; it depends on the quality of energy you need to store. For instance, explosive thunder or sharp Sword Qi would require specially made, custom-ordered Spirit Sealing Tubes."

Chen Mobai: "What about flames, like the 'Great Sun Qianyang Fire' from our Pure Yang Scroll practitioners?"

Qing Nu: "For that, you would need ceramic pipes made of Spirit Soil, which have good thermal insulation and won't crack under high temperatures from True Fire."

Chen Mobai asked some detailed questions, and Qing Nu answered them all.

Soon the sky darkened, and the two said their goodbyes with reluctance.

After Qing Nu left the mountaintop, Chen Mobai had just sat down when he looked up in surprise towards the sky.

Lan Haitian's figure flew in from a distance, slowly descending.

"Brother Chen, you've worked hard during this time."

"Not at all, I've just been staying here. On the other hand, you've been the one dealing with the aftermath, which is truly exhausting."

Chen Mobai felt that Lan Haitian had intentionally waited for Qing Nu to leave before coming over. He invited him to sit down and began to boil water for tea.

"The latest notification from the upper echelons is that Peach Blossom Sage will soon bring people from Jumang Academy and Xianwu Hall to take care of this Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree."

This news from Lan Haitian was something Chen Mobai had expected.

In the Immortal Sect, the one most renowned for their knowledge about Spirit Plants was none other than the Peach Blossom Sage, who had an advantageous background and natural gifts.

“Then, I suppose I am relieved of my duties.”

Chen Mobai said with a smile. Although sitting here every day, with the Qi of the Fourth-Grade Spirit Vein for cultivation and receiving the highest quality treatment within the Immortal Sect, it still was not as good as Giant Tree Ridge.

Moreover, being tied down here made it difficult to do many things.

“The Department of Portal Management opened Master Huakai’s Domain and discovered various items she had prepared for executing a Forbidden Technique.”

Lan Haitian suddenly shared another piece of news. Chen Mobai picked up the teacup and brewed a cup for him before listening intently.

“We do not yet know the nature of this Forbidden Technique, but it is known to be related to this Azure Jadeite Sycamore Tree, and it’s very likely to involve the core inheritance of the Ancient Evil Path Union’s Flower Bloom Courtyard.”

The Flower Bloom Courtyard Head two thousand years ago was the leader of the Ancient Evil Path Union, with a cultivation level and status comparable to today’s Ascension Sect Master. Although records of this lineage in the Immortal Sect were vague, Lan Haitian knew that person was also at the Transformation God Level.

And his accomplishment of Divinity Transformation was partly because he took advantage of the war that opened the portals to Different Worlds, sneaking into one such realm.

Although the Flower Bloom Courtyard Head’s Divinity Transformation was discovered by natives of the Different World due to leaked aura, leading to a siege that he barely escaped from. He then was hunted down by Divinity Transformation cultivators of the Immortal Sect and eventually vanished into oblivion.

However, the secret of his Divinity Transformation has always been pursued by the Upper Echelons of the Immortal Sect.

As Lan Haitian's words came to this point, Chen Mobai had already understood his implication.