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Three hours have passed since the tournament began on the fifth day.

"For our next match, we have the Profound Blossom Sect and the Nine Beasts Hall!"

The two Sect appeared on the stage and bowed to each other before being sent back by Zi Dong.

"I won't be participating today, so don't let me down." Fang Zhelan said to the other disciples.

"Don't worry, Sister Fang. We can handle this by ourselves just fine." Sun Jingjing showed a confident smile.

A few minutes later, it was decided that Sun Jingjing would fight for the Profound Blossom Sect first.

"Profound Blossom Art: Falling Petals!"

"Ah!"

"Profound Blossom Art: Blooming Blossoms!"

"Ahhh!"

"Profound Blossom Art: Petal Fury!"

"Ahhhhh!"

"The Profound Blossom Sect wins their fourth consecutive round!" Zi Dong announced after Sun Jingjing defeated her fourth opponent in a row.

"Go get them, Senior apprentice-sister Sun!"

"Beat them up! Beat all of them!"

"Show the world the prowess of our Sect!"

The Junior Disciples cheered for her with a frenzied expression.

"This girl... It's only been a few days since she last fought but it feels like she has gotten even stronger. Just what kind of training does she undergo at the Profound Blossom Sect?"

A middle-aged woman, presumably Sun Jingjing's mother, watched her fight with a dumbfounded expression.

"Besides 'that', what kind of training do you think they do? I only pray that he's a worthy man for her," said the middle-aged man beside her.

The middle-aged woman looked at the disciples from the Profound Blossom Sect and said, "I have been watching them this entire time, and that handsome young man seems to be the only male disciple they have. While his appearance definitely qualifies to be my little girl's partner, I'm not sure about his character."

"I have done some investigation on the Profound Blossom Sect, and it seems that he's currently the only male disciple that's in their Sect after that incident. Besides him, who else would she be cultivating with?" said the middle-aged man.

"If that's the case, I must have a conversation with him later to see for myself whether he's worthy of our girl or not."

"Eh? You plan on accepting him into our family? But what about that matter..."

"Who cares about the Ye Family! I won't allow that ugly and lustful bastard to touch my daughter even if it's the last thing I do!"

As Sun Jingjing's parents spoke of her future, Sun Jingjing herself secured another victory for the Profound Blossom Sect.

After defeating half of the participants from Nine Beasts Hall by herself, Sun Jingjing stepped off the stage and said, "I will leave the other half to you girls."

Sometime later, Zi Dong announced the results of the match, "Congratulations to the Profound Blossom Sect for winning this match 10 to 7, entering the top 10 for this year's Regional Tournament!"

"Senior apprentice-sister Sun is simply too amazing. She managed to defeat 5 of them, whilst the rest of us could barely defeat even a single of them..."

The disciples sighed after a close victory.

"Good job, girls. There are only three more matches to win before we take this year's championship." Su Yang said to them with a smile.

The disciples looked at him with a smile.

"Senior apprentice-brother is really trying to win this tournament, we cannot disappoint him."

After their match, the Profound Blossom Sect decided to return to the hotel.

However, they were stopped by a couple wearing luxurious robes right as they left the colosseum.

When Sun Jingjing saw these two individuals, her eyes widened with shock.

"Father! Mother! What are you doing here?!" Sun Jingjing quickly approached them.

"Elder Sun's family?" Liu Lanzhi raised an eyebrow.

"They are Senior apprentice-sister Sun's parents? They look very wealthy..." The other disciples' interests were immediately piqued.

"Why wouldn't we be here for such a big event? We wanted to witness for ourselves the growth of our disobedient daughter," said her mother.

"By the way, where's your grandfather? I haven't seen him this entire time. Is he even in this city?" The middle-aged man asked.

"Elder Sun is currently cultivating in seclusion at the hotel. It'll be at least a few more days until he comes out." Liu Lanzhi stepped forward and said.

"You must be the Sect Master. Thank you for taking care of our daughter. It seems like she's become a formidable individual because of you." The father bowed to her.

"I-I didn't do anything to be worthy of your praises. If anything, you must thank Sect Master Su. He was the one who trained your daughter." Liu Lanzhi pointed to Su Yang with her eyes.

"S-Sect Master Su? He's also a Sect Master?" The couple were dumbfounded by this information, as they would've never expected such a young man to be a Sect Master.

"Your name is Su Yang, right? I know that you have been sleeping with my daughter, and I am here to see whether you are worthy of her or not!" Sun Jingjing's mother stepped forward and said to him with a serious face.

"M-Mother?! How can you say something so embarrassing in public?!" Sun Jingjing's face bloomed with redness after hearing her words, and when she looked around, the surrounding people were looking at them with faces of disbelief.

"Embarrassing? What's more embarrassing, a few words or the daughter of the Sun Family being a disciple in a place like the Profound Blossom Sect?! Even though I have warned you many times, you still followed your grandfather's footsteps! Do you have any idea how much shame you have brought to our family's name?!" Sun Jingjing's mother scolded her.

"..." Sun Jingjing was speechless for a moment before speaking back, "What do you mean by that?! Look at me now! I am a Cultivator at the Earth Spirit Realm because of that decision! Even Grandfather, who was the number one genius in our family, was stuck in the True Spirit Realm for many decades before taking the Earth Advancement Pill! How many people in this world are in the Earth Spirit Realm at my age, huh?!"

The mother and daughter pair suddenly became engaged in a word battle.

"Why don't the two of you calm down? We are still in public." The father finally decided to step in and stop them.

"If it's not inconvenient, why don't you return to the hotel with us? I'm sure there's a lot to discuss." Liu Lanzhi suggested, to which the couple accepted.

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After returning to the hotel, Sun Jingjing and her parents immediately entered a room to have their conversation.

"Jingjing, I will get straight to the point. How many men have you slept with up to this point?" Her mother suddenly asked her with a serious expression.

"W-Wha—?! What do you mean how many—"

"Do you see me as a fool? I understand the practice. There's only one logical explanation to your tremendous growth — you must have slept with a considerable amount of men."

"Nonsense!" Sun Jingjing shouted with a red face. "I have only slept with one man in this life, and that is Senior brother Su Yang!"

Her mother looked at her with wide eyes that were filled with surprise. How could a single man assist her cultivation base so much?

"Really?" she asked with a doubtful voice.

"If you don't believe me, then you can ask Grandfather! My chastity has been intact until half a year ago, when all of the disciples left the Sect, and during this entire time, Su Yang is the only male disciple in the Sect besides a few Sect Elders!"

"What do you think about this?" Her mother turned to look at her father and asked.

"There's only one thing to do, right?" Her father said.

Her mother nodded and said, "Jingjing, bring Su Yang in here. I would like to speak with him."

"..."

Although she was reluctant, Sun Jingjing called for Su Yang's presence in the room.

A few minutes later, Su Yang appeared before them.

"Allow me to reintroduce myself. I am Sun Ren, and this is my husband, Sun Quan."

"According to my knowledge, you are the one who took my daughter's chastity, right?"

"That's right." Su Yang nodded without hesitation.

"Then I will get straight to the point — how are you going to take responsibility? Although the Sun Family is not renowned for our military power, nor do our family have any famous Cultivators, we are one of the most influential families with business connections in all four regions."

"Furthermore, our daughter is a complete beauty with countless admirers. Do you understand where I am getting at?" Sun Ren asked him.

Su Yang showed a slight smile on his face. He could pretty much guess what they wanted from him, as this is not his first time dealing with the parents of his partners.

"Wait a moment, mother! I was the one who approached Su Yang first, and I never once thought that he needed to take responsibility for my actions! Furthermore, he has already done enough for me!" Sun Jingjing suddenly stepped in.

"Shut up, Jingjing! I am speaking with Su Yang right now!" Sun Ren snapped back.

After a moment of silence, Su Yang said, "As Sun Jingjing had said, I bear no responsibility for taking her chastity, as we are both disciples of the Profound Blossom Sect, and things such as responsibility do not apply there. However, I am not someone who will make such pathetic excuses. After all, she is already my woman. With that being said, how do you want me to take responsibility?"

"Su Yang..." Sun Jingjing's face was as red as a tomato at this moment.

"...I want you to join the Sun Family." Sun Ren immediately said.

"!!!" Sun Jingjing's eyes widened with shock. Her mother wants Su Yang to join their family? This was extremely convenient for her, since she wanted to bear Su Yang's child in the future!

Su Yang closed his eyes and shook his head, "Unfortunately, due to many reasons, I will not be able to do that."

Sun Ren frowned upon hearing his refusal, whilst Sun Jingjing only sighed inwardly, as she already predicted this situation, since it was unlikely to bind someone like Su Yang to the Sun Family.

"Explain yourself." Sun Ren said.

"First and foremost, there are things that I must do which will require me to travel extremely far. Second, I will not join any family, as this is something I have already decided. However, if you were to ask me to accept your daughter into my family... then that would be a different matter."

"You want my daughter to join your family?" Both Sun Ren and Sun Jingjing looked at him with a surprised look, as he basically just proposed to Sun Jingjing before her parents.

"Besides being the Sect Master of the Profound Blossom Sect, what exactly do you have? How will you support my daughter? The Sun Family has endless resources and wealth from our business."

"Although I may have nothing in hand right now, what I can do to support your daughter is already evident, and that is only the tip of an entire mountain," said Su Yang, using Sun Jingjing's growth as physical proof.

"As long as she remains by my side, she will undeniably become someone who will stand at the peak of this world."

"..."

The room turned silent. Neither of Sun Jingjing's parents were able to deny his words, as he was able to help Sun Jingjing reach the Earth Spirit Realm at such a young age.

"I will do it!" Sun Jingjing was the first to break the silence. "I will join your family, Su Yang!"

"You—! Don't go deciding something so important by yourself again! This is your future that we are talking about! Letting you join the Profound Blossom Sect was already a mistake, and I will not allow a second one!" Sun Ren shouted.

"No matter what you say, I won't change my mind. Furthermore, I am already addicted to our cultivation! I can't live without his techniques in bed anymore!" Sun Jingjing said.

"How can you say something so shameless?!"

"Hmph! But it's the truth! You will understand if you also cultivated with him!"

"?!?!?!!" Sun Ren's face immediately flushed.

"Ahem..." Sun Quan loudly cleared his throat, pretending that he didn't hear Sun Jingjing's words just now.

After a moment of awkward silence, Sun Ren spoke again, "Su Yang, what about the other disciples? Are you also 'cultivating' with them?"

"Naturally." Su Yang proudly nodded.

"..."

While it was not weird for one man to have many wives in this time, Sun Ren felt that her daughter deserved much better. After all, she didn't want her daughter to be a mere mistress.

"Allow me some time to think about everything we've discussed today. However, there's one more thing I must say today."

Sun Ren turned to look at Sun Jingjing with a serious expression and said, "The Mu Family has sent us a marriage proposal with their eldest son, Mu Shun, asking for your hand."

"What?! That disgusting pig?! Why do you even need to tell me that? Just send it back and act as if it never happened!" Sun Jingjing frowned.

"I would like to do that, but the Mu Family is serious this time. They even indirectly threatened us with war in the business industry if we refused. Although we have many connections, the Mu Family has as much if not slightly more influence than us. I'm afraid it'll turn into an ugly battle that might harm the entire economy."

"Who is this Mu Family?" Su Yang suddenly asked.

"Besides our Sun Family, there are other big families within the business circle, and the Mu Family is one of them. Their eldest son, Mu Shun, has been chasing me even before I became a disciple of the Profound Blossom Sect." Sun Jingjing sighed.

"Is that so? By the way, if I may ask, what kind of business does the Sun Family specialize in?" Su Yang then asked.

"We have a market for pretty much everything cultivation related, but medicine and pills are our staple as well as the Mu Family," said Sun Quan.

"Pills and medicines, huh..." Su Yang mumbled.

"Anyway, I have managed to delay our response until after the tournament." Sun Ren said and turned to look at Su Yang and continued, "Before then, I want to see for myself if I can leave my daughter in your hands."

"If I find you unworthy for our daughter, I will accept the Mu Family's proposal."

"..."

Su Yang remained silent, but what surprised Sun Ren the most was that Sun Jingjing also remained nonchalant to her words.

"What? You think I won't do it?" she asked Sun Jingjing.

Sun Jingjing showed a confident smile and said, "No, I am just confident that you'll accept Su Yang."

"..."

Sun Ren was speechless. This is the first time that she's ever seen Sun Jingjing appear so confident.

'Maybe there really is something special about this Su Yang beside his techniques in bed...' she thought to herself.

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"Why did you tell them that you would accept the Mu Family's proposal when you clearly won't do so?" Sun Quan asked his wife after they left the hotel.

"Besides feeling like teasing our daughter for ignoring me and joining the Profound Blossom Sect, nothing else really, I guess." Sun Ren said with a smile on her face.

Of course, Sun Ren never intended to accept the Mu Family's proposal, but she wanted to get revenge for Sun Jingjing's disobedient behavior, hence why she lied about her proposal.

However, she did not expect Sun Jingjing to not react to it, much less get angry. It was truly unexpected of her to act so mature and calm in such a moment.

"Maybe that young man also had something to do with that?" Sun Ren mumbled to herself.

"You are really unbelievable..." Sun Quan shook his head.

Meanwhile, back at the hotel, Liu Lanzhi asked them, "Is everything okay? Did you manage to sort things out with your parents?"

"Yes, Sect Master." Sun Jingjing nodded with a smile.

"That's good to hear. Then I'll leave the two of you alone for today." Liu Lanzhi said before leaving them alone in the room.

Silence filled the room after Liu Lanzhi left, but Sun Jingjing broke the silence a few moments later.

"Su Yang... I apologize for today. You don't need to mind my parents, especially my mother, who always speaks whatever is on her mind. Just ignore what they said today."

"..."

After another moment of silence, Su Yang stared at her in the eyes and said in a clear voice, "But I meant every word I said. If you truly want to become a part of my family, I won't say no."

"R-Really?" Sun Jingjing emotionally covered her mouth.

"However, it won't be a small family. In fact, there will be many others. Although you have not met them yet, they exist somewhere far away."

"I don't care!" Sun Jingjing immediately answered without hesitation. "Even if there are hundreds of others, I would still be willing to join!"

While a single man having many wives is not very common in this world, it's not exactly uncommon either, especially for the wealthy and the strong in the cultivation world. In fact, the stronger one is, the more likely they would have a harem, as that will allow them to give birth to more geniuses in their family.

'As long as I am still a part of his life, as long as he doesn't abandon me, I won't mind even if I am only one of his many partners...' Sun Jingjing thought to herself as she stared at Su Yang intensively.

After a few minutes of silence, Su Yang suddenly stood up and loosened his robes, revealing to her his stiff little brother.

Sun Jingjing looked at him with raised eyebrows.

"If you truly want to become a part of my family, then accept my family seal."

"Family... seal? What's that?" Sun Jingjing tilted her head with a puzzled expression, as she has never heard of this term before.

"It's a common tradition in my hometown, mostly for families with only one man in the household with the rest being his wives and mistresses," said Su Yang, his hometown being the Divine Heavens.

"Before one can be recognized as a member of the family, they must accept the family seal, which will be created through dual cultivation with the man's Yang Qi."

"Once the family seal is imprinted onto your body, you will have to follow the family's rule. If you decide to break the rules or betray me, the family seal will completely cripple your cultivation base if not outright kill you. Of course, if you ever feel that you no longer want to be a part of the family, I can assist you with removing the family seal, which will not affect you in any way."

"Do you wish to hear the rules?" Su Yang then asked.

Sun Jingjing quickly nodded.

"One, you will not cultivate with another man beside myself for as long as you are a member of my family. This should be self-explanatory, but if you betray me, the family seal will immediately kill you."

"Two, you will not purposefully plot against, harm, or kill anyone within the family. If you have any grievances with another within the family that cannot be solved personally, you will come to me, and I will promise to sort it out. Depending on the severity, the punishment will vary. In most cases, if you don't kill anyone, you will only have your cultivation crippled."

"Three, you will not do anything that may tarnish our family's reputation or another family member's for that matter. Again, depending on the severity, you may be crippled or killed."

"Fourth, once you accept the family seal, only I will be able to remove it for you. If you forcibly try to remove it... let's just say you don't want to find out."



"And lastly, you are obligated to cultivate with me at least once every 2,500 years in order to renew the family seal."

"Do you have any questions regarding the rules?" Su Yang then asked her.

Sun Jingjing shook her head. Besides the 2,500 years rule, she found everything else logical and normal.

'2,500 years? Can one even live that long?' she wondered.

Seeing her answer, Su Yang nodded before continuing to speak, "Now that you have heard all of the rules, are you still willing to join my family?"

"I am willing!" Sun Jingjing answered without hesitation as she loosened her robes.

"Good! Then come here!"

Sun Jingjing immediately jumped into Su Yang's embrace, and after a few minutes of foreplay, Su Yang pushed his divine rod into Sun Jingjing's charming body.

"Ahhhh~"

Sun Jingjing moaned loudly as Su Yang drilled her cave, slowly releasing his Yang Qi into her body.

After a few minutes into their cultivation, the word 'Su', colored in black, began forming on Sun Jingjing's body at the area slightly below her belly button. The word was no larger than 3 inches in length and width, and it was emitting an unfathomable aura.

Once the word was fully formed, Su Yang bit a hole in his finger and wiped his blood on the spot the word was imprinted, coloring the word bright red.

A few seconds later, almost as though it was alive, the word imprinted on Sun Jingjing's body quickly absorbed Su Yang's blood, before turning into a golden color.

"It's done." Su Yang said to her with a smile she'd never seen before. "You are now a member of my family."

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"So this is a family seal... there's something mesmerizing about it." Sun Jingjing gently rubbed the word 'Su' on her belly, feeling an indescribable emotion at this moment.

"Um... what should I do now, Su Yang?" Sun Jingjing turned to ask him.

"Just continue doing whatever you have been doing. Having a family seal doesn't necessarily mean you must live differently," he said.

"Is that so... by the way, would you be willing to accept the other disciples into the family as well if they asked?" she suddenly asked him.

Su Yang smiled and said, "In my entire life, I have cultivated with hundreds of thousands of beauties. However, less than a hundred of them are actually a part of my family."

"Wait... what? Hundreds of thousands?" Sun Jingjing looked at him with wide eyes, seemingly confused about his exaggerated number.

Su Yang nodded and continued, "Since you are now a part of my family, there's no reason to not tell you the truth, as you'll learn about it sooner or later anyway."

Sun Jingjing made a swallowing motion and nervously waited for him to continue.

"Before I start, I have to ask you this question — do you believe in reincarnation?"

Sun Jingjing pondered for a moment and said, "While many people believe in the existence of reincarnation, nobody has really been able to prove that it truly exists, so not really..."

Sun Jingjing suddenly came to a realization and looked at Su Yang with wide eyes.

"D-Don't tell me that you..."

Su Yang nodded and said, "This is not my first life, as I have memories of my previous life."

"No way..." Sun Jingjing turned dazed from disbelief.

"Before existing in this world, I was born in a place called Celestial Heaven, one of the Four Divine Heavens. However, after an event that even I cannot explain had occurred, I awoke in this world in my current body."

"T-Then you are not Su Yang?" she asked him, her face clearly still trying to comprehend the situation.

"No, I am indeed Su Yang. Coincidentally, I was born in this world with the same name and also appearance. It's not an exaggeration to say that I am currently a younger version of my previous life."

After a moment of silence, Su Yang asked her, "Are you feeling regret to have joined my family now?"

Hearing his question, Sun Jingjing quickly shook her head. "Of course not! In fact, I am even more excited than before to know that I belong to someone with such an extraordinary background!"

"This also explains why you are so experienced with dual cultivation and all the other things!" Sun Jingjing nodded as if she finally found the missing piece of the puzzle.

Sometime later, Sun Jingjing said to him, "Su Yang, can you tell me some stories from your previous life? I would also like to know more about that world called Celestial Heaven."

Su Yang nodded and said, "The Celestial Heaven is one of four major Heavens called the Four Divine Heavens that exists somewhere in this universe, and it's a place where Cultivators with cultivation bases that you cannot comprehend roam."

"Earth Spirit Realm? Heavenly Spirit Realm? That is no different than trash in the Four Divine Heavens, where undying Immortals fill the streets and powerful gods wander the starry sky!"

Sun Jingjing's eyes shone with excitement, and she asked, "Then what about you? Were you an Immortal in your previous life, too?"

Su Yang nodded with a smile, "I was an Ancient Immortal in my past life, only one step before ascending godhood, but alas..."

"Ancient Immortal? How powerful is that compared to the Heavenly Spirit Realm?"

"Let's just say I could crush a million Cultivators at the Heavenly Spirit Realm without even lifting my fingers."

"That powerful?!" Sun Jingjing couldn't tell if he was exaggerating or if he was actually telling the truth, as she lacked the knowledge and comprehension to do so. In her mind, the Heavenly Spirit Realm is already the peak of the cultivation path and anything beyond that is unknown to her.

"Su Yang, have you ever thought of going back to that world?" Sun Jingjing suddenly asked him.

A solemn expression appeared on Su Yang's face, and he slowly nodded, "Every day I think about returning, but alas, I have yet to find a way to return. But don't worry, I will definitely find a way to return to my world, and when I do..."

"Umm... when you do find a way to go there, would you be willing to take me with you?" Sun Jingjing asked him with a worried face.

Su Yang looked at her and chuckled, "Why are you asking me that now? Even if you hadn't asked, I would've asked you to come with me. But are you sure? What about your family in this world?"

"I am no longer a little girl that they have to constantly look after. They will do fine even without me. However, I'd like to ensure that my family will be living a great life even after I am gone."

Su Yang then said, "Don't worry, I will guarantee you that they will live a carefree life in the near future."

"Really?"

He nodded and continued, "I will help them first by dealing with this Mu Family that's been a needle in your family's skin."

"What do you intend on doing to them?" Sun Jingjing looked at him with wide eyes.

"I won't do anything to them personally if they don't do anything too arrogant. However, I can take away their influence in the business industry simply by making your Sun Family much more influential than them."

"Taking away their influence by making my family more influential? How do you plan on doing that?"

"It's simple, really. The Sun Family and the Mu Family mostly deal with medicine, right? I have plenty of pill recipes that will shake the foundation of Alchemy in this world if revealed, and if I give a few of them to the Sun Family, they will definitely monopolize the entire market without any competitors."

Hearing this, Sun Jingjing looked at him weirdly and asked, "Su Yang... don't tell me you had something to do with the Earth Advancement Pills?"

Su Yang smiled and said, "Well, I was the one who introduced them to Wang Shuren."

"You were the mysterious Alchemy Master all along?!"

"Did you think that I would only know how to pleasure ladies? There are many things that I know that you are yet aware of. But don't worry, you'll learn most about me sooner or later."

Sun Jingjing showed a warm smile after hearing his words. This is the first time that Su Yang has ever appeared to be truly 'open' to her, and she could feel his trust for her. In the past, Su Yang in her eyes was always shrouded in this mysterious aura, almost like he refuses to open his heart to others.

"Su Yang, can you embrace me?" she suddenly asked him with a slightly flushed face.

Su Yang smiled and said, "Do you want the current Su Yang to embrace you, or would you like to experience the 'other' Su Yang?"

A moment of silence later, Sun Jingjing said, "If it's possible, I would like to see what you were like before."

"Say no more..." Su Yang then retrieved an Appearance Reforming Pill and swallowed it.

A moment later, Su Yang's face became much more mature, his facial features much more refined, and his overall appearance grew taller and larger, just like an adult.

"..."

When Sun Jingjing saw Su Yang's new appearance, her jaw dropped from shock. She didn't think that he could possibly become even more handsome than he already is, but after seeing this Su Yang, her entire body reacted with intense excitement and desire.

Just a glance of Su Yang made her little sister drooling wet from lust.

"Don't pass out just yet, there's still more to come..." Su Yang said as he slowly removed his robes again, showing Sun Jingjing the enormous rod between his legs.

"Oh Heavens..." Sun Jingjing nearly ejaculated Yin Qi just from seeing his divine rod.

She simply could not wait to experience what it would feel like to have that kind of monster insides her body and said, "Please... just stick it inside me! I want it now!"

Su Yang nodded and slowly approached her.

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After many hours of dual cultivation, Sun Jingjing fell asleep on the bed, while Su Yang cultivated the Yin Qi he'd gathered.

Sometime later, Liu Lanzhi knocked on their door and said, "Su Yang, our next match has been announced."

Su Yang stopped cultivating and opened the door.

"Who are we fighting tomorrow?" he asked.

"Overseeing Guardian Hall."

"Never heard of them." Su Yang casually shrugged.

"They are another Elite Sect, but with Sun Jingjing and Fang Zhelan on our side, we won't need to worry about them, as they only have a single disciple at the Earth Spirit Realm. However, what comes after defeating the Overseeing Guardian Hall is going to be problematic, because we will have a high chance of fighting either the Divine Sword Sect or the Azure Cloud Sect."

"While Fang Zhelan may have an advantage in cultivation bases, the disciples of the Divine Sword Sect are all veteran fighters with countless more experiences than our own disciples in terms of combat, and that experience might be able to take away our only advantage in this tournament — our superior cultivation bases."

"As for the Azure Cloud Sect... I don't even want to mention it..."

Su Yang nodded. "Indeed. Although we may have an advantage in terms of cultivation bases, our disciples truly don't have much experience in combat. However, while that difference may make things slightly more difficult for us, I am pretty confident in our own disciples."

While he did not mention it to Liu Lanzhi, besides dual cultivation, Su Yang had also trained the other disciples with their sword techniques, even sparring with them at times.

And although that might not be enough to make them seasoned swordmasters, they were definitely on par with the Divine Sword Sect's disciples in terms of their insight with the sword, perhaps even superior.

After all, Su Yang used to be a renowned swordmaster before he became a renowned playboy, where he would train with a sword for hundreds of hours at a time. His experience with the sword is not something any expert or swordmaster within the Divine Sword Sect can comprehend, much less compare to.

"By the way, is Sun Jingjing okay? She seemed a bit weird after her conversation with her parents." Liu Lanzhi suddenly asked.

Su Yang pointed at Sun Jingjing, who was sleeping peacefully with his eyes and said, "As you can see, she's doing fine."

Seeing Sun Jingjing's peaceful sleeping face, Liu Lanzhi nodded with a relieved expression.

"One more thing... don't think I have forgotten about your promise to teach me this technique."

Lu Lanzhi said, referring to the technique he taught the disciples prior to fighting the Burning Lotus Sect.

"I happen to have some free time right now," he said with a smile.

"Then what are you waiting for? Let's go cultivate!" Liu Lanzhi said, before dragging Su Yang away into another room, where they'll cultivate until the next day.

The following morning, the Profound Blossom Sect headed to the colosseum as usual, before waiting for their turn to enter the stage.

The Azure Cloud Sect were the first ones to fight on the stage on that day, and as everyone had expected, Hong Yu'er defeated most of their opponents without breaking a single sweat on her body.

After the Azure Cloud Sect's match, it was the Great Sea Cliff versus the Binding Light Hall with the Binding Light Hall being victorious.

The Profound Blossom Sect was the next and last match for the day.

Disciple Lin Na went first, defeating two opponents before leaving the stage.

The next Profound Blossom Sect disciple to fight was a young lady named Lei Tingjie, who managed to defeat one opponent before leaving the stage.

Half an hour later, the Profound Blossom Sect defeated the Overseeing Guardian Hall, entering the semifinals for the Regional Tournament.

"This concludes the matches for today! However, before we all leave this place, allow me to say a few words!" Zi Dong said to everybody.

"First and foremost, congratulations to everyone who has managed to enter the semifinals! Your achievements are the results of your Sect Elders' teachings and the Sect's and its disciples' efforts combined."

"Now, as we enter the semifinals tomorrow, the Divine Sword Sect, champion of the previous Regional Tournament, will finally be joining us!"

"Ooooooh!"

The crowd exploded with cheering and sheer excitement when the Divine Sword Sect's name was mentioned, since their status is almost unparalleled within the Eastern Continent.

The Divine Sword Sect has existed for as long as the people could remember, and they have always dominated the Regional Tournaments by remaining in first place ever since the very first tournament.

Furthermore, the Divine Sword Sect is also a part of the Xie Family's military power, so they have the backing from the strongest family on this continent. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the Divine Sword Sect is only second to the Xie Family.

"His Majesty, Lord Xie, will now announce the matches for tomorrow." Zi Dong said a moment later.

After a moment of silence, Lord Xie spoke, "The Azure Cloud Sect and the Binding Light Hall will be fighting the first match. The Profound Blossom Sect and the Divine Sword Sect will follow afterward."

When the audience heard the matchups, they began speculating whether the Profound Blossom Sect would be able to defeat the Divine Sword Sect or not, as the Azure Cloud Sect was sure to win against their match.

"If not for Sun Jingjing and Fang Zhelan, the Profound Blossom Sect would not stand a chance against the Divine Sword Sect."

"However, since they have these two geniuses, they might actually have a chance to win."

"I'm willing to bet that the Profound Blossom Sect will win tomorrow's match."

"Impossible! Although they may have impressive cultivation bases, one can tell from their previous matches that they lack the experience. The Divine Sword Sect, on the other hand, are all trained to the extreme by the most qualified swordmasters in this world. The difference is clear, and the Divine Sword Sect will dominate them."

Unlike before, people no longer underestimated the Profound Blossom Sect. With that being said, most of them still would not believe that they could defeat the Divine Sword Sect, the number one Sect in this world in many people's eyes.

## Chapter 406

"Welcome back, Sect Master Zhong."

Somewhere in Snowfall City, the Divine Sword Sect's disciples and sect elder greeted Zhong Chao Huang, who'd just returned from a few missions that had been given to him by Lord Xie.

"I apologize for returning so much later than I said, as I had run into a few unexpected situations." Elder Zhong said to them.

"There's no need to apologize to us, Sect Master. You were busy under His Majesty's commands, after all."

One of the Sect Elders poured tea for him as he sat down.

"Mmm..." Elder Zhong nodded after tasting the flavorful tea.

"By the way, our first match for the regional tournament should be coming up tomorrow. Who's our opponent? It should already have been announced by now."

"Uhh..."

The Sect Elders and Disciples exchanged worried looks with each other.

"What's the matter?" Elder Zhong raised an eyebrow in puzzlement.

Because Elder Zhong had been away this entire time, he was unaware of the situation with Hong Yu'er and the Fang Zhelan.

"Our match tomorrow is the Profound Blossom Sect..." said one of the Sect Elders.

"The Profound Blossom Sect?!" Elder Zhong nearly spat the tea in his mouth after hearing their name.

"They actually managed to last this long?! Unbelievable!" Elder Zhong said with a surprised expression.

"Sect Master, you may not know this since you have been away this entire time, but the Profound Blossom Sect has two monsters at the Earth Spirit Realm, and one of them is even in the seventh level... whilst we only have three... and the highest one is at the third level..."

"What?! Seventh level Earth Spirit Realm?!" Elder Zhong's eyes widened with shock.

"It's some young lady named Fang Zhelan. However, that's not even the worst part. Even if we somehow manage to defeat her and the Profound Blossom Sect, we will have to deal with the Azure Cloud Sect..."

"The Azure Cloud Sect also managed to last this long? Although they are definitely better than the Profound Blossom Sect in terms of position, they shouldn't have the capabilities to enter the semifinals! What happened to the other Elite Sects? Did they all decide to not participate in this year's regional tournament?" Elder Zhong was gobsmacked by the current situation of the regional tournament, as he truly did not expect all of the Elite Sects to lose to these low-ranking sects.

"No, they were beaten fair and square by them. In fact, one of them even had their status revoked. The Azure Cloud Sect has been bestowed the elite status by His Majesty not long ago."

"..."

After a moment of silence, Elder Zhong spoke, "Who is it? Who's this genius from the Azure Cloud Sect?"

"Her name is Hong Yu'er, and she's at the Heavenly Spirit Realm..."

"Heavenly Spirit Realm?!" Elder Zhong coughed out the tea in his mouth and stood up from the shock.

"You must think that I am easily fooled now because I am getting old, huh?! If there's really someone at the Heavenly Spirit Realm in the tournament, there would be no point to even host one!" Elder Zhong shouted angrily, thinking that they were playing jokes on him.

If the Heavenly Spirit Realm is so easily achieved by some junior, his entire life would lose its meaning!

The Sect Elders exchanged glances once again.

"But Sect Master, we're not joking." They said to him with serious expressions. "That Hong Yu'er is truly at the Heavenly Spirit Realm, and she's not even twenty years old. We witnessed it with our own eyes."

"Enough!" Elder Zhong quickly interrupted. "I will witness for myself whether she's really at that level tomorrow! Tell me about the Profound Blossom Sect for now. Who are their fighters, and what about that Fang Zhelan?"

Although it was almost unbelievable that the Profound Blossom Sect would have someone at the seventh level Earth Spirit Realm, it was much more believable than a junior reaching the Heavenly Spirit Realm before the age of twenty. Not to mention they also have Su Yang, who is an unfathomable swordmaster even in his eyes.

"Besides two of their fighters, the rest are within the True Spirit Realm with the exception of one, who is only at the Profound Spirit Realm. The first individual at the Earth Spirit Realm is named Sun Jingjing, and she is at the second level. As for Fang Zhelan, she was revealed to be at the seventh level just two days ago."

The Sect Elders began explaining.

"With that being said, I have watched their abilities for the past few days and realized that besides their impressive cultivation base, their techniques and overall combat experiences are lacking."



"Thus, we don't have to worry about their disciples at the True Spirit Realm. As for those two at the Earth Spirit Realm, we can only drag out the fight and exhaust their spiritual energy as much as possible before sending out our own disciples at the Earth Spirit Realm."

"However..."

"However?" Elder Zhong raised an eyebrow.

"That disciple with the Profound Spirit Realm cultivation base... he's an odd one."

"Odd? How?" he asked.

"Even though he's only at the Profound Spirit Realm, he was able to beat a genius at the Earth Spirit Realm from the Burning Lotus Sect, and none of us were able to see the full extent of his powers. He's basically unfathomable."

"What? Someone at the Profound Spirit Realm defeated someone at the Earth Spirit Realm? What kind of nonsense are you spouting again? That's even more unbelievable than some junior reaching the Heavenly Spirit Realm!" Elder Zhong scoffed at them.

"It's true, Sect Master. All of us were there to witness it. Perhaps he's cultivating some kind of devilish technique, but his powers were simply too profound and mysterious." The Sect Elders showed bitter expressions on their faces, as they were well aware of just how ridiculous they sound right now.

"If I recall correctly, that young man was named Su Yang..."

"WHAT?!"

Elder Zhong shouted so loud that everybody there could feel their eardrums trembling.

"I-I-I-Impossible! There's no way that he could enter the tournament!" he continued shouting.

After all, he wouldn't be surprised even if Su Yang was older than him.

"That's it! I will be right back!" Elder Zhong said before rushing for the exit.

"Eh? Where are you going, Sect Master?"

"To speak with Lord Xie!"

"Why...?"

The Sect Elders mumbled in a bewildered voice as Elder Zhong's figure disappeared from the place.

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"Your Majesty, Divine Sword Master Zhong Chao Huang is waiting in the lobby. He also seemed a bit anxious." A servant notified Lord Xie of Elder Zhong's arrival.

"Senior Zhong? Did he leave something behind? He was here just some time ago." Lord Xie raised an eyebrow.

"Allow him to see me," he said to the guard.

"Yes, Your Majesty."

A few minutes later, Elder Zhong entered the room with a look of desperation and bewilderment.

"Y-Your Majesty! There has to be some kind of mistake! Why is 'he' one of the participants?!" Elder Zhong asked him.

"Slow down..." Lord Xie was slightly overwhelmed by Elder Zhong's behavior and said, "What are you talking about?"

"T-That man, Su Yang! Why is he one of the participants?!" Elder Zhong asked again, clearly this time. "There's no way that someone at the Heavenly Spirit Realm could possibly qualify to be a participant!"

"Ah... so you have heard of the news." Lord Xie finally understood why he was acting so strangely.

"I know this might be a pill that's nearly impossible to swallow, but Su Yang... he's actually only 17 years old as of this moment." Lord Xie revealed the truth to him, whose eyes and mouth widened with shock.

"S-S-S-Seventeen...?" Elder Zhong stuttered nonstop.

"T-That's impossible! What kind of talent must one have in order to reach the Heavenly Spirit Realm at that age when the rest of us are all over 100 years old?"

Lord Xie shook his head and said, "Although he denies it, I believe that he has a Master from the mythical Holy Central Continent. Otherwise, I cannot even imagine how he would have achieved such a feat."

"A master from the Holy Central Continent..."

Perhaps the reason why they can't comprehend Su Yang's talent is because he has someone from a place they also cannot comprehend supporting him.

"If you are still feeling doubtful, go look into the Su Family's second son."

"Wait... 'That' Su Family?" Elder Zhong looked at him with disbelief.

Lord Xie nodded and said, "Due to unknown circumstances, Su Yang had been missing for about a year. However, after some deeper investigations, it appears that he'd actually been kicked out of the house and sent to the Profound Blossom Sect as a disciple."

Elder Zhong was speechless. He didn't expect Su Yang would have such a complicated background.

"Although it does not explain how he achieved the Heavenly Spirit Realm, it will remove most of your doubts regarding his identity."

Elder Zhong chuckled in a defeated manner a moment later and said, "First the Earth Advancement Pills, now there are juniors reaching the Heavenly Spirit Realm. It appears that a new cultivation era is approaching, and my cultivation was for naught. If only I was born a little bit later."

"If Su Yang is truly only seventeen years old, then it's safe to believe that this Hong Yu'er from the Azure Cloud Sect is also at the Heavenly Spirit Realm, right?"

"Hong Yu'er..." Lord Xie sighed after hearing her name and said, "Perhaps she also has an expert from the Holy Central Continent supporting her. It's too much of a coincidence that she's also Su Yang's fiancée."

"Wait a moment..."

Elder Zhong rubbed his temples with pressure and continued, "This Hong Yu'er is Su Yang's fiancée?"

"According to the investigation, yes. I had even sent a few irresistible young men with powerful backgrounds to approach her, but they were all instantly shot down by her, who insisted that she already has a fiancé. I even investigated the Hong Family, and while they tried to hide the fact, Hong Yu'er was indeed engaged to Su Yang from a young age."

"Well, no matter their relationship, it'll be fun to see what they'll do once they are on the same stage." Lord Xie smiled.

Elder Zhong looked at him with a dissatisfied face.

When Lord Xie noticed it, he said, "I know what you're thinking, but regardless of who I paired your Sect against, the results will be the same. Unless you also have a Heavenly Spirit Realm expert amongst the junior ranks."

"If I had someone like that, the entire world would've known by now." Elder Zhong shook his head.

"It's unfortunate, but I'll have my disciples fight a battle that has already been decided before it even started."

"Do you not intend on telling them about Su Yang?" Lord Xie asked him.

"What's the point? Knowing about his strength won't change anything. In fact, it'll only make them even more depressed than they already are with Fang Zhelan."

"Haaaaa... To think the Divine Sword Sect's unshakable reign would finally come to an end... and in such a sudden fashion. Did I offend a god in my previous life to deserve this?" Elder Zhong sighed deeply.

"Nothing will last forever. In fact, in a few dozen years, I'm sure that Su Yang will eventually surpass my father, who has reached the legendary Sovereign Spirit Realm. Once that happens, he might even become the next Emperor of the Eastern Continent," said Lord Xie.

"However, a cultivator with a limitless future is always unpredictable. Who knows what he'll do in the future when he's all grown. He could remain in the Eastern Continent as a ruler, or he could travel to the other continents. Seeing how his master is from the Holy Central Continent, he might even go over there."

"Whatever it is that he might do, I'm sure that it'll shake the entire world."

Sometime later, Elder Zhong returned to his disciples.

"Is everything fine, Sect Master?"

They asked him with a worried face.

"Don't worry, it's nothing serious. By the way, regardless of what happens tomorrow, just focus on doing your best and try not to make a fool out of yourselves." Elder Zhong said to them.

"Anyways, I have a huge headache right now, so I will be retiring for the day."

After he disappeared into his room, the Sect Elders looked at each other with dumbfounded looks.

"To make a Heavenly Spirit Realm master experience headaches, it must have been fairly serious."

"But alas, there's nothing we can do. Let's just hope that it's nothing too bad and focus on getting through tomorrow without losing too much face."

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On the following day, everyone in the Profound Blossom Sect gathered at the front of the hotel, including the Elders that had been in closed cultivation.

"Hahaha... I didn't think that I would be able to reach the Earth Spirit Realm without another 50 years!" Elder Sun laughed loudly after leaving his seclusion.

"You're embarrassing yourself, grandfather..." Sun Jingjing looked at him weirdly.

"Of course, I cannot compare you to, who has reached the Earth Spirit Realm at such a young age! However, this is still a huge achievement for me!" he said.

"By the way, I heard from the Sect Master that your parents had visited us while I was in seclusion. What did they say to you?"

"Don't worry, grandfather. It's not something that you need to know about. But if you really want to know, you should ask them yourself."

"Hoh? Since when did you become so independent?" Elder Sun raised an eyebrow, as he noticed something different about his granddaughter, who had a more mature aura than before.

"A lot has happened since you entered seclusion, but you'll learn about it sooner or later." Sun Jingjing said, but she was not willing to reveal anything to him just yet.

"Hmph. You can keep your secrets. But don't come crying to me when your parents make things difficult for you in the future." Elder Sun said before ignoring her.

A few moments later, Liu Lanzhi appeared before them and spoke, "Are we all here?"

"Yes, Sect Master!"

Everybody shouted with excitement, especially the Junior Disciples.

"Good." Liu Lanzhi nodded.

Sometime later, the Profound Blossom Sect reached the colosseum.

As they reached the gates, the people there would turn to stare at them with gazes filled with admiration.

There were even a few young men and women who approached them with the intent of joining them.

"Excuse me, Sect Master and Seniors, when will the Profound Blossom Sect start recruiting disciples again?"

"Ever since I saw the Profound Blossom Sect's disciple defeat the Burning Lotus Sect, I have been wanting to be a part of it!"

"Me, too! I also want to become a disciple at the Profound Blossom Sect!"

Although she was taken aback by their enthusiasm, Liu Lanzhi spoke with a professional expression, "The next recruitment for the Profound Blossom Sect is planned to be one month after the regional tournament. However, due to some changes to the Profound Blossom Sect, it may be delayed, so wait until after the regional tournament for an official statement."

Although only a few people approached them, there were many there who were interested in the Profound Blossom Sect but were too shy to approach them and were silently noting Liu Lanzhi's words in the background.

Almost two hours later, the regional tournament finally began.

"Welcome to the semifinals for the regional tournament! Although it's only been a few years since the last tournament, it's obvious that there were many changes in the cultivation world throughout these short years."

After spending a few minutes to recall the rules, Zi Dong called out the participants for the first match.

"Without further ado, allow me to introduce our contestants for the first match, the Profound Blossom Sect, one of the few dark horses of this generation, and their opponents, the regional tournament's indomitable champion for many years, Divine Sword Sect!"

The crowd roared with intense excitement as the Divine Sword Sect finally appeared on the stage, as they have been waiting for their return since the tournament began.

However, not even a minute had passed since the Divine Sword Sect stood on the stage and the audience already noticed something different about them.

"What's this...? There's something different about the Divine Sword Sect this year, but I cannot pinpoint the difference..."

"You're right. Although I might be wrong, they seem less radiant compared to their previous appearances, almost like they are not as domineering."

"Now that you mention it, that might be the reason! After all, there's the Profound Blossom Sect and the Azure Cloud Sect this year. Compared to their geniuses that defy logic, the Divine Sword Sect doesn't appear as powerful anymore. Look at them. Their strongest cultivator is only at the 3rd level Earth Spirit Realm, which is nothing when compared to Fang Zhelan, much less Hong Yu'er."

While there were some people that looked down on the Divine Sword Sect, there were more that defended them.

"Although they cannot compare to Fang Zhelan or Hong Yu'er in terms of cultivation base, the Divine Sword Sect has many renowned swordmasters and hundreds of years of experience in combat."

"Indeed. And they have many geniuses that can fight those above their own realm, so you cannot underestimate them."

"Speaking of fighting against those above their own realm, what about that young man from the Profound Blossom Sect? He defeated somebody at the Earth Spirit Realm whilst being only at the Profound Spirit Realm! If you ask me, that's even more shocking than Hong Yu'er's Heavenly Spirit Realm cultivation base!"

"His name was Su Yang, right? It's hard to judge his prowess from what we've seen so far, since he hasn't really displayed anything too shocking, and he's barely made any appearances on the stage. In fact, I still don't understand how he managed to beat Fairy Lin Shao Shang."

"Well, let's hope he fights the Divine Sword Sect, so we can get a better understanding of his power."

Meanwhile, on the stage, Elder Zhong stared at Su Yang, who was standing a few meters away from him with a nonchalant expression on his face.

"You little brat, I didn't think you were actually my junior due to the way you speak! Were you making fun of me this entire time?" Elder Zhong said to him with narrowed eyes.

"I don't know what you are talking about." Su Yang casually shrugged his shoulders.

"Oh? You don't know what I am talking about? Good! Then let's see if you'll remember after wFine defeat you!"

A smile appeared on Su Yang's face as he spoke, "You can go ahead and try."

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After giving their greetings, each sect returned to the edge of the stage before they sent out their first fighter.

A few moments later, the Divine Sword Sect sends out a disciple at the peak of the True Spirit Realm.

"Who wants to fight first?" Liu Lanzhi asked them.

"Oh! Me! Allow me to experience their swords first, Sect Master!" Disciple Jin Xi immediately raised her hand.

Liu Lanzhi looked at her and nodded. "Be careful, your opponent is not only three stages above you, but his Profound Qi is incredibly thick for someone at his level. He most likely has strength equal to someone who just entered the Earth Spirit Realm."

Jin Xi nodded with a serious expression.

However, just as Jin Xi prepared to enter the stage, Su Yang spoke, "Wait a second."

He then approached her and gave her a gentle tap on her forehead.

Jin Xi suddenly felt as though something had been unleashed within her body, and a profound energy sprouted within her aura.

"I have removed your limiter. Go wild." Su Yang said to her with a smile.

Jin Xi showed a wide smile and nodded excitement, "I will not disappoint you!"

Once Jin Xi stepped onto the stage, Liu Lanzhi asked Su Yang with, "What on earth did you just do to her? How did her Profound Qi suddenly grow stronger?"

"I didn't mention this, but the disciples have not been using their full abilities before, as I have placed a limit on their Dantian," said Su Yang, revealing this shocking information to her.

"What?! You mean to tell me that they have been fighting with only some of their potential this entire time?! Why would you limit their strength?"

Being dumbfounded can't even describe what Liu Lanzhi was feeling right now.

"You'll understand in just a moment. It won't be fun if they dominate all of the matches with ease, right?"

Liu Lanzhi did not immediately respond and turned to look at Jin Xi instead.

"Are the two of you ready?" Zi Dong asked them after both sides had a fighter on the stage.

Jin Xi and the young man in front of her nodded.

"Then let the first match for the semifinals begin!" Zi Dong waved his hand before retreating to the edge of the stage.

The moment the match began, the young man from the Divine Sword Sect roared, causing his aura to sharpen like the blade of a sword.

"Is that Sword Intent?!"

The audience was shocked upon feeling the sharp aura from the young man, almost like they were looking at a swordmaster.

"No, that's not real sword intent. It's only an imitation of the real thing. There's no way any of them would be able to emit real sword intent, as that would require decades of training to even understand sword intent, much less create it."

"However, even if it's fake, it's quite impressive, as not just anybody can imitate sword intent, and you can tell that he has a profound understanding of the sword."

The real experts there gave their insights.

"While I have to give you guys credits for reaching this far, this is as far as you'll go."

The Divine Sword Sect's disciple pointed his sword at Jin Xi, who stood there calmly.

"Indeed, even I could've never expected that I would come this far before." Jin Xi spoke with a smile on her face.

"However, I will have to disagree with you on one thing — that this is our end. We will not only defeat you, but we all also defeat the Azure Cloud Sect and become the champions."

The young man burst out laughing after hearing her words and said, "You wish to defeat us? Although you may have an impressive cultivation base, that's all you guys have, and that won't be enough to defeat us!"

Jin Xi suddenly grasped the sword by her side and said, "While we do not have much experience in real combat, we have sparred with a swordmaster plenty of times — enough to deal with people like you."

"Hahahaha! A swordmaster? Just because someone can hold a sword, it does not make them a swordmaster!" The young man snorted in disdain.

"Speak for yourself. Just because they are called swordmaster does not really make them one!" Jin Xi unsheathed her sword.

The second she drew her sword, Jin Xi's aura shot into the sky and sharpened like a blade, making it seem as though her entire body had turned into a sword.

"T-This is — impossible!"

When the Divine Sword Sect disciple realized that it was sword intent coming from Jin Xi's body, his legs gave up and he fell to the floor.

"T-That's real sword intent?! How is that possible?!"

It was not just the Divine Sword Sect's disciples, even the others were baffled by this situation.

"What is going on? How could she have sword intent?!" Elder Zhong's entire body was trembling from shock and disbelief at this moment.

"This is truly unexpected..." Even Lord Xie couldn't comprehend the situation. "I wasn't able to sense any sword intent from her before this, yet she can suddenly emit sword intent. What the hell is going on?"

"S-S-Su Yang! What is going on?! How come she can suddenly use sword intent?! I don't remember the Profound Blossom Sect having any sword techniques besides the Profound Blossom Art, and understanding the sword arts enough to create sword intent with that Mortal-grade technique is simply impossible!" Liu Lanzhi said to him.

"Hm? Oh, I taught them a thing or two about swords whenever we are not cultivating." Su Yang casually responded.

"Eh? D-Does this mean they can all emit sword intent?" Liu Lanzhi looked at the other disciples with wide eyes.

"Of course." Su Yang nodded. "It's just that I have sealed their sword intent inside their Dantian at the moment, so you won't be able to tell."

"U-Unbelievable..." Liu Lanzhi didn't know what to think of this and could only accept reality as it is.



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"T-There has to be some kind of mistake! I must be dreaming or something! There's simply no way that anyone in the True Spirit Realm could emit sword intent!" Elder Zhong felt as though the world was spinning much faster than before, causing him to have headaches.

After all, as a swordmaster himself, Elder Zhong knew very well how hard it was to comprehend sword intent, much less create it. The requirements were simply too profound for someone at the True Spirit Realm.

Although Su Yang could also create sword intent, he was in the Heavenly Spirit Realm, so Elder Zhong did not find it too weird despite his young age. Furthermore, it was not as though these disciples could have a master from the Holy Central Continent lecture them.

"I...I give up..."

Despite having a huge advantage over Jin Xi with his superior cultivation, the Divine Sword Sect disciple surrendered without even lifting his sword, as he had no intent fighting someone who has already mastered sword intent, something even most of their Sect Elders cannot achieve.

"What?!" Elder Zhong looked at his disciple with wide eyes.

"Why did you surrender without fighting her?!" He immediately lectured the disciple after he returned.

"B-Because she has sword intent... Anyone that can create sword intent is a formidable expert regardless of their cultivation base. Just looking at her sword intent, I can tell that her understanding with the sword is much higher than mine. I am no match for her." The disciple shook his head and explained the reason behind his actions.

"In other words, you were scared of her, huh?" Elder Zhong shook his head and sighed, "To think my sect would raise such cowards. It appears that we all have gotten complacent over these years."

He then turned to look at the other disciples with narrowed eyes and spoke in a grim tone, "I don't care if you have no chance of winning, you will not surrender without putting up a fight and bring shame to the entire Divine Sword Sect! As for those of you who surrender, you can consider today your last day as a disciple of the Sect!"

"S-Sect Master! I-I was wrong!" The disciple who surrendered immediately kowtowed with despair in his expression.

However, Elder Zhong merely snorted with a cold expression and said, "No matter how talented you are, if you cannot act with at least some dignity, I do not want you in my sect. Now scram!"

"..."

The other disciples remained silent, as they did not want to anger Elder Zhong any further.

'The Sect Master is probably pissed that some random junior had managed to understand sword intent when it took him nearly his entire life to do so...' The disciples thought to themselves as they looked at Elder Zhong.

"Disciple Lu... No, Lu Xuan, you can only blame yourself for being a coward and bringing shame to the Divine Sword Sect." One of the disciples suddenly said.

"S-Senior sister Ye... can you please help me out here?"

"Hah? Senior sister? Don't try and act like we have any kind of relationship now, Lu Xuan." The young lady coldly snorted. "You have betrayed us the moment you stepped off that stage without a fight. If not for the millions of people here watching us, I would've already killed you."

"..."

"Anyway, we can continue this conversation later. Right now, we must focus on the match." Elder Zhong said to them.

A few moments later, the Divine Sword Sect sends another disciple onto the stage.

"On behalf of the Divine Sword Sect, I apologize for what happened previously, as that does not reflect upon our Sect's values." The disciple said to Jin Xi in a calm manner.

"I don't care about any of that, really." Jin Xi quickly shrugged.

"Good. Then allow me to give you a proper fight."

The Divine Sword Sect disciple raised his sword, and an aura similar to the previous disciple surrounded him.

Jin Xi watched the young man with a serious expression.

A moment later, Jin Xi's eyes narrowed, and the sword in her grasp flew at the young man with incredible speed and sharpness.

"!!!"

The young man was slightly surprised by Jin Xi's sudden approach, but he managed to barely fend against her sword strike with his own sword technique.

"What a heavy strike!" The young man could feel his arm become slightly numb after Jin Xi's strike, who had prowess that should not belong to someone at the True Spirit Realm.

"Profound Blossom Art: Sweeping Petals!"

However, Jin Xi did not give the disciple a chance to rest for even a second and immediately followed up with a second attack.

The illusion of thousands of flower petals suddenly appeared and surrounded the Divine Sword Sect disciple, and each of these petals had the sharpness of a real sword.

When Liu Lanzhi saw this, her eyes widened with shock, and she mumbled to herself, "How could a mere Mortal-grade technique display such strength? At its current state, it definitely wouldn't lose to even an Earth-grade technique!"

"Haaa!"

The Divine Sword Sect disciple tried to break out of Jin Xi's sword technique, but no matter how hard he tried, he wasn't able to escape.

Feeling like a trapped beast, the disciple decided to force his way out of the technique, but alas, the second his body touched the petals, all of the petals attacked him simultaneously.

"Ahhhhh!"

The Divine Sword Sect disciple felt as though he was being pierced by thousands of tiny swords within that short moment, and a few seconds later, he collapsed onto the floor with blank eyes.

"The Divine Sword Sect's fighter has lost consciousness! The Profound Blossom Sect wins the second round!"

The audience erupted with shouting and pure noises after Zi Dong's announcement.

"What's going on?! How did the Profound Blossom Sect suddenly become so much stronger out of the blue?!"

"This kind of monstrous growth is not something that talent could achieve alone! There must be something else that's helping them!"

The people there began to wonder if the Profound Blossom Sect had some heaven-defying treasure that allowed their disciples to become so powerful, as that would make the most sense for the majority there.