

Dragon King 321

Chapter 321: The Hao Ren You Didn't Know...

Hao Ren headed toward the East Ocean University on Little White's back at high speed. Little White was no longer the same as before, and it could go as fast as a Nascent Soul Realm cultivator now that it had a set of flight dharma treasures.

It arrived above the East Ocean University in just the blink of an eye.

Hao Ren found a quiet place to land and put Little White into the necklace. Then, he quickly headed towards the Hongji Square which was located outside the school.

He called Zhao Jiayi and asked the room number. Then, he hurried into the KTV and found their room.

Xie Yujia and Ma Lina were the only two girls in the room, and there were seven guys. Currently, Zhao Jiayi was focused on singing a love song when Hao Ren entered.

"Damn! How come you are so late! We are almost done!" Zhou Liren shouted when Hao Ren walked in.

"I had something to do... and just got back..." Hao Ren squeezed over to Xie Yujia since she saved half a seat for him, and he sat down beside Xie Yujia, shoulder to shoulder.

Hao Ren did try his best to rush back for Huang Jianfeng's birthday. Although the issue with East Ocean Dragon Clan was giving him a headache, Hao Ren couldn't put his friends behind. The guys from the university had always been his bros, and he didn't want to let them down.

"Here, here, here, sing a song!" Zhao Jiayi stuffed the microphone into Hao Ren's hand. There was still half a song left.

In fact, they were all tired of taking turns to sing before Hao Ren got there. They knew that Hao Ren sucked at singing and it would be a suitable punishment to embarrass him since he was so late.

Hao Ren just got back on Little White's back, and he could still feel the cold from the high altitude. He had no idea what to do when a microphone was stuffed into his hand.

They were all good friends, but Hao Ren still felt a bit awkward singing in front of a bunch of guys.

"Go ahead! It's not like you haven't sung for us before!" Cao Ronghua nudged Hao Ren.

Zhao Jiayi liked to sing the most in their dorm, and he had always dragged the guys to KTVs. However, Hao Ren usually sat on the side and listened; he would hum from time to time but never actually sang.

"Eh-hem!" Hao Ren cleared his throat, turned to Xie Yujia, and laughed in embarrassment as he brought the microphone up to his mouth. After taking a deep breath, he started to sing in harmony with the music, "Showing me the change of seasons..."

Everyone was stunned as soon as Hao Ren opened his mouth.

Especially Zhao Jiayi, who used to claim himself as a real singer; he couldn't believe his ears.

“Is it really...Hao Ren singing?”

Ma Lina, who sat beside Xie Yujia, was also stupefied.

She had no idea that Hao Ren was such a great singer with such a beautiful voice!

The right tone and the lovely voice were not inferior to those talented celebrities!

Hao Ren immediately stopped when he noticed their weird expressions. He asked, “What’s the matter?”

Due to the sudden pause, they were sure that the machine wasn’t accidentally playing with the original song.

“Damn! You are such a good singer, and you have been hiding it from us all this time!” Zhou Liren pushed from the back and strangled Hao Ren’s neck.

Zhao Jiayi was also confused. He had been busy training with the basketball team and rarely had chances to go karaoke. He specifically picked two songs for today, and he felt pretty satisfied with his performance. However, he didn’t expect that Hao Ren would completely crush him.

“This guy...” Zhao Jiayi looked at Hao Ren and wondered if he practiced singing daily after he started dating Xie Yujia.

Hao Ren also didn’t realize that his cultivation not only changed his aura but also made his voice clearer and brighter. He was just copying the artists from his memory, but to his surprise, he astonished all of them.

“Keep going! Keep going!” Xie Yujia encouraged him to keep singing.

“Sing! Sing! Sing!” Huang Jianfeng and the other guys chimed in.

Hao Ren blushed out of embarrassment. He cleared his throat and followed the lyrics on the screen, “The black in front of my eyes is not...”

Huang Jianfeng and the other guys were listening to Hao Ren carefully, astonished. They suddenly realized how handsome and stylish Hao Ren appeared to be under the spotlight.

How come they had never realized that such a handsome guy had been hanging out with them all along!

Ma Lina nudged Xie Yujia’s waist with her hand, hinting at the good eyes her friend had. From her perspective, Xie Yujia had gotten herself a boyfriend that would make other girls jealous.

In fact, upon a closer look, Hao Ren would be quite attractive with a more thoughtful outfit and a new hairstyle.

Hao Ren put the microphone down after the song, but the guys urged him to keep on singing. Hao Ren didn’t want to sing anything; it was ok when it was only him and Xie Yujia in the room like last time, but he really wasn’t used to singing in front of a group of people.

The next song was already up, and Zhao Jiayi had to take over microphone since Hao Ren was reluctant to keep going. But compared to Hao Ren, Zhao Jiayi sounded much worse although he was outstanding in the group.

“Hey! I had no idea that you are so good. We can go karaoke together in the future!” Ma Lina leaned across Xie Yujia and knocked Hao Ren with her fist.

“Ok...” Hao Ren looked down and shrugged.

Xie Yujia smiled sweetly between the two of them.

Hao Ren really looked like a singing prince when he had the microphone in his hand. If he were at a school event singing a song on the stage, a lot of girls would fall for him!

Ma Lina had always thought that Hao Ren was too ordinary to be with Xie Yujia. Now, she finally changed her point of view and realized that Xie Yujia was the lucky one. It turned out that guys could change up a lot as well!

“You only sang half a song, and you were so late. Three cups as a punishment!” Huang Jianfeng carried the cups of liquor to Hao Ren when his own face was slightly flushed.

They were all in a good mood today, so they all had a few drinks. But it was responsible of them for not making the two girls drink. Hao Ren knew that he was guilty, so he belted all three cups of drinks without rejecting.

“Watch out...” Xie Yujia reminded him from the side.

Ma Lina had a strange feeling when she saw this. “Xie Yujia must really love Hao Ren to care about him this much. What trick did Hao Ren use on her to charm her like this? She usually was immune to guys...” she thought.

Hao Ren felt the warmth in his stomach after those three cups of liquor. However, such little alcohol was not a problem for him at all. Hao Ren could easily push the alcohol out of his body through his fingertips with the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll.

The atmosphere of the room picked up after Hao Ren got in.

Hao Ren drank one cup after another, yet he didn't feel any discomfort. The guys were all surprised at how Hao Ren's voice had gotten so much better, and now his tolerance for alcohol increased drastically as well.

After three rounds, Hao Ren had gotten everyone who tried to make him drunk out of it. They all stopped toasting when they saw Hao Ren was still able to drink more, although his face was slightly red.

“Have less.” Although Xie Yujia knew that Hao Ren wouldn't get drunk, she still worried about him and pushed his cup down.

Luckily, Zhao Jiayi and the other guys couldn't have anymore. Otherwise, they sure wouldn't be ok with what this 'sister-in-law' of theirs just did.

Since the guys weren't even able to stand still, Ma Lina picked up the microphone, chose a few songs, and started singing. She was not as pretty as Xie Yujia, but she was a good singer.

The room finally started to sound fun again.

Hao Ren deeply exhaled on the couch, evaporating the alcohol from his stomach.

Xie Yujia sneaked a peek at him and asked quietly, "Is there something bothering you?"

"Hehe, nothing." Hao Ren smiled with his head down.

Xie Yujia looked at him, worried. "I felt like something is on your mind the second you entered the room."

"Nothing..." Hao Ren removed the slim hand Xie Yujia put on his shoulder softly.

The more Hao Ren said he was ok, the more Xie Yujia believed that he had a lot of things on his mind.

"How about... we go for a walk?" Xie Yujia gritted her teeth and asked lightly.

After a few seconds of silence, Hao Ren nodded and said, "Ok, let's go get some fresh air."

Zhao Jiayi and the other guys were lying randomly in the room; they were almost falling asleep on the couch.

"Ma Lina, I'm taking a walk outside with Hao Ren. Keep an eye on them!" Xie Yujia stood up and said to Ma Lina.

Ma Lina threw Hao Ren and Xie Yujia a suspicious look and said, "Ok, go ahead! I'll be here!"

The KTV rule stated that the customers were not allowed to sleep in there, and at least one person needed to be awake.

"Um!" Xie Yujia walked out of the room holding Hao Ren's hand.

The air in the corridor was fresher than the air in the room.

Xie Yujia pulled Hao Ren with more force and dragged him into the square outside.

It was already midnight, and the Hongji Square was empty. Most shops were closed except for a restaurant and an internet café.

It had passed the time when the dorms closed, and most of the students had gone back to their dorm rooms. The Hongji Square turned from lively to quiet and isolated.

It was a bit chilly at night, and Hao Ren and Xie Yujia could see their breath under the street light.

Xie Yujia shivered as she let go of Hao Ren's hand and rubbed her hands together.

"Let's head back if you are cold," Hao Ren saw that Xie Yujia wasn't dressed warmly, so he quickly suggested.

"I'm ok. Let's keep walking," Xie Yujia said outright and stepped forward.

As she was walking in the front, Hao Ren had to speed up to catch up with her.

"What's wrong? Did you fight with Zi?" She suddenly turned back to Hao Ren.

She looked particularly beautiful under the hasty dim light.

The Hongji Square was designed according to European villages. The artistic gift store behind Xie Yujia became a nice background under the moonlight.

“Not a fight...” Hao Ren turned slightly.

“Zi has her attitude, but she is a nice girl...” Xie Yujia continued innocently.

“Come to a place with me, Yujia,” Hao Ren suddenly interrupted her.

Chapter 322: The Change of Identity?

“Um?” Xie Yujia stopped and looked at Hao Ren.

Where could they go in the middle of the night? It was way passed the dorm closing time, and there should be nowhere else to go except for a walk around the square or going back to the KTV room.

While Xie Yujia was pondering, Little White got out of Hao Ren’s necklace.

“Let’s go!” Hao Ren put up a red energy sphere and hopped on Little White’s back.

Xie Yujia hesitated a bit before she got onto Little White’s back as well. She didn’t think much because she thought Hao Ren was just taking her up to the sky in order to relax a bit.

Little White leaped into the sky with Hao Ren and Xie Yujia on its back.

East Ocean City was completely quiet at that moment.

It was pitch black except for some busy areas.

They didn’t feel the chillness because the red energy sphere could block the wind, and Little White flew up 100 to 200 meters in the sky in no time. Hao Ren and Xie Yujia could overlook the entirety of the East Ocean City in its deep sleep.

Hao Ren took a deep breath as he looked at the large city. From an inspector’s point of view, he was responsible for this entire city.

Even the East Ocean Dragon Clan couldn’t interfere with other cultivators in the East Ocean City.

“What’s the matter?” Xie Yujia asked as she sensed Hao Ren’s concern.

She had a strange feeling while up the sky on Little White’s back, admiring the East Ocean City in the moonlight with Hao Ren.

Due to the pollution in the city, they couldn’t see the stars clearly from the ground. But at this moment, she felt like the stars were within a hand’s reach.

The moon was so bright and so round.

Little White floated in the sky since it didn’t get any command from Hao Ren. Xie Yujia lightly held onto Hao Ren’s shirt from behind as she gazed into the sky. The sense of romance hidden deeply in her heart slowly appeared.

She softly leaned her cheek on Hao Ren’s back and felt his warmth.

She didn't want to keep asking about Hao Ren's issues because she didn't want to bother him even more. The relaxing atmosphere in the sky was enough for her.

Mixed feelings piled up in Hao Ren's mind as he held onto Little White's hair.

He used to be just an ordinary student. But nowadays, he was representing the East Ocean Dragon Clan as well as the Dragon God Shrine. The entire East Ocean City was in his hand. If he were just to let it be, a loss of balance might occur any day in the city.

He did neglect some things, but he had to be responsible for his mistakes.

Hao Ren pulled on Little White's hair and pointed to the east. "East Ocean Dragon Palace!"

Bright lights shone on Little White's paws as it received the command.

Shoo! It flew toward the ocean in the distance.

It was the first time Xie Yujia experienced Little White's extreme speed. She quickly put her arms around Hao Ren's waist.

Boom!

Little White smashed into the ocean in a flash, and its speed barely changed underwater. They soon arrived at the front gate of the East Ocean Dragon Palace.

The guards immediately stepped aside when they saw Hao Ren.

He put Little White away and decided to walk. Although he was the Fuma, he didn't want to break the rules and fly around as he wished.

It was midnight; time for sleep even in the dragon palace. Hao Ren was already familiar with the structures in the dragon palace, so he took Xie Yujia straight toward the palace where Su Han lived.

Xie Yujia had no idea why Hao Ren suddenly took her here. But since she was here with him and couldn't head back on her own, she had to follow Hao Ren.

Lanterns were hanging high on both sides of the hall. Even at midnight, the dragon palace showed its elegance.

When they entered Elder Xingyue's palace, several female disciples nearby immediately asked cautiously, "Who is it?"

"It's me. I'm here to see Su Han," Hao Ren said.

Four Zhen-level female cultivators in black robes got out of the side chambers. They relaxed when they saw Hao Ren; they knew that he was the Fuma of the dragon palace as well as Su Han's assistant.

In fact, Hao Ren had been checked countless times by the hidden guards on his way here. An intruder would never have reached this point.

"Senior Sister Su has already rested. Does Gongzi Hao have an emergency?" One of them asked.

The female cultivators of the East Ocean Dragon Clan mostly stayed with Elder Xingyue. They would cultivate in different places during the day and come back here to rest at night. Su Han was an inspector, but from the apprentice's point of view, she was nominally their senior sister. Therefore, they respected Su Han immensely.

"I'm just stopping by; she shouldn't be asleep yet," Hao Ren said; he knew that Su Han was obsessed with cultivation, especially now since her strength had fallen behind due to her injuries. Given how her personality was, she must be cultivating all night long.

As soon as Hao Ren finished speaking, Su Han walked out of her room in a silk robe.

She waved at Hao Ren and said, "Come over here."

Just as Hao Ren expected, Su Han was cultivating in her room. She knew it was Hao Ren when hearing his voice.

"Senior Sister Su," the four female cultivators slightly bowed toward Su Han.

"Go and get some rest." Su Han waved them off and beckoned to Hao Ren and Xie Yujia.

Xie Yujia was dragged here by Hao Ren, so she had to follow him over.

As smart as she was, she figured out Hao Ren's intention in a few seconds. He didn't have time to come see Su Han during the day, so he had to pay her a visit at night. However, it would be inappropriate to visit a female's bedroom at midnight, so he had to bring her along.

Su Han closed the door behind Hao Ren and Xie Yujia. Then, she sat down on her bed and asked, "What is the matter?"

Xie Yujia looked at Su Han carefully and realized that she seemed much healthier and livelier than last time. She knew that Su Han must have recovered from her injuries well.

Su Han turned to Xie Yujia and also realized why Hao Ren brought her along immediately.

Even if she didn't think it was inappropriate for him to visit her alone at midnight, it was inevitable that the others would judge.

From this, one could tell how extraordinarily thoughtful Hao Ren was.

Su Han turned to Hao Ren slightly in her silk robe, and her long black hair looked like a waterfall.

"I didn't have a chance to come over during the day, so I had to come here at night. I mainly wanted to tell you about this situation," Hao Ren said straightforwardly, "There have been more and more human cultivators coming to First Heaven from Fifth Heaven and up lately. I caught two of them, and I let them go because I have mistaken them as dragon cultivators."

"Um." Su Han nodded. She thought to herself for a few seconds and said, "There have always been human cultivators probing around First Heaven. Actually, we would scout around Fifth Heaven as well from time to time. The human and dragon cultivators keep the boundaries, but periodic monitoring was necessary." U.p.dated. by AllNovelFull.Com

"Has it only become frequent for the East Ocean City, or are all the cities like this?" Hao Ren asked.

He was an assisting inspector after all, and Su Han knew more information from the Dragon God Shrine.

“No special information has been received about other cities. It is probably because I am currently recovering in the East Ocean Dragon Palace, and there isn’t an official inspector guarding the East Ocean City. Thus, the human cultivators have increased the range and frequency of their inspections,” Su Han said after thinking for a bit with her head down.

She simply looked down slightly, and her black hair fell onto her lovely forehead. One simple move made her straight nose stand out and demonstrated her charm.

“Ok, I’ll patrol regularly. How should I deal with the human cultivators once I catch them?” Hao Ren continued.

He thought Su Han would only be recovering in the East Ocean Dragon Palace for a few days. However, she had decided to stay for a while. She hadn’t had a chance to discuss a lot of things with Hao Ren.

“You can just let them go. Or you could give them a little punishment,” Su Han said.

“I see,” Hao Ren nodded and said, “If there’s nothing else I need to know, I should head back.”

He knew that Su Han didn’t like to hear about nonsense, so it made sense for him to leave on his own before she kicked him out since he had nothing else to report.

“Wait for a second!” Su Han called out when Hao Ren turned around and walked to the door.

Hao Ren turned around to look at her.

Su Han looked a bit uneasy sitting at the side of her bed as Hao Ren looked at her. She felt an unusual coldness from Hao Ren and knew that he wasn’t in a good mood. But... she probably didn’t need to worry about his feelings...

After a moment of silence, she gritted her teeth and said, “I’m aware of what’s going on with you.”

Xie Yujia was confused as she stood beside Hao Ren.

Su Han pouted and continued since Hao Ren didn’t say anything, “My suggestion is to cope with changes by sticking to fundamental principles. It sure is a messy situation, and even I won’t be able to erase it for you. The West Ocean Dragon Clan is now a lot less powerful, but their reputation and influence are still here. The East Ocean Dragon Clan might choose to make minor sacrifices to safeguard major interest. It would be the most rational way to deal with things.”

Hao Ren nodded since his thoughts were the same as Su Han’s. Severing ties with him would indeed help the East Ocean Dragon Clan to stabilize itself in this chaos.

Xie Yujia stood in the room and blinked. She looked at Hao Ren then at Su Han.

After a few more seconds of silence, Su Han continued, “I also need to remind you that the Dragon God Shrine is paying attention to the situation. Let’s not talk about Little Daoist Zhen; even the Dragon God Shrine wouldn’t dare to offend him. Therefore, the core of this entire event is you.”

Su Han stared at Hao Ren and continued, “Although the Dragon God Shrine has its rules, it respects strength. The general examination of the Dragon God Shrine will be taking place soon. Let me put it this

way. If you can successfully become an official inspector, the Dragon God Shrine sure will step out and protect you. But if you fail, your assisting inspector position will be withdrawn, and it will impact my position as well.”

Hao Ren didn't mind the first half of what Su Han said, but her last sentence made his eyelid twitch.

“This incidence... will impact Su Han's position as well?” he thought.

“What kind of impact?” Hao Ren asked.

“The lightest punishment would be transferring me out of the East Ocean City to some remote area like where Qin Shaoyang is at right now. The most severe punishment...” Su Han smiled helplessly and said, “You don't need to know about it.”

Chapter 323: Time Together

Hao Ren had no clue that this would affect Su Han. Since this was a family issue that should be kept inside the East Ocean Dragon Clan between him and Zhao Yanzi, it wouldn't be fair to drag Su Han into it.

Su Han took him as her assistant in order to provide him with protection under another identity. But now... Hao Ren felt incredibly sorry for Su Han, who looked calm at the moment.

She offered him patient instructions and teachings when Hao Ren just started cultivating, and she never treated him poorly, let alone the fact that Su Han got injured from protecting him when they were pushed out of the Nine Dragon Palace by Qiu Niu.

Su Han smiled lightly when she saw Hao Ren's gloomy face. “Don't overthink this. Since I am in the Inspector System, I will accept the Dragon God Shrine's decision.”

She looked so calm that it felt like she wouldn't regret any of her decisions even if she were severely punished.

Xie Yujia wasn't too familiar with Su Han, but she had always thought that Su Han was a great teacher. After several encounters, she now felt like Su Han was also a lovely person.

Xie Yujia was a bit sad after knowing that Su Han might get transferred to another city.

Of course, the people who would be the most devastated after knowing this would be the guys in the East Ocean University, especially Hao Ren's roommates.

As a matter of fact, although Su Han didn't drop in level from this her serious injury, her combat abilities were not as powerful as before. It would take her at least five or six years to recover from the incident. Otherwise, even the Dragon God Shrine wouldn't want to punish a Qian-level inspector who was good at the job like Su Han.

“Ok, I will do my best in the Dragon God Shrine's examinations,” Hao Ren said.

Although Su Han looked cold, she tried to protect him wherever she could. Hao Ren remembered her kindness, and it was now time for him to shield her from troubles and liabilities.

“The general examinations of the Dragon God Shrine is not as easy as you might think...” Su Han smiled and said, shaking her head. However, she didn’t keep talking.

She didn’t think that Hao Ren could get a good placement with his strength, but she didn’t want to crush Hao Ren’s enthusiasm. In her opinion, Hao Ren’s current progress was already speedy and smooth.

“When does the examination start exactly?” Hao Ren asked.

“Technically, you have a month if you really plan to take the exams,” Su Han slowly looked up with her pretty eyes and said from the bedside.

“Ok!” Hao Ren gritted his teeth and nodded.

Su Han secretly sighed at how persistent Hao Ren was. The West Ocean Dragon Clan was determined to fight until death, and it was pulled all the forces together, becoming the key force in the fight against East Ocean.

It made the Dragon God Shrine nervous as well. And the Dragon God Shrine had to take some actions to calm the whole situation down. As Hao Ren’s boss, she would definitely have to go to Antarctica for a decade. She wouldn’t even be allowed to go back to the other continents during that time.

“You guys should head back if there’s nothing else,” Su Han looked at Hao Ren and Xie Yujia and said. Her tone was much softer than before. Maybe it was because of her mood, or it might have been due to Xie Yujia’s presence.

Hao Ren thought about the time and realized that they did spend quite a while in Su Han’s room. Therefore, he nodded and walked to the door. “Anyways, get better soon,” he said.

“Um.” Su Han nodded without showing any expression.

Xie Yujia didn’t say a word from the start to the end. She just felt like Su Han’s treatment of Hao Ren was somewhat special. After all, he completely ignored all other guys.

Hao Ren closed the door from the outside and led Xie Yujia out of the palace.

He didn’t care much about the inspector position. But since this involved Su Han, it was no longer an issue within the East Ocean Dragon Clan.

Xie Yujia followed Hao Ren to the front gate of the dragon palace deep in her own thoughts.

There were always some patrolling soldiers tailing them.

“Let Premier Xia know that I’ll pay him a visit some other day!” Hao Ren said to the general who was leading the patrolling soldiers. Then, he whipped out Little White and headed onto the land at a fast speed.

Premier Xia was the only one who had a personal friendship with Hao Ren in the entire dragon palace. Hao Ren decided not to bother him tonight since it was already midnight. However, if he had some questions about East Ocean that needed to be answered, Premier Xia would be the perfect person.

“Zhao Yanzi could start her cultivation again, and maybe the loss of her dragon core would no longer be a problem. I might just be an insignificant Fuma.” Hao Ren laughed at himself as he patted Little White’s neck with both hands.

Little White sped up immediately, dashing out of the ocean like a shooting star.

“What is going on? You never told me about it,” Xie Yujia opened her mouth and asked as she dragged onto Hao Ren’s shirt.

She was trying to suppress her curiosity and didn’t want to interfere with Hao Ren’s issues. However, she got more and more worried about Hao Ren after hearing all that.

“Nothing much. It’s just that Zhen Congming and I destroyed half of the West Ocean Dragon Palace a few days ago when I went out with him,” Hao Ren said.

“Ah?” Xie Yujia was surprised.

She had seen the East Ocean Dragon Palace; it was a giant city covering thousands of acres.

“How could Hao Ren tear down an equally large palace?” she thought.

Xie Yujia had always been a good kid except for the time she hung around Hao Ren when they were little.

However, she had never even burned down half a warehouse.

Boom! Little White, who sensed Hao Ren’s thoughts, lowered itself and kept flying above the ocean.

The ocean looked limitless under the moonlight.

Xie Yujia had never enjoyed a view like this before.

All of a sudden, she felt the ease of mind and treasured the beautiful scenery.

The waves reflected the silver light of the moon as they moved in order, similar to the scales of a fish.

The moon was bright in the sky, illuminating the ocean, and Hao Ren and Xie Yujia cherished their time together at this moment.

Flying closely above the ocean was even better than standing on the deck of a ship. They could thoroughly enjoy the vast and peaceful scenery quietly.

Xie Yujia secretly looked at Hao Ren’s face from the side.

It was a calm yet determined face which was 70% similar to her Little Older Brother’s naughty face. However, they had completely different expressions.

At the moment, Hao Ren’s lips pouted slightly as if he was trying to make up his mind. His eyes which looked into the distance showed that he was buried in his own thoughts.

She slightly leaned onto Hao Ren’s back and could hear his forceful heartbeat through his shirt.

Xie Yujia didn’t know if she was falling too hard for Hao Ren, but she discovered a lot of Hao Ren’s hidden talents and strength.

Hao Ren seemed to be very gentle, but he was very firm with his decisions. He didn't want to bother anyone even if he had a lot on his mind. However, he would definitely share good things with everyone around him.

Being with Hao Ren gave Xie Yujia a strong sense of security.

Boom!

Little White lowered itself for half a meter, and its paws almost touched the water.

The strong airflow created by the fast speed made a lot of waves in the ocean.

Giant fishes that were swimming near the surface got sucked out of the ocean, and they kept rolling up and down in the air.

There was an endless ocean all around them!

"Come on, Little White. Let's head back!" Hao Ren shouted.

Roar!

Little White roared as it suddenly flew forward, dashing into the reflection of the moon in the ocean.

Shoo... Little White flew toward their destination at a fast speed.

The East Ocean City slowly appeared in front of Hao Ren and Xie Yujia.

They arrived at the Hongji Square in just a moment, and Little White turned into its cute white puppy form.

After putting Little White back into the necklace, Hao Ren and Xie Yujia returned to the KTV room. They looked at the time and realized that it had only been half an hour!

Ma Lina was still singing, and the guys were cuddling up on the couch, sleeping.

"You are back?" Ma Lina put down the microphone as Xie Yujia and Hao Ren came in. She was a little bored already since she had just sung six songs.

She thought they only took a walk around the Hongji Square, but she could never imagine that they went to the East Ocean Dragon Palace and flew above the sea.

"Um, it's a bit chilly, so we came back sooner," Xie Yujia smiled as she sat beside Ma Lina.

If it weren't for Hao Ren's command to Little White, she actually wished that she could keep wandering over the ocean with Hao Ren until sunrise. It would have been nice to enjoy the spectacular sunrise over the endless sea.

"Sing a few songs, Yujia. Let me take a break," Ma Lina grabbed her drink and chugged.

Xie Yujia was a little shy, but she sang a few songs lightly since the guys were all sleeping. Her voice was a lot better than Ma Lina's, and the gentle voice put Huang Jianfeng and the other guys in a deeper sleep.

Before they realized, it was already six o'clock in the morning.

Both Hao Ren and Xie Yujia used their cultivation techniques to get rid of their sleepiness, so they seemed very energetic.

Zhou Liren sat up from Cao Ronghua's body as he yawned. "Sh*t! You two didn't sleep at all?"

That simple comment came out of his mouth with a weird hidden message.

Xie Yujia blushed as she circulated nature essence according to the Qi Refinement Technique. She pulled Ma Lina up, who was almost asleep, and said, "Hao Ren, we will be heading back now."

"Um," Hao Ren looked at her with his bright eyes and said, "Have something to eat before you go to class."

Xie Yujia blushed again and nodded before dragging Ma Lina out of the room.

"I didn't know that our former class president could be so cute. Our Brother Ren finally conquered her." Zhou Liren raised his eyebrows at Hao Ren.

"Wipe your mouth and go to class. I still have something to do." Hao Ren threw a pack of napkins at him and headed out in a rush.

LingZhao Middle School and LingZhao Elementary School were across the street from each other. Since there was only one hour before school started, Hao Ren wanted to meet up with Zhao Yanzi. In the meantime, he wanted to see if Zhen Congming was bullying everyone including his teachers in the modern school.

P.S. Please read the TL Note; important release time update.

Chapter 324: Damn Uncle

Hao Ren took a bus to the gate of LingZhao Middle School at seven o'clock. He bought two sets of youtiao and a bottle of soy milk. Then, he had his breakfast as he watched the middle-schoolers go to school.

In Hao Ren's memory, middle-schoolers were supposed to go to the school at about 7 AM, have the morning excises at 8 AM, and do the morning reading before the first class at 8:30 AM.

In fact, students in middle school were quite busy with four periods in the morning and four in the afternoon, going until 5:00 PM.

If the teachers gave them last minute class assignments or the students had cleaning duties, they would get home very late.

It was only a little past seven, and some hard-working girls had begun entering the school. Of course, there were a few boys who were also early, but Hao Ren suspected that they didn't do their homework and thus arrived early to 'borrow' others' to copy.

It was almost summer now, and the schoolgirls were all wearing skirts. It was a pretty picture of youth.

Hao Ren finished eating his youtiao and suddenly realized that he must look like a perverted man standing at the school gate while watching the school girls. Shortly, the school's greeting team arrived and stood at the entrance.

Each class took turns sending students to form the so-called greeting team. They stood at the school gate and greeted all the teachers by saying 'good morning, teacher!' in the morning.

When Hao Ren was in middle school, since he looked a little above average, he took turns being on the etiquette team for about two years. Thinking back, he found that experience entirely meaningless.

He was about to look away when he suddenly spotted a familiar figure in the greeting team.

It was Zhao Yanzi!

Along both sides of the wide-open iron gate stood four girls, four boys, and a student who led the team.

Zhao Yanzi stood reluctantly second in line among the four girls. The girl standing at the front of the line was her best friend, Little Ling.

It seemed like this week was Zhao Yanzi's class's turn to form a greeting team, and Zhao Yanzi was one of the selected students. As a member of the team, she had to get up early each morning of the week, arrive at school before 7 AM, and stand at the school gate wearing a red sash at 7 AM sharp.

They were fortunate that it was now early summer. It was torture being a part of the greeting team in the winter.

Hao Ren stood about five meters away from the gate and stared at Zhao Yanzi in a daze.

Zhao Yanzi had taken her position when she spotted Hao Ren.

She froze out of embarrassment for a few seconds, but she had nowhere to hide.

At this moment, a young teacher came to the gate. The team leader saluted, and Zhao Yanzi had no choice but to yell and bow with other team members, "Good morning! teacher!"

Hao Ren watched her silly look and snickered.

Zhao Yanzi glared at him with her big eyes and gritted her teeth, wishing that she could rush out and kick him away.

However, her duty prohibited her from moving.

Another young female teacher entered the school, and Zhao Yanzi hesitated for half a second before bowing hurriedly. "Good morning, teacher!"

"Zhao Yanzi, move together with the others." A teacher was supervising the greeting team, and she reminded Zhao Yanzi when the latter's movement was half a second slower than the others.

Zhao Yanzi curled her lips but couldn't argue with the teacher.

However, that damned 'uncle' was still standing near the breakfast booth, staring at her like a ghost.

If Zhao Yanzi could send electricity with her eyes, Hao Ren would have been long dead from the shocks.

Now it was about 7:30 AM, and the bulk of teachers and students swarmed into the school. Most of LingZhao Middle School's teachers lived in the neighborhood across from the school since the school provided residency, and they came to the school almost at the same time, making the greeting team salute and bow non-stop.

Hao Ren now walked to the bus stop close by, pretending to be waiting for a bus while he was, in fact, watching Zhao Yanzi.

Zhao Yanzi saw Hao Ren just stand there and watch her humiliate herself by bowing repeatedly, but she couldn't find a way to drive him away.

"Ok! Let's go back to class!" The team leader said to the greeting team.

It was almost 8 AM, and all the students had arrived except for the late-comers.

Zhao Yanzi was relieved at the order and immediately took off the sash.

In fact, the only benefit of being a member of the greeting team was that they could skip the morning exercise and rest in the classroom.

While the other team members walked into the school, Zhao Yanzi put her red sash into Little Ling's hand before rushing out of the gate in rage and punching Hao Ren's chest.

"What are you doing?" Hao Ren rubbed his chest and looked at her, faking his innocence.

Tempered by the heaven lightning, his body was as hard as iron, and Zhao Yanzi's punches didn't hurt him at all. Zhao Yanzi was lucky that her hands were not injured from punching his body.

"You... Why did you stand here and watch me?!" Zhao Yanzi was so furious that she almost choked when speaking.

When she stood at the gate wearing the sash, she wanted to rush over and kick him. Now that her task was done, her anger seemed to have toned down a little.

"You will be in the greeting team for the week, right? How about I come and watch you every day?" Hao Ren asked her with a snicker.

"Don't you dare!" Zhao Yanzi's eyes opened wide.

"Ok! Ok! Let's get serious since the morning exercise will be over soon. I just came to see you," Hao Ren said immediately, afraid that she would lose her temper.

"Who cares..." Hearing Hao Ren's words, Zhao Yanzi's heart softened, and her tone was no longer stern.

"I also came to ask you something," Hao Ren continued.

"What is it?" Zhao Yanzi lifted her head and blinked.

Her beautiful hair fluttered in the morning breeze.

"It's just... Should I go to your home tonight?" Hao Ren asked her.

"Why not?" Zhao Yanzi pouted. "Come!"

“Last night, it didn’t go very well...”

“That’s their problem, not mine! You are my tutor, not theirs!” Zhao Yanzi panted with anger and said.

“Ok. I’ll come over tonight.” Hao Ren remembered that Zhao Yanzi’s final exams were coming up, and she needed the tutoring.

The problem was that he also needed time to accelerate his breakthrough since he had to go the general examinations at the Dragon God Shrine in one month.

At this moment, the bell that signaled the end of the morning exercise sounded, and the old gatekeeper was about to lock the gate. Zhao Yanzi glanced at Hao Ren and said. “Ok! I must go now! Come and meet me at the school this afternoon!”

She jogged to the gate, oblivious to the fact that the old gatekeeper was a master her father stationed in the school.

Hao Ren looked at her with a smile before walking toward LingZhao Elementary School that was not far from there.

The elementary school began a bit later than the middle school. Hao Ren didn’t remember when he went to school each morning when he was in elementary school, but he knew that the elementary school students didn’t have to go to school as early.

Across the street, LingZhao Elementary School was experiencing a rush hour due to student traffic. Some traffic officers were there to keep order.

Hao Ren stood beside the gate, wondering if Zhen Congming had gone into the school or not.

Swoosh. A familiar white Ford arrived at the school gate, and Hao Ren took a closer look and realized that it was his dad’s car.

In his elementary school uniform, Zhen Congming got out of the car carrying a blue backpack on his shoulders.

He had a new haircut and a new pair of shoes.

Hao Ren was about to go over when several elementary school girls ran to Zhen Congming from different directions.

“Congming!”

“Congming!”

“Congming!”

Instantly, Zhen Congming was surrounded by three pretty girls who were all wearing school uniforms and were cute in their own ways.

“Hey! Don’t bother me.” Zhen Congming squirmed impatiently and pushed them away.

Zhen Congming walked into the school without saying goodbye to Hao Zhonghua who drove him here.

Those three cute little girls followed him closely.

“Congming, please teach me how to solve the problem we had yesterday!”

“Congming, I want to play a game with you today.”

“Congming, I brought you the sweet rice balls my mom made...”

Ignoring them, Zhen Congming walked into the academic building proudly.

The three girls followed him inside, still calling out to him.

“Damn!”

“Zhen Congming had only been in school for a few days, and so many cute girls have fallen for him!”

Hao Ren lamented the unfairness of the world!

It seemed like he didn't have to worry about Zhen Congming's life in the elementary school. Obviously, he was very comfortable here!

He had good looks, high IQ, good background, and great talent. Except for his quick temper, Zhen Congming had no shortcomings!

It was understandable that the girls liked him. At first glance, Zhen Congming might look dull. But on second look, he was quite handsome. Besides, his presence as a Li-level cultivator was attractive to the girls.

Hao Zhonghua dropped off Zhen Congming at the school and didn't notice Hao Ren in the crowd at the gate. He turned the car slowly and drove to the Ocean Research Institute.

Hao Ren sighed and saw that the white Ford made the turn and left.

After a moment of consideration, he returned to the bus stop and took a bus back to school.

It was a miracle that Zhen Congming agreed to go to school obediently. However, surrounded by a group of cute girls, it wasn't easy for him to make trouble, right?

Tonight, Hao Ren had to go to Zhao Yanzi's home to tutor her, and he must take some time during the day to consider how to improve his cultivation strength...

Chapter 325: Little White's Function

Hao Ren returned to the university and grabbed his textbooks from his dorm before heading to class. Just as Hao Ren expected, Huang Jianfeng, Cao Ronghua, and the other guys didn't even wake up yet after they went back to the dorm.

Xie Yujia was already sitting in the front row when Hao Ren came to the classroom on his own. Ma Lina wasn't there either.

The class looked empty without the guys.

Xie Yujia waved at Hao Ren, and he smiled back and sat beside her. Instead of asking about where he went in the morning, Xie Yujia focused on writing her notes.

The class appeared to be a lot quieter since Zhou Liren and the other guys weren't present. Sunlight shined through the window and reflected strips of light on the desks.

"Zhao Jiayi has led the basketball team into the top 16. He didn't let Wanjun down," Xie Yujia whispered as she read her notes.

"Oh?" Hao Ren was surprised at how well Zhao Jiayi was doing.

"What are you doing at lunch?" Xie Yujia asked abruptly.

"At lunch? Um... nothing really," Hao Ren answered.

"Um, come with me to the library; I want to borrow some books," Xie Yujia said as she smiled sweetly.

Her smile stood out against the sunshine, and it looked very cheerful. Although she was already a university student, sometimes her innocence and youth made her look like a high-schooler.

Time flew by, and it was almost noon. The guys were still not up, and Ma Lina must have been exhausted as well since she missed the later two classes too.

Hao Ren and Xie Yujia went to the cafeteria together for lunch; they seemed exactly like a couple.

Xie Yujia had just reached level 5 of the Qi Refinement Realm; it was a great improvement from where she used to be. However, it was still nothing compared to Zhao Yanzi.

Since she was already working hard and trying to decrease the gap in strength between her and Hao Ren, the only thing left for her to do was to keep a positive attitude.

Xie Yujia started to look around for books as soon as they got into the library. As she was doing that, Hao Ren wandered around as well. The library in the East Ocean University ranked at the top in the country, but it was still a much smaller collection compared to the Profound Cultivation Palace in the East Ocean Dragon Palace.

"Gongzi! Gongzi!"

Hao Ren heard the crisp greetings when he walked around two tall bookshelves.

Lu Linlin and Lu Lili almost hopped into Hao Ren in their grey sweaters. They held onto each other's arm, and the slightly puffy sleeves of their sweaters made them look very energetic. Also, the flared skirts with thin belts revealed their beautiful legs.

They looked like a pair of dolls in their identical outfits.

"You are here too." Hao Ren smiled at them.

"What a coincidence to run into Gongzi here!" Lu Lili laughed, revealing her white teeth.

Hao Ren looked at them, guessing it was probably not a coincidence. However, instead of pointing it out, he turned around to look at the books on the shelves.

“Humph, Gongzi hasn’t even hanged out with us lately!” Lu Linlin said in a peevish tone when she saw Hao Ren’s casual attitude.

They looked like a pair of sculptured artworks, all the guys in the area couldn’t even stand up properly after hearing their tones and voices.

They would all want to pick a fight with Hao Ren if they didn’t know that he was strong enough to defeat that captain of the Taekwondo Club from another university.

Lu Lili was too shy to say anything, so she stood quietly beside Lu Linlin, looking at Hao Ren.

“How have classes been for you two?” Hao Ren asked as he took an art book off the shelf and looked at Lu Lili who was quiet.

“It has been alright. We recently bought a camera and had been shooting around with it,” she blushed as she answered with her head down.

Hao Ren laughed and took the book out of the area. The twins pretentiously took two books with them in a rush and followed Hao Ren to the checkout zone.

Xie Yujia had found the book she was looking for in another area as well.

She walked toward Hao Ren and was slightly surprised when she saw Lu Linlin and Lu Lili with him. She simply smiled.

They showed their library cards one by one and got out of the borrowing area with their books. Then, they took the escalator and headed to the ground floor lobby.

Hao Ren sensed the slight awkwardness as the three of them surrounded him.

Neither Xie Yujia nor the twins rushed to their dorms. It was as if they were having a silent war.

When they reached the lobby, all three of them hurried up to walk beside Hao Ren. Xie Yujia wanted to head back, but she didn’t want to lose Hao Ren to the twin sisters.

The four of them walked on the marble floor and headed toward the front door of the library in silence.

“You said you wanted to come to the Hongji Square with me to help me pick a cell-phone case, right?” Xie Yujia suddenly said when they got out of the library.

Hao Ren looked at her in surprise because he did not bring such a subject up.

“There is a new cafe by the north gate, Gongzi. I heard they have pretty good desserts, and we have always wanted to take you there some time,” Lu Lili said while blushing.

They hadn’t seen Hao Ren for a couple of days. It was hard to tell which one of the twins missed Hao Ren more, but they both wanted to come and see him today. They planned the run-in when they sensed him in the library.

Hao Ren looked at Xie Yujia on the left and then the twins on the right. He said, “I have a lot to do today. Maybe another day for everything.”

He didn’t say yes to any of them and went straight to the stairs.

Xie Yujia and the twins looked at each other. Xie Yujia gritted her teeth and walked toward her bike, and Lu Linlin and Lu Lili headed toward the other direction, throwing a little tantrum as well.

Hao Ren circled to the back of the library where there was a large area of grass; he used to let Little White out here a lot.

He looked around to make sure that no one was there before he let Little White out of his necklace.

Little White regained its freedom, and it immediately sneaked into the grass.

Then, it got into position to... poop.

It had to poop regularly even though it ate elixir pills, not to mention a lot of the other stuff.

A strange smell came out of the grass as Little White hopped out of it and circled Hao Ren cheerfully, shaking its head up and down.

"No shame..." Hao Ren rolled his eyes at Little White.

Just when he was pulling it up by the ears, a few girls screamed out, "Ah! Little White!"

They saw it when they walked out of the library.

The girls ran over and circled it. They took all sorts of snacks out of their bags, and they rubbed its body as they fed it. "We haven't seen you for so long, Little White! We have been keeping snacks in our bags every day hoping that we would run into you!"

Little White chirped contently as it ate all kinds of high-end hotdogs. In the meantime, the girls took turns rubbing it; they wished that they could hold Little White in their arms and pet it, having no idea that it had just pooped.

No one including Hao Ren noticed that several flowers in the grass bloomed and released their fragrances before quickly withering.

These flowers went through a year's cycle within just a few seconds!

Due to Little White's 'irrigation' from before, these flowers and grasses were growing very well, which was to the school's chief gardener's surprise. If someone tested the flowers for medicinal purpose, they would realize that the medicines these flowers could make would be hundreds of times more potent! In addition, these medicines would have side benefits such as improving blood circulation.

Chapter 326: A Small Pot of Land

The girls took turns petting Little White before reluctantly handing it back to Hao Ren.

Not caring enough to carry it, Hao Ren tossed it onto the ground.

With a full belly, Little White trotted to a corner of the library joyously before running back. With its golden paws, it looked like it was wearing four little boots; it was a cute sight.

“Will you come here tomorrow?” Knowing that Little White was Hao Ren’s pet, the girls turned to ask him.

“Tomorrow? I’m not sure...” Hao Ren answered.

“Please bring Little White here; we’ll buy it good food!” The girls insisted.

“Which program are you from?” Hao Ren asked them.

“Business Program!” One girl answered immediately before continuing, “Freshmen!

Then, she took out a piece of paper and a pen from her bag. “I’ll give you my cell phone number! Please message me when you have time; I really want to hang out with Little White more.”

“No. It’s not necessary...” Hao Ren declined immediately. It seemed quite easy to get close to these kind girls with the super cute Little White as the medium.

“When I have time, I’ll bring Little White here for walks. We’ll meet again when the time is right,” Hao Ren said coolly and walked toward the path behind them.

He walked away with a wave but without turning back and glance.

Little White trotted alongside Hao Ren.

The girls watched Little White leave with envy. They had seen lots of pets, but none of them looked as pretty, cute, and smart as Little White!

They didn’t know that this furry Little White was not a pet at all; it was the king of all ordinary beasts in the mortal world!

After making sure they were out of the sight of the girls, Hao Ren took Little White into the small forest in the southeast corner of the school.

After creating an energy sphere, he shot into the sky on Little White’s back.

With Little White’s speed, he could patrol around of the East Ocean City including the suburbs in about 15 minutes. However, Hao Ren was cautious, so he dashed around the city again.

Up almost 1,000 meters in the sky without the solid protection such as the exterior of a plane, an ordinary person would have had jelly legs from fear. However, Hao Ren was used to flying and was not at all nervous flying almost at the same speed as a plane.

Making sure that nothing was wrong in First Heaven above the East Ocean City, Hao Ren finished his patrol and flew up to the higher heavens.

It was slow to cultivate in First Heaven, but the speed of cultivation would increase by a lot if he cultivated in Fifth Heaven where the essence intensity was greater.

Little White shot up through Second, Third, and Fourth Heaven before passing the loophole they discovered last time and entering Fifth Heaven.

The Fifth Heaven had green mountains, clear rivers, and floating clouds and mists!

Hao Ren thought it would be risky for him to enter Sixth Heaven, so he stayed in Fifth Heaven to solidify his foundation even though he knew the essence intensity was greater in Sixth Heaven.

Fifth Heaven looked boundless. However, Hao Ren wasn't interested in exploring its boundaries since he just wanted to find a spot to cultivate.

"Little White, find a spot with the greatest essence intensity!" Hao Ren bent down and whispered in Little White's ear.

Hu... Little White exhaled and sniffed, sensing the essence intensity of the surroundings.

The essence intensity of Fifth Heaven was greater than the land, but the essence intensities were different in different places. Some mountains were spirit mountains and thus had greater essence intensity than other valleys.

Little White flew in the air for a while before stopping in a misty valley.

This valley was surrounded by mountains and full of thick fog. Hao Ren inhaled deeply and found that the nature essence was abundant there. It was a good place for cultivation and elixir making.

As a demon beast, Little White was far more sensitive to nature essence than Hao Ren, and he trusted its choice.

Roar!

Little White lifted its head and howled.

The panthers, wolves, tigers, and pumas scattered, and even the birds in the trees flew away.

Little White emitted the aura of a demon beast.

The animals living in Fifth Heaven were fiercer than those on the land, but none of them dared to mess with a demon beast.

Instantly, with rustling sounds, all the animals in the valley moved out.

With its roar, Little White claimed the valley as its territory!

The foggy valley that was full of the chirping of the birds and the fragrance of flowers, but now only the fragrance of flowers remained.

Little White landed slowly with Hao Ren on its back.

The terrain of the valley was not even and was covered by all kinds of rare flowers and grass. It seemed to be a natural valley of herbs.

Hao Ren had recently been learning architecture from Zhao Hongyu, but he still couldn't cut the trees and build a hut for himself yet. Looking around, he flew up on Little White's back and released his sword energies, formed One-line Snake Sword Array, and started to make a cave abode on one hill.

The sword energies were so sharp that they could easily cut through iron. After forming a sword array formation, their power multiplied. Eighty sword energies shot into the hill and created a huge hole in it. They moved around and formed a sphere inside the hole, cutting out a round and smooth cave!

Boom! The sword energies swept across the bottom, a smooth floor appeared in the cave abode!

Swoosh! Swoosh... the 80 sword energies returned to Hao Ren's body.

The whole process only took half a minute.

Hao Ren was proud of this cave abode that had an area of 80 square meters. It was a pity that no one was there to admire his cool presence

Sighing, he rode Little White into the cave abode that was on the steep hill.

There were some small rocks in the cave, and Hao Ren waved his hand using nature essence, blowing all the dust and small rocks out of the cave abode.

Looking around the empty space, he felt like something was missing. He thought for a moment and realized it needed furniture. He moved two huge pieces of stones into the cave abode and cut out a square stone table and a bench with his sword energies. Then, he released a sword energy from his fingertip and cut out a small water cup.

He turned around and realized that there was no place for him to cultivate. Shaking his fingers, he released five sword energies and cut out a rectangle stone bed in the wall.

After he finished, Hao Ren looked around his DIY little cave abode in satisfaction. Without any paying anything, he now owned a small 80-square-meter home on Fifth Heaven.

The intense essence gushed into the cave, perfect for Hao Ren's cultivation.

The exams in the Dragon God Shrine was in one month, and he was not here to appreciate the flowers. After straightening up the cave abode, he immediately sat down cross-legged and cultivated.

In the dragon tribe, although they had the Inspector System to keep the basic order, the world was still ruled by the cultivators with great strengths. If he had the same power as the old Grandma, Hao Ren would be able to do anything he liked.

Seeing Hao Ren was cultivating, Little White felt bored. It whimpered and lied at the entrance of the cave abode.

Its duty automatically changed from Hao Ren's mount to his guarding spirit beast.

Resting its head on its front legs, it lied lazily on the ground while its ears listened alertly to the sounds coming from the surrounding area; nothing could escape its notice.

Since the beasts and birds had been driven away by Little White's presence, the sunlit valley was quiet as if it was midnight.

Hao Ren gradually entered deep meditation while nature essence traveled through his body smoothly; the five-elemental essence fitted perfectly with the laws of nature, and he was now oblivious of both himself and the outside world.

This state was what was achieved in so-called seclusion cultivations.

In the past, he had never experienced such a relaxed cultivation environment even in Su Han's office.

The essence blew through the valley like a breeze, and the thick fog at the bottom of the valley sat there without scattering. The usually playful Little White knew Hao Ren was cultivating and thus kept quiet on the smooth ground.

Hu... Three hours later, Hao Ren exhaled the dirty energy out of his body.

His entire body seemed to have been cleansed by the essence here, and he was extremely relaxed. After three hours of cultivation, he had not gained a breakthrough but was closer to unlocking the next opening.

If he didn't need to go to Zhao Yanzi's school this evening, Hao Ren would have continued to cultivate there. He felt so great as if he was lying in his warm bed in the winter, reluctant to get up for school.

Hao Ren patted Little White's back and got it up before flying out of the cave abode.

Looking back at the quiet valley and high mountains rising above the mist and fog, Hao Ren thought for a moment and named this place Ethereal Summit!

"Speed up and let's go back!" Hao Ren scratched the white fur on Little White's neck and shouted.

Swoosh! Little White's paws released colorful lights, and it instantly dashed away while leaving rainbows in the air with its afterimages

Shooting through the loophole, Little White entered Fourth Heaven. Soon, they returned to the sky above the East Ocean City.

It was almost the evening, and the sunset was beautiful.

The golden sun was on the same level as Hao Ren.

When they were close to the ground, Hao Ren put Little White away and landed in a small alley not far from Zhao Yanzi's school.

Withdrawing the energy sphere, Hao Ren walked out of the alley and took out his cell phone to call Zhao Yanzi.

After two rings, Zhao Yanzi answered the call.

"Hello? Are you here now?" Zhao Yanzi's impatient voice came from the phone.

"Yeah. I just arrived at the gate of your school, waiting for you to come out," Hao Ren said.

"You don't have to wait out there. Come in! The teachers are all gone!" Zhao Yanzi said immediately.

"Since your school has ended, why should I go in?" Hao Ren asked in bafflement.

"Today is my turn to do the cleaning, and I can't go right now. You can wait for me outside if you want." Zhao Yanzi ended the call with a click.

Chapter 327: Who Do I Favor?

Hao Ren put away his cell phone.

After a moment of consideration, he decided to go in and have a look. Zhao Yanzi said that she was cleaning, but it was more likely that she was being lectured by a teacher for misbehaving.

The school gate was now open.

Hao Ren walked into the campus and mingled in with the crowd.

In fact, the old gatekeeper had noticed Hao Ren, but he let him in since Hao Ren was the Fuma of East Ocean, and the school had ended for the day.

Hao Ren entered the school and walked against the flow of students toward the academic building where Zhao Yanzi was staying.

Since LingZhao Middle School was a semi-boarding school, when the school day ended, some students went out for dinner while others went home. The academic building was now empty.

Hao Ren went to Grade Eight Class Two's classroom. Through the glass window on the door, he saw Zhao Yanzi straightening up the desks and chairs.

She was flipping the dozens of chairs onto the desks, cleaning the blackboard, and sweeping the floor... Hao Ren pushed the door open and entered.

Zhao Yanzi had flipped up half of the chairs, and her gaze turned to the door. "Oh. You came in after all."

"It sucks to be a middle-schooler since you have to do the cleaning," Hao Ren mumbled and walked in.

"It can't be helped. It's my turn this week." Zhao Yanzi pouted. She never did housework at home, and it was hard for her to clean the whole classroom.

"Are you doing it alone?" Hao Ren closed the classroom door and asked her.

"Little Ling is supposed to do it with me, but today is her mom's birthday, so she went home early." Zhao Yanzi lifted another chair and flipped it onto a desk.

It was hard work for little girls, but Zhao Yanzi was now a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator, and such labor was no sweat for her.

Now that he was in the classroom, Hao Ren wouldn't wait and watch her do the cleaning. He helped her flip the remaining chairs onto the desks.

In her blue school uniform and with her hair up in a ponytail, Zhao Yanzi reminded Hao Ren of his years in middle school. Her figure was neither fat nor thin, and she looked young and energetic in her school uniform. Beneath her skirt were a pair of white stockings and a pair of running shoes, the most common attire for a student.

When she bent down to lift the chair, her ponytail swung swiftly, showing the brisk energy in her small body.

"Hey! Why are you staring at me!" Seeing Hao Ren watching her in a daze with a chair in his hands, Zhao Yanzi yelled and frowned.

Her fierce look was not meant to him. Instead, Hao Ren found it quite cute. With Zhao Yanzi's personality, if she disliked someone, she wouldn't speak to that person at all, let alone asking that person to help her.

"Ok! Ok! I don't need you to flip the chairs for me. You go and help me clean the blackboard. The water bucket is over there, and the wipes are there too!" With one hand on her hip, she gave him orders.

Since Little Ling had left early, she had to do two people's work. Although the work wasn't too heavy for her, she found it very annoying. With Hao Ren at her command, she didn't need to be polite with him.

Hao Ren glanced at her with a smile before walking to the teaching platform and picking up the wipe. After dipping it into the water in the bucket, he stood on his toes and began to clean the blackboard.

Nowadays, the 'blackboards' were different from those in Hao Ren's time. They were now made with white plastic, and the teachers used color markers instead of chalk. However, the process of cleaning the boards was the same.

The top of the board was a bit high for Zhao Yanzi, and she would have to do the cleaning on a chair and move the chair constantly to reach other areas of the board. No wonder she assigned the annoying job to Hao Ren.

If traces of the markers left on the whiteboard were not cleaned properly, they would sink into the board and become permanent. Therefore, after cleaning it once, Hao Ren washed the wipe and waited for the board to dry up a bit before cleaning it a second time.

After two rounds of cleaning, the whiteboard was as shiny as a mirror without any traces of markers.

"Perfect..." Hao Ren tossed down the wipe and exhaled deeply.

"What are you doing? It's not art!" Seeing Hao Ren cleaning each corner of the whiteboard including the marker holders, Zhao Yanzi suddenly complained.

Hao Ren was here doing the cleaning only this once, and he did it too thoroughly for her comfort. After all, she had to do the cleaning for the rest of the week!

Just imagine, if on the second day, the Class Advisor praised Zhao Yanzi by saying, "Little Zi cleaned the classroom very well yesterday. From now on, everyone else must learn from her, and I hope she will keep up the good job..."

Zhao Yanzi felt devastated by this prospect!

Her attitude toward life was entirely different from Xie Yujia who tried to do everything perfectly.

Hao Ren didn't expect Zhao Yanzi to complain about the work he did for her. He froze for a moment and understood her intentions. Obviously, if he cleaned too well, Zhao Yanzi would have a high standard to follow for the rest of the week.

"Humph!" Zhao Yanzi gave him a dirty look before picking up the broom and cleaning the floor. At the end of the school day, the floor was littered with paper slips, snack wrappers, and pencil shavings, etc.

After putting the garbage into the bin, she picked up the mop in the corner and wetted it in the water bucket before mopping the floor.

Cleaning duty after school was full of trivial details and tiring, and the clean classroom would return to its previous messy state the second day. No wonder Zhao Yanzi was impatient.

Hao Ren stood on the teaching platform and watched from above while Zhao Yanzi mopped the floor of the aisles. He had an illusion that he was classmates with Zhao Yanzi, and they were on the same duty team in which the guy would loiter around and avoid doing the work while the girl would quickly carelessly finish the job.

“Well, it would be fun to be in the same class as Zhao Yanzi and bicker with her every day,” Hao Ren thought to himself.

“What are you looking at? Dump the dirty water and wash the mop.” Zhao Yanzi rushed over and pushed the mop into Hao Ren’s hands before kicking the water bucket.

“Is it finished?” Hao Ren looked around the messy chairs and desks and asked her.

“What more do you want?” Zhao Yanzi glared at him.

With a smile, he lifted his right hand and activated the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll.

A suction force appeared in his palm while all the fine dust in the classroom flew toward him.

Metal, wood, water, fire, and earth!

The dust in the classroom belonged to earth!

The Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll could absorb and dissolve these matters!

However, this kind of earth elements was not pure, and Hao Ren wouldn’t take it into his body. He just collected them a few centimeters away from his palm and turning them into a spinning ball.

He then lifted his left hand slightly.

The water in the water bucket rose up in the form of a water beam. As his left hand shook, the water beam turned into many tiny water drops, splashing onto the surface of the floor, desks, and chairs and even on the window.

“Back!”

The water in the classroom formed a whirlpool flying toward his left hand before rolling into a huge palm-sized water drop.

Bang!

The huge water drop fell into the water bucket, and the dark yellow ball of dust condensing in his right hand was also tossed into the water bucket.

The somewhat clear water instantly turned dirty.

Now, the entire classroom including the windows was sparkling.

Zhao Yanzi watched what happened over the last few seconds incredulously and gasped at the clean classroom.

“You... Jerk!” she suddenly shouted, and her fists hit Hao Ren’s shoulders repeatedly.

He had cleaned the classroom so well! How could she manage it for the rest of the week?!

“Ok! I’ll go and wash the mop!” Disengaging himself from the attacks of her fists, he picked up the mop and water bucket and ran out of the room into the men’s washroom at the end of the corridor.

“Doesn’t matter how fierce she is, she wouldn’t dare to enter the men’s washroom!

While he was messing with her, Hao Ren felt as if he had returned to his middle school years, and Zhao Yanzi was his nemesis in the class.

After dumping the dirty water in the sink and washing the mop, Hao Ren returned to the classroom. Under her cold glare, he walked downstairs with her while laughing.

Minutes after they left, Luo Ying, the Class Advisor who just finished correcting some homework, came to the classroom to check the cleaning job.

When she saw the sparkling classroom, Luo Ying rubbed her eyes, thinking that her eyes were playing tricks on her.

She thought Zhao Yanzi would be sluggish with her cleaning duty, but to her surprised, Zhao Yanzi had finished it with such efficiency and excellence!

Meanwhile, Hao Ren and Zhao Yanzi walked out of the school and took a bus back to Zhao Yanzi’s home.

When Zhao Hongyu carried the dishes to the dining room, she was surprised to see that Hao Ren had returned with Zhao Yanzi.

She thought Hao Ren wouldn’t come today after yesterday’s incident. After all, Zhao Guang said that the East Ocean Dragon Clan might cut Hao Ren off, which was indeed an awkward topic.

“Dad! Mom!” Zhao Yanzi pulled Hao Ren into the room and called out cheerfully.

“Uncle, Auntie,” Hao Ren greeted them.

“Eh.” Zhao Guang put down the newspaper and nodded before walking to the dinner table.

He also thought that Hao Ren wouldn’t come today. However, to his surprise, Hao Ren came back with Zhao Yanzi. Obviously, he had picked Zhao Yanzi up from school.

“Ren, please sit down.” Zhao Hongyu gestured at the seat Hao Ren usually sat in and placed the bowls and chopsticks on the table.

“Zi will have final exams soon, so I came to tutor her,” Hao Ren said when he took his seat.

“Hehe, thank you for your effort, Ren,” Zhao Hongyu said, trying to smooth things over.

“Let’s eat,” Zhao Guang, the head of the family, picked up his chopsticks and said.

No one mentioned the unpleasant topic they had yesterday.

However, Zhao Guang's expression was still frighteningly dark. In the last couple of days, the West Ocean Dragon Clan had been doing well by drawing other forces to its side, playing the card of the victim.

The envoys and gifts the East Ocean Dragon Clan sent to the North Ocean Dragon Clan and the South Ocean Dragon Clan were turned back, and the businesses on land were impacted severely as well.

The South Ocean Dragon Clan and the North Ocean Dragon Clan both had businesses on land that had partnerships with the Mingri Group. Now, these projects were either stopped or postponed, and a venture that had been agreed upon one month ago was put on hold as well.

"Dad, I have made a decision." Zhao Yanzi broke the silence on the dinner table.

She paused for two seconds and looked at Zhao Guang before continuing, "I plan to sever ties with you guys and move to Hao Ren's home."

Chapter 328: Strength Speaks the Loudest

Time seemed to have stopped.

After speaking her mind, Zhao Yanzi moved back a little out of nervousness.

Zhao Guang's face froze.

He lifted his chopsticks... Bang!

He slammed them heavily on the table, and the utensils on the table jumped up slightly.

Worried, Zhao Hongyu, who sat between them, looking at them nervously.

Zhao Yanzi shrugged her shoulders in fear, but her face was stubborn.

"Zi, stop your nonsense," feeling Zhao Guang's fury, Zhao Hongyu scolded Zhao Yanzi immediately.

Zhao Yanzi gritted her teeth and glared at Zhao Guang across the table.

She had considered the whole thing carefully last night. Since East Ocean Dragon Clan acted so negatively toward Hao Ren, she would rather stand with him.

"You are grounded for ten days; calm yourself down," Zhao Guang said lightly.

Zhao Hongyu was about to say something, but at Zhao Guang's glance, she swallowed her words.

"This is outrageous!" Zhao Guang stood up and walked into his study room; he didn't even eat any food.

Zhao Hongyu frowned and looked at Zhao Yanzi disapprovingly before glancing at Hao Ren helplessly.

"Hongyu, take her to the East Ocean Dragon Palace and hand her to the elder!" Zhao Guang's voice came from the study room.

“Well, let’s go then.” Zhao Hongyu didn’t dare to oppose Zhao Guang. She reached out her hand and patted Zhao Yanzi’s head. Then, she grabbed her hand before standing up.

“Mom! What do you mean? I don’t want to go!” Zhao Yanzi squirmed and struggled up.

Zhao Hongyu waved her left hand, and a red beam flashed; instantly, Zhao Yanzi couldn’t utter a sound.

“Ren, don’t worry. Being grounded means ten days of simple meals in the dragon palace.” Zhao Hongyu comforted Hao Ren.

Hao Ren knew nothing about Zhao Yanzi’s decision, but he knew for sure that breaking off her relations with her parents would make Zhao Guang furious.

Zhao Hongyu pulled Zhao Yanzi out of the door and into the SUV.

Seeing that Zhao Yanzi was going to be sent back to the East Ocean Dragon Palace, Hao Ren blocked Zhao Hongyu.

“Auntie, Zi was just impulsive. You don’t have to be so strict, right?” Hao Ren asked.

Zhao Hongyu turned her gaze toward the direction of the study room and said, “We need to let him cool down a bit.”

“What about school?” Hao Ren asked.

“I’ll call her teacher and ask for sick leave. As to her study, she can do the review in the dragon palace since the final exams are near,” Zhao Hongyu said.

“How about I keep her company?” Hao Ren glanced at the defiant Zhao Yanzi and asked.

Zhao Hongyu smiled helplessly. “No need. Being grounded means that she has to stay there by herself. When she misbehaved as a little girl, she was often grounded like this.”

She thought for a while and added, “But you can visit her each day.”

Zhao Hongyu felt sympathetic toward Zhao Yanzi, but she also understood Zhao Guang. After all, Zhao Guang had been overwhelmed by the situation and would undoubtedly get furious at Zhao Yanzi’s sudden provocation.

When Zhao Yanzi was little, she had once burned up down a building in the East Ocean Dragon Palace, and Zhao Guang grounded her for 20 days. Comparatively, the punishment for what she did this time was quite lenient.

As a father, the most painful thing to hear was his daughter saying that she wanted to sever ties with him. Zhao Yanzi only wanted to show her stance, but she had touched Zhao Guang’s most sensitive nerve.

Zhao Hongyu brought Zhao Yanzi into the car and drove out of the garage swiftly.

Hao Ren stood at the entrance of Zhao Yanzi’s home and saw the light in the study room. After a moment of consideration, he entered the house and walked to the door of the study room.

Zhao Guang was sitting in the chair with a pile of files in front of him; he was still angry.

“Uncle,” Hao Ren said in a low voice.

Zhao Guang looked up at Hao Ren. “Take a seat.”

Hao Ren pulled out a chair and sat on the other side of the desk across from Zhao Guang.

It seemed that this was the first official conversation between the Dragon King and the Fuma.

“Zi is inconsiderate sometimes. You must not take her words seriously,” Hao Ren broke the silence and said.

“She has been making trouble for me since she was born.” Zhao Guang gritted his teeth.

“When will the Dragon Tribe Conference take place?” Hao Ren asked.

Zhao Guang shook his head with a bitter smile.

Hao Ren nodded and understood the situation. With the current situation, the East Ocean Dragon Clan couldn’t summon all the other parties for a conference to negotiate.

In the past, the West Ocean Dragon Clan had the most significant military force, and the East Ocean Dragon Clan had the greatest financial power; the South and North Ocean Dragon Clans sat on the sides. Every major issue concerning the Water-Elemental Dragon Clan was referred to the East Ocean Dragon Clan for solutions, and the others followed its lead. In everyone’s mind, the East Ocean Dragon Clan had been the leader of the Water-Elemental Dragon Clan.

However, the situation seemed to have changed.

Others wanted to be the big boss as well. That was why the West Ocean Dragon Clan tried to suppress the East Ocean Dragon Clan with force. Although the South Ocean Dragon Clan and the North Ocean Dragon Clan agreed to everything the East Ocean Dragon Clan said, they were also secretly trying to gain power and control the Water-Elemental Dragon Clan.

However, the East Ocean Dragon Clan had handled every significant issue of the Water-Elemental Dragon Clan well and had developed a super business group on land first, leaving the others no chance to overthrow them.

The incident with the West Ocean Dragon Clan triggered a change in the South and North Ocean Dragon Clans’ attitudes, and they quickly leaned toward the West Ocean Dragon Clan. Seeing the change of the situation, the minor branches such as rivers and lakes also adjusted their strategies accordingly.

These were things that weighed on Zhao Guang’s mind, and he didn’t think it was a situation that Hao Ren could fully understand. That was why he didn’t blame Hao Ren for messing with the West Ocean Dragon Clan; he blamed himself for not making the situation clear to Hao Ren.

From the perspective of Zhao Guang, he knew that some people deserved a beating, but only to some degree.

It was not easy to be the head of a huge clan, especially the clan with tens of millions of members.

The bigger the business, the harder it was to maintain balance. One small mistake could cause a rapid decline in the East Ocean Dragon Clan's position and businesses on land, which they had spent dozens of years developing.

"Ren, you can go now. I need time to think," Zhao Guang said abruptly.

"Ok. Please take care, Uncle." Hao Ren stood up and realized that Zhao Guang looked quite fatigued.

Hao Ren looked up at the bright moon and sparse stars in the sky after he left the house.

"A storm is coming..." Hao Ren thought.

He took out Little White from his necklace and shot into the sky with it.

He planned to return to his dorm for the night, but he changed his mind when he was in the sky. He rode Little White back to Fifth Heaven.

The East Ocean Dragon Clan was wealthy, but its strength was too weak. If it had over 30 Qian-level and Kun-level elders, the South Ocean Dragon Clan and the North Ocean Dragon Clan wouldn't have dared to change sides, and the West Ocean Dragon Clan wouldn't have messed with it.

After all, the world was ruled by those who had strength.

Even if one wanted to win people over with their virtues, they still needed the foundational strength first.

Boom!

Little White broke into Fifth Heaven and dashed toward the Ethereal Summit.

Fifth Heaven in the night was as dark as First Heaven. However, from this height, the stars and moon looked so near that it felt like one could reach out and pluck them.

If this was the case in Fifth Heaven, then what about Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and even Ninth Heaven? With the power of the stars within reach, the process of cultivation would be tens or even 100 times faster!

The Ethereal Summit was still covered in mist and fog, looking more mysterious in the night.

With Little White's demon beast presence still lingering in the valley, there were no sounds of insects or birds; no creatures dared to get within 100 meters of the valley.

In Fifth Heaven were only some small sects; the mid-tier sects were all on and above Sixth Heaven. That was why Little White was still the king of animals in Fifth Heaven! Only the mid-tier and top-tier sects could afford training spirit beasts.

Hao Ren flew into the cave abode he cut out during the day and found that the table and chair were where they had been; nothing was moved.

Little White spread out and lied at the entrance of the cave abode, dozing while guarding the cave for Hao Ren.

“Here!” Hao Ren remembered that he still had some elixir pills in his storage space. He took them out and tossed them at Little White.

Crack! Crack... Little White chewed and swallowed the elixir pills that were rarely seen in the mortal world as if they were beans.

After making sure everything was ok, Hao Ren sat on the stone bed and began cultivating.

The essence intensity in Fifth Heaven was three times greater than that on land, and the essence intensity in this valley was twice of the level outside. The amount of essence Hao Ren absorbed in one hour was equivalent to five to six hours of cultivation on the land.

While the clouds and mist floated, time ticked on.

Two shadows flew about the Ethereal Summit.

“Hehe, Gongzi is cultivating here! No wonder he has been acting mysteriously recently.”

“Well, let’s patrol for Gongzi. After all, Little White is only a spirit beast cub and can’t fight a real master.”

“What if some masters come this way?”

“Do you need to ask? Just knock them out and toss them away, my silly little sister.”

“Ok. I’ll do as you say...”

The two figures talked in whispers while flying to the other side of the valley.

During this whole time, Little White was soundly asleep, oblivious to the two figures in the valley.

At the East Ocean City’s train station below First Heaven, Wang Xi, who fought with Hao Ren, was about to get on board with a blue denim bag on his back.

“Cousin, you’ll begin the special training when you return home, right?” In a sports shirt, Wang Hui stood behind the fence and asked him.

“Yeah. After coming to East Ocean, I feel like I’m on the verge of breaking through to Xun-level. There’s still one month until the general examinations in the Dragon God Shrine. Maybe I can reach it before the exams,” Wang Xi said.

“Xun-level? If you work harder, won’t you reach Kun-level?” Wang Hui asked immediately.

“It’s not that simple. However, if I can reach Xun-level, I can become an official inspector,” Wang Xi said with shiny eyes.

“Oh, one more thing,” Something occurred to Wang Xi, and he added, “About the man whom I fought last time when we were in the martial arts dojo... You are still not his match. Don’t mess with him.

“Ok. I got it,” Wang Hui answered.

Wang Xi narrowed his eyes and thought for a while. "He is now at Zhen-level. If I break through to Xun-level, I can defeat him with one hand..... But his techniques are very special... I think he will attend the general examinations in the Dragon God Shrine."

"Then, you must beat him hard!" Wang Hui yelled.

"Humph! I'll show him what strength is! No one can mess with us earth-elemental dragons!" Wang Xi squinted his eyes again and clenched his fist before turning to get onto the train.

Chapter 329: Who's the Big Bad Wolf?

When dawn came, Hao Ren opened his eyes and stretched his arms.

As crackling sounds resonated in the cave, the silent dragon core began to spin abruptly.

The nature essence accumulated in one night was suddenly released from the spinning dragon core, and it unlocked two openings!

With a long howl, Hao Ren stood up feeling like his body was a battery that was fully recharged; each of his pores was soaked in abundant nature essence!

It took him only one night to unlock two openings. At this rate, he could unlock 15 openings in one week and about 60 openings in one month!

The speed was almost doubled!

He would reach Gen-level if he unlocked 120 dragon openings, and it meant that he would potentially reach the next realm before the exams in the Dragon God Shrine!

With the cultivation strength of the Gen Level, he would be able to control and use the level 3 sword array: Three Talents Heaven Earth Array Formation

To unleash the power of the Three Talents Heaven Earth Array Formation, one must understand 'the union of heaven, earth, and human' before being able to build the comprehensive array formation which could create 320 sword energies; it was an overwhelming sensation.

If the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll didn't require the practitioner to cultivate all five elements, he wouldn't be able to store so much nature essence in his body and obtain such a solid foundation.

Three hundred twenty sword energies were divided into five groups based on their elemental attribute, so each elemental group had 64 sword energies. It was not difficult for a Gen-level cultivator to control 64 sword energies at the same time.

However, only through the simultaneous cultivation of five elements could one possess such broad meridians in which allowed the five elemental essences to travel together as if they were on a highway with five lanes.

Although the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll progressed slowly, it had five times the power compared with other cultivators on the same level.

Together with the power of the sword array formations, Hao Ren could defeat six to eight same realm cultivators altogether. That was why Wang Hui was defeated by Hao Ren's One-line Snake Sword Array Formation instantly.

Of course, the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll had a slow cultivation process on land and in the deep sea.

Although the dragon cultivators had the aid of the dragon cores, they lived below First Heaven which had little essence. The human cultivators lived on and above Fifth Heaven with abundant essence, but their cultivation physiques were born inferior to that of the dragon cultivators.

The low-leveled dragon cultivators couldn't break into Fifth Heaven and above due to their different auras, which were results of their different cultivation method. Thus, they could attract the attention of the human cultivators and might even be killed.

That was why many young dragon cultivators didn't know about the secrets above Fifth Heaven.

However, Hao Ren cultivated the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll which emitted the aura of all five-elements, compared with the dragon cultivators who mostly cultivated only one or two elements. That was why no one would suspect him of being a dragon cultivator when he was on Fifth Heaven.

With the dragon core helping him absorb the abundant essence at a high speed when he cultivated in Fifth Heaven, Hao Ren completely changed the unique steady and slow progress of the Light Splitting Sword Shadow Scroll.

Hua... One hundred sixty sword energies suddenly shot out from Hao Ren's back.

The valley was vast, dozens of times bigger than the training valley Elder Sun's martial arts dojo provided. In here, the power of the Two Dragons Array Formation was even higher!

The sword energies were divided into two groups, one up and one down, attacking from both sides!

The sword array formation covered half of the valley while each of the sword energies grew to about two meters. If a team of hundreds of cultivators broke into the valley right now, Hao Ren could destroy them all!

The five-colored sword energies illuminated the entire valley in the dawn. Afraid of attracting the attention of nearby sects, Hao Ren withdrew the 160 sword energies after a quick practice.

The sword energies flew back swiftly, each shrinking into the size of a thumb before entering Hao Ren's body.

After consuming the 'leftover' nature essence, Hao Ren stood at the entrance of the cave abode with the presence of a great hero.

If Zhao Jiayi and his other buddies saw Hao Ren practice, they would have been shocked out of their wits. He was no longer the ordinary and harmless Hao Ren they knew; he was a sword god!

“Hehe, Gongzi will master this godly technique. It will be very powerful,” hiding behind a hill in the distance, Lu Lili said to Lu Linlin.

“Even so, Gongzi still won’t be interested in you.” Lu Linlin reached out and pinched Lu Lili’s nose.

“Sister!” Lu Lili yelled out displeasingly.

“Haha...” Lu Linlin smiled cheerfully and flew into the distance.

Lu Lili stomped her foot and chased Lu Linlin with the traveling speed of a Nascent Soul Realm cultivator.

Oblivious of the fact that Lu Linlin and Lu Lili had been guarding him during the night, Hao Ren patted the snoring Little White at the entrance of the cave. “Let’s go, Little White!”

His earth-shaking practice of the sword array formations didn’t even wake up this beast, proving that Little White was not a reliable guardian.

It was fortunate that there was nothing important in the valley, and all it needed to guard was the entrance of the cave.

Little White woke up and licked the saliva on its paws before standing up.

“Let’s go back to the land. We’ll get you something good to eat outside of the library,” Hao Ren said.

Little White’s ears pricked up instantly before transforming into a magnificent snow lion.

Releasing bright lights from its golden paws, Little White carried Hao Ren, shooting downward to First Heaven.

The elixir pills were delicious, and so were the snacks the girls gave it.

“Little White, let’s first go to the gate of Zi’s school.” When the East Ocean City came into his sight, Hao Ren put up an energy sphere in the white clouds and gave Little White the instructions.

Wuwu... Little White snorted heavily in response.

Zhao Yanzi was now grounded in the East Ocean Dragon Palace, and Hao Ren would visit her tonight. However, before his visit, he planned to find Zhen Congming and asked him for something.

It seemed like Little White had a higher IQ now. Without further instructions from Hao Ren, it automatically landed in the alley they were in last time and shrunk into a palm-sized puppy, trotting alongside Hao Ren.

Elementary students were just arriving at the school.

Standing at the gate, Hao Ren saw his family’s white Ford arriving at the school gate soon, and Zhen Congming got out of it quickly.

“Congming!” At his appearance, several school girls called out to him and ran toward him.

Hao Zhonghua needed to go on to the institute, so he turned the car around and drove through the intersection when the green traffic light was still on.

“Zhen Congming!” Hao Ren walked up and called out.

Zhen Congming was about to disengage himself from the fawning girls, and he turned around and spotted Hao Ren when he heard the call.

At the sight of Zhan Congming, Little White trotted over with a wagging tail.

“Wow! Such a cute puppy! Congming, is it yours?” The elementary school girls had shiny eyes when they saw Little White.

“Of course. It’s my pet, Little White!” Zhen Congming said proudly with his hands on his waist.

“Wow! So cute!” The little girls all squatted and tried to pet Little White.

With its innocent eyes, Little White looked from one girl to another.

“Damned Little White, it’s playing cute again!” Hao Ren walked around Little White and the little girls.

He pulled Zhen Congming to one side and said. “Congming, I need to borrow something from you.”

Chapter 330: Cutting off??

“Something? What is it?” Zhen Congming was instantly cautious.

This kid was sometimes very generous but could also be very stingy.

“Loan me a set of dharma treasures to build a defense array formation.” Hao Ren was direct with his request.

“How big?” Zhen Congming asked immediately.

“Big enough to guard a cave abode or a whole valley,” Hao Ren said.

Zhen Congming thought for a while and pulled his school bag from his shoulders before taking out a dark box from his bag.

The elementary school uniforms were dashing black suits. Since he couldn’t take things out of his sleeves, he had put his storage space inside his backpack.

“There are 72 dharma flags made with gold essence and a dharma plate made from deep ocean crystals. The array made with them should keep out Gen-level cultivators,” Zhen Congming said confidently as he put the box into Hao Ren’s hand.

Hao Ren thought for a while. Gen-level cultivators were equivalent to top-tier Core Formation Realm cultivators. Such a defense array was enough in Fifth Heaven.

“Thank you.” Hao Ren put the box in his pocket.

“Humph,” Zhen Congming snorted. If he hadn’t been living in Hao Ren’s home and calling Hao Ren ‘big brother’, he wouldn’t have given anything to Hao Ren.

Speaking of what happened, Hao Ren’s grandma also took in Zhen Congming as a grandson after feeding him for a couple of days. Thus, Hao Ren naturally became his older brother.

“Congming, can we bring the puppy home for a few days?” The girls petted Little White and asked Zhen Congming in a fawning way.

“You can have it for a few days. In exchange, Huiqian, you bring me two boxes of the cookies you brought to school yesterday; Xinyan, lend me your PSP for three more days; Lingxue, buy me some crisp chicken at lunch each day...”

Briskly, Zhen Congming listed the conditions for keeping Little White for a few days.

“Ok! Ok...” The girls surrounded Zhen Congming like planets surrounding the sun.

Hao Ren could imagine that any guys who didn’t like Zhen Congming would be killed by the girls’ eyes, and Zhen Congming didn’t have to make any moves himself!

“We can’t loan it to you now!” Seeing Zhen Congming renting Little White out, Hao Ren rushed over and rescued it from the girls’ hands.

“Uncle! Give Little White back to us!” The little girls raised their heads and yelled at Hao Ren.

“You deal with them!” Hao Ren threw the words at Zhen Congming before running away with Little White in his arms.

Under the anxious glances of the girls, Hao Ren carried Little White to a corner before tossing it into his necklace.

It seemed like Zhen Congming had a good school life. No wonder he didn’t want to go back to the East Ocean Dragon Palace. In fact, even Hao Ren was envious of Zhen Congming’s easy life with pretty girls surrounding him each day.

Back in the East Ocean University, morning classes had just begun. Several minutes late, Hao Ren hurried into the classroom.

“You didn’t come back last night again. Did you go out on a date with Xie Yujia?” Sitting in the back row, Zhou Liren arched his eyebrows at Hao Ren. “As a man in love, your complexion is excellent! Last night, did you...”

“Go away!” Hao Ren bumped him to one side and took his seat.

Unlocking two openings in one night, of course, he got a great complexion. However, in Zhou Liren’s eyes, it had a different meaning, especially when he saw Xie Yujia’s complexion had also been excellent recently.

If Hao Ren could cultivate in Fifth Heaven continuously, the result would be better. However, if he were absent from school for an extended period, he would probably be reported missing to the police.

“Hey! Hey!” Zhou Liren bumped Hao Ren with his elbow. “You are close with Su Han, right? Do you know when she will come back to teach us?”

Zhou Liren’s question was the common concern of all the guys at the school. Since Su Han was absence due to her ‘sickness’, the guys missed the super cold and beautiful teacher.

“How would I know? I haven’t seen her recently!” Hao Ren lied.

Zhou Liren looked disappointed, though he had not expected Hao Ren would know about Su Han's situation.

Hao Ren sat up and looked toward the front row. Xie Yujia was making notes with her head lowered, revealing the back of her white neck beneath her black hair.

"If I bring Xie Yujia to Fifth Heaven, her cultivation progress will probably increase," Hao Ren thought to himself.

"Hey! Hey!" Zhou Liren bumped Hao Ren again. "Let's go to the public bathroom together this evening. Zhao Jiayi will come back today."

"How are his matches recently?" Hao Ren asked him casually.

"They entered the top 16, and the quarterfinals will begin next week."

"Oh... That sounds good," Hao Ren said.

"Damn! They entered the national quarterfinals! How could you sound so casual about it!" Zhou Liren almost yelled. Seeing the teacher on the platform glance their way, he immediately lowered his head.

"Yeah. They are awesome." Hao Ren nodded.

Zhou Liren collapsed onto the desk, wondering how Hao Ren could sound so casual after learning about the exciting news of Zhao Jiayi's basketball team entering the national quarterfinals.

He didn't know that Hao Ren's vision had far surpassed the school. What Hao Ren was concerned about was the general examination of the Dragon God Shrine in one month and the crisis the East Ocean Dragon Clan was facing.

The strength of one Core Formation Realm cultivator was almost equivalent to that of a troop of 30,000 to 50,000 soldiers, and the insignificant results on the basketball court could no longer draw his attention. However, knowing the results of the matches, he was happy for his good buddy Zhao Jiayi.

After his morning classes ended, Hao Ren ate lunch with Zhou Liren in the café before walking to the back of the library alone and letting Little White out. Little White's fan girls came over and fed it.

After more than ten hours of cultivation in the Fifth Heaven, Hao Ren's spirit energy had reached its fullest state while Little White had also reached its pinnacle state.

After Hao Ren led Little White out by the meadow behind the library, no one noticed that the bush had grown half a meter in one day, almost blocking the windows of the library.

At this full state, Hao Ren couldn't absorb more essence in Fifth Heaven, so he settled down and went to his classes to solidify his unlocked openings in the dragon core while spending some time with his roommates.

The evening came. Since Zhao Jiayi and his basketball team wouldn't be back until six in the evening, Hao Ren took the time to visit Zhao Yanzi in the East Ocean Dragon Palace.

While Zhao Yanzi was grounded in the East Ocean Dragon Palace, he had been thinking of her for the whole day.

“Greetings! Fuma!” The moment Hao Ren entered the main gate of the dragon palace, Premier Xia, with his hunch back, hurried over to greet him.

“Where’s Zi?” Hao Ren asked him.

“In the small palace in the rear,” Premier Xia said humbly.

“Do you mind show me the way?” Hao Ren asked politely.

“Of course! Of course!” With his back bend, Premier Xia led the way.

According to the rules, no one was allowed to visit the princess when she was grounded so that she could reconsider her mistakes in the small room all by herself.

However, Premier Xia had received secret instructions from Zhao Hongyu; if the Fuma came to visit Zhao Yanzi, he was allowed to see her.

Zhao Hongyu thought it might be a good time for them to get closer. Despite the current situation, she appreciated Hao Ren and didn’t want to act too coldly toward him.

The small palace where Zhao Yanzi was grounded was in the very back, far away from the grand palace. Since they were not allowed to fly in the dragon palace, Hao Ren walked for almost half an hour with Premier Xia before they reached Zhao Yanzi’s ‘small black room’.

Concealed in one corner of the dragon palace, the building was indeed tiny. However, at least it had a garden attached to it.

On the ground outside the room was a wooden box containing dishes. Obviously, Zhao Yanzi was still angry and refused to eat.

“Fuma, I can’t go any further, or I’ll break the rules.” Walking Hao Ren to the entrance of the building, Premier Xia stopped.

During the time Zhao Yanzi was grounded, no one was allowed to get close to her. Even the meals were placed outside the door at certain hours, and if she didn’t eat, the meals would be taken away.

Hao Ren’s visit was, in fact, a breach of the rules.

“It’s ok, Premier Xia. You can get back to work.” Hao Ren smiled at Premier Xia.

“I’d better wait here for you.” Premier Xia stood respectfully at the entrance with his hands placed together before him.

It meant that Hao Ren couldn’t stay in Zhao Yanzi’s room for too long.

Stepping over the meal box, Hao Ren pushed open the door and entered the room.

The room was even smaller than the temporary bedroom she was in last time when she was in the East Ocean Dragon Palace. There was one bed, one chair, one small square table, and a side door leading to the small garden in the back.

There were tall walls around the palace, and soldiers guarded the walls. It was impossible for Zhao Yanzi to escape.

At the sight of Hao Ren, Zhao Yanzi, who had been sitting on the bed, snorted loudly.

“Ugh... I saw that you didn’t bring anything here with you yesterday, so I brought you some tutorial materials.” Hao Ren opened his backpack and took out papers, pens, and some exercise books.

Zhao Yanzi looked at Hao Ren with gritted teeth. She was fuming with anger.

“Don’t pout. While you are grounded, you can take the time to review for your exams.” Hao Ren moved the table between the chair and the bed and opened the exercise book.

When he was little, he was often grounded when he was in trouble. However, he had never been grounded for ten days. Obviously, Hao Zhonghua was not as strict of a father as Zhao Guang.

“While I’m grounded, you can flirt with your little Yujia,” Zhao Yanzi pouted and said sourly.

Sitting across from Zhao Yanzi, Hao Ren felt wronged. In fact, he hadn’t even spoken with Xie Yujia today yet because he had been thinking about Zhao Yanzi who was grounded in the East Ocean Dragon Palace. Besides, he had been engrossed in cultivation and had no time.

However, Hao Ren didn’t want to admit the truth to her. Glancing at her pouting lips, he said on purpose, “Yeah. Since you were not there, I took the opportunity to go out with her.”

“You!” Zhao Yanzi scowled and reached for the books on the table to hit him with it.

But Hao Ren was faster than her, catching her hand immediately.

Zhao Yanzi tried to draw her hand away but failed. Frustrated, she cursed, “Jerk!”

Holding her small soft hand under his, Hao Ren laughed at her agitation. “Well! I came over to visit you as soon as my class ended, and you are still not satisfied!”

Zhao Yanzi glared at him and drew back her hands before looking up fiercely. “When I get out, I’ll teach Xie Yujia a lesson!”

“I was just kidding! She and I...” Hao Ren hurried to explain. After all, Zhao Yanzi was close to the Foundation Establishment Realm, and Xie Yujia was no match for her if they fought.

“Humph! Humph!” Zhao Yanzi snorted loudly.

She looked angry, but she was touched deep inside. From last night until now, only Hao Ren visited her. Even her parents didn’t come to see her.

However, Hao Ren didn’t understand the mind of girls and had no clue if she was happy or angry deep inside.

“We don’t have much time. Let’s begin reviewing.” Glancing at her stiff expression, he reopened the exercise book. “Yesterday, we discussed the real roots of quadratic equations. Today, I got a problem for you...”

Zhao Yanzi rolled her eyes at Hao Ren and thought, “He’s such an idiot. I’ve stayed inside for a whole day, and all he does is tutor me...”

However, seeing Hao Ren's earnest and patient look, she didn't want to waste his time and effort; she gathered her thoughts and listened to him attentively.

Standing outside the palace, Premier Xia pricked his ears and heard the confusing words of " x^2+2x+1 ". Although he didn't understand a word of it, he relaxed knowing that the princess was safe.

"The Fuma is a kind and decent man." With a smile, Premier Xia closed his eyes and rested while standing at the door.

Two hours later, Hao Ren came out of the room looking fatigued.

Immediately, Premier Xia walked over and lifted Hao Ren's hand.

"Zi's hungry. Please send her a midnight snack later," Hao Ren said to Premier Xia when they walked out of the palace.

"I will!" Premier Xia answered immediately.

"I talked to her for a whole day standing out of the room, and the princess was stubborn and wouldn't eat or drink. However, the Fuma visited her for a while, and Princess Zi admitted to being hungry. Well..." Premier Xia thought to himself while walking Hao Ren to the main gate of the dragon palace.

"And is there anything special happening in the dragon palace?" While they were walking toward the main gate, Hao Ren asked in a seemingly casual way.

"Ah, things in the dragon palace..." As the head manager of the dragon palace for hundreds of years, Premier Xia immediately understood Hao Ren's question. After some consideration, he continued, "Things are not as good as before."

He knew exactly what he should and shouldn't say. However, Premier Xia was grateful to Hao Ren's sincerity towards him and decided to give him some hints.

"The incident about your destruction of half of the West Ocean Dragon Palace is spreading to each corner of the dragon palace. Some applauded you, and some disapproved of your impulsiveness. Many of them are saying that the fire in the West Ocean Dragon Palace is spreading to the East Ocean Dragon Palace. Hehe, maybe my old ears were playing tricks on me, but I seem to... have heard some of the purple-robed senior elders suggesting stripping your status as the Fuma to end the crisis."

Premier Xia looked old with his hunch back, and his words were not connected. However, he had delivered the most important information to Hao Ren.

At Hao Ren's expectant look, Premier Xia yawned and covered his mouth. "I was sleepy. What did I say?"

"Premier Xia, you said nothing," Hao Ren answered cooperatively.

However, Hao Ren had a general idea of the situation, knowing that the purple-robed elders in the dragon palace were the most powerful and influential elders.