

Ghost Doctor 1701

Chapter 1701: Consequences

That guard lowered his head: "The guards on duty have fainted."

Upon hearing that, the two elders walked out immediately. When they arrived at the Medicine Storage Pavilion and saw that the majority of the medicine were still there, and they were only missing the batch of elixir from today's delivery, they knew at once who was responsible.

At this moment, a guard had hurried over and reported: "Bad news elders, Steward Sun, Steward Sun, he..."

The two of them didn't ask questions but walked out into the courtyard where Steward Sun was in charge. As soon as they entered the courtyard, they heard screams of horror coming from inside. They couldn't help but paused, after some hesitation, they finally walked inside.

"No! No! Hurry! Hurry up and find me a doctor!" Steward Sun's frightened voice could be heard coming from inside the room. They didn't know what he was talking about, they only knew that he was ordering someone to find a doctor.

Upon entering the room, they were met with a strong scent of blood. The two elders frowned: "What's the matter? Steward Sun, what happened?"

One of the guards stepped forward and said: "Elders, Steward Sun is hiding in his bed and won't let us go near him or let us see him. We don't know what's wrong, but the scent of blood in the room is very strong, I'm afraid..."

Upon hearing this, the two elders strode forward and drew the bed curtains apart. When they saw the man shrinking into the corner of the bed, they couldn't help being shocked. Looks of horror appeared across their faces as they dropped the bed curtains and took three steps back.

The hearts of the two elders rolled like raging waves stirring up a thousand waves. That first glance that entered their eyes caused a chill and an incredulous feeling in their hearts.

He was fine during the day. How did he turn into such a horrific sight, unlike a human or a ghost. At the moment the bed curtain was opened, they saw Steward Sun hiding in the corner of the bed. He was wearing a white shirt but his whole body was dripping with blood, as if his skin and flesh was falling off his body. Layer by layer it fell onto the bed. It was a shocking sight.

"The doctor is here! The doctor is here!"

The guard brought the doctor into the room. Alongside them were alchemists from the Black Market. When they heard that something had happened here, they came along to take a look.

"Open the bed curtains and ask Steward Sun to come out." The doctor said. As he could smell the strong scent of blood, he asked some people to open the door and windows to disperse smell.

“Doctor, doctor, you have to save me, you have to save me!” Steward Sun rushed out and grabbed the old man in front of him: “Take a look at me quickly, what’s wrong with me? What’s wrong with me? Will I die? Will I die?”

Upon seeing Steward Sun who had rushed out from behind the bed curtains, everyone except for the two elders who had seen him earlier, were shocked and backed away involuntarily.

Even the doctor whom Steward Sun had grabbed with his blood-stained hand had paled in fright and shouted hurriedly: “You, let go of me first and sit down, then I will take a look at you.”

“You must save me, you must save me, if you don’t save me I will surely die, I will definitely die.” He murmured. Maybe he was in shock as he didn’t seem to have any feeling of the flesh falling off his body and the blood staining his shirt.

The alchemist and two doctors from the Black Market behind them shuddered at the sight They looked on in horror and asked: “What, how did this happen?”

“She fed me a strange black and cyan coloured pill, she said she wanted me to wish I was dead than alive...” Steward Sun murmured and burst into tears suddenly.

Chapter 1702: Can’t Live

“I know I am wrong now ... I really know my mistake now ... hooo ... I dare not, I really dare not anymore...”

Amidst the cries of Steward Sun, the old man was making his diagnosis. He shook his head solemnly and said: “This old man is useless, please seek help from someone better!” With that, he turned and walked out.

Upon seeing this, Elder He instructed: “Look after Steward Sun.” He left with everyone and left behind Steward Sun who was mumbling to himself.

When they came outside, the others were a little frightened by the scene before them and couldn’t help but asked: “Two elders, do you know what happened to Steward Sun? How did this happen to him? I also heard that someone had gone to the Medicine Storage Pavilion and stolen some medicinal herbs?”

“Hmph!” He snorted coldy and said: “The evil we bring onto ourselves is the hardest to bear!”

Upon hearing this, everyone glanced at each other and bowed politely to Elder He: “Can Elder He explain in more detail please?” Could it be that he had provoked someone? Otherwise, how could something like this have happened to him all of a sudden?

As everyone there was from the Black Market, Elder He said: “This person named Sun had withheld the Ghost Doctor’s black token and even ordered someone to kill the Ghost Doctor! Hmph! That dog! He didn’t even check who the Ghost Doctor is before he tried to take advantage of the opportunity! Who else would the Ghost Doctor teach a lesson if not him?”

When everyone heard this, they were shocked and couldn’t help but gasped: “Ghost Doctor? He actually dared to withhold the Ghost Doctor’s black token?”

Who did he think the Ghost Doctor Feng Jiu was? Did he think that the Ghost Doctor was someone he could offend and provoke? Even though her situation was not the same as before right now, she was definitely not someone they could provoke. Steward Sun must have eaten the courage of a bear and leopard!

When they thought of this, they couldn't help but asked: "What shall we do now?"

"What shall we do? We will have someone guard Sun, and then report the matter!" Elder He said. He shook his sleeves and left with the other elder.

Everyone stayed for a short while and then they all left. This was something they had better not get involved with.

In the evening the next day, Feng Jiu returned to the valley. Shangguan Wanrong and the others who had been awaiting her return were finally at ease when they saw her return safely.

"Little Jiu, there's porridge in the kitchen that's been keeping warm, eat some!" Shangguan Wanrong looked at her up and down and asked: "Did you get hurt?"

"No, it went well. The medicinal herbs this time are enough for me to refine a lot of pills." Of course, apart from the black token she hadn't brought back with her. However, that didn't matter as one day it would return to her hands.

When she heard this, Shangguan Wanrong smiled lightly: "It's good that you've not been injured. Eat something first and have a good rest. Your Father was just saying yesterday that he's a little worried about you going out by yourself."

"Where's Father?" Feng Jiu asked.

"He's gone to watch the Feng Guards train, he went with Xilin."

Feng Jiu nodded, and followed her mother to the kitchen. She sat down at a table outside the kitchen, and after she had finished eating, she went back to her room to take a bath and have a rest.

She talked to her parents for a while later that night, and after leaving instructions for more matters, she prepared for her alchemy session...

Over the next few days, she helped the Feng Guards refine a large quantity of pills, and then she entered Space to cultivate.

She wanted to advance to the Celestial Strong Exponent Stage! She also wanted to do it in the shortest period of time possible. There were still many things waiting for her to deal with, she had to break through as soon as possible! Advance her strength one step further!

Chapter 1703: Advancement In Space

The days passed, the days inside Space were three times longer than the days on the outside. During this time, Feng Jiu was inside Space cultivating, several of her contract beasts were also inside Space cultivating alongside her.

In addition to improving her own strength, she had also hoped to increase her contract beasts' strengths. That way, even if she was against a Celestial Strong Exponent, her contract beasts would also be able to help.

Needless to say, Fire Phoenix's strength was already strong. However, Old White, Cloud Devouring and Little Black's strengths were much lower. Her intention was for their strengths to advance to the next level and help them break through together.

Therefore, other than the Feng Guards, the contract beasts inside Space also had elixir pills that would assist in their cultivation.

On this day, as she sat cross-legged inside Space, she faintly felt that she was about to break through from Nascent Soul Peak Stage into Celestial Strong Exponent Stage. She opened her eyes and raised her head to look up at the sky inside Space.

Space had a world of its own, there was only daylight and no nightfall. She had only ever cultivated her strength inside Space before. She had never tried breaking through the ranks and advancing inside here. She didn't know if this place would be able to withstand the calamity that was about to come from her advancement.

If this Space could withstand the calamity, then even if her advancement was huge, it wouldn't draw much attention from others. But, could it withstand it?

In the past, the blue lotus in her stomach would naturally absorb the vitality produced during her advancement breakthrough. However, after long periods of training and control, she had learnt to control the blue lotus in her stomach and there was no need to worry about the blue lotus absorbing the vitality and spiritual energy in the air during her advancement.

"Will there be thunder in here? Can this world withstand it?" She whispered softly, a thought fixed firmly in her heart.

Since she didn't know, then why not give it a try? If it was possible, then in the future, she would be able to come here to cultivate and advance. Surely it would also be more helpful to her strength improvement?

Even if she had failed, at the most, she would have only missed out on advancement this time. After a while, she would be able to try again. Since there was no mortal danger, why not give it a try?

Once she had made up her mind, she took a deep breath and closed her eyes slowly. She hadn't planned to use elixir pills for her advancement this time round. She knew that the higher she advanced, the more difficult it was to gain strength. Especially when most of the people who had reached the Celestial Strong Exponent stage were strong powerhouses over a hundred years old. If she was able to advance to the Celestial Strong Exponent Stage at her age, then there was definitely high hopes that she would be able to advance again!

She placed her hands on her folded knees as she sat cross-legged, her palms faced upwards. Her whole body relaxed slowly with a firm belief in her heart, she put aside all distracting thoughts and quietened her thoughts as she allowed herself to become one with this world...

A breath of pure spiritual power diffused from her body, like cheerful lights surrounding her and jumping up and down in the air. The lights had several colours and twinkled like stars.

However, each person only had one attribute light, but her body had all five elemental attributes, of which fire was the strongest. Therefore, out of all the lights that surrounded her, the fire attribute was the strongest.

The pure spiritual power aura on her body gradually merged with the aura in this world, and the surrounding spiritual aura was attracted to her. Some wrapped itself around her and some entered her body.

The spiritual energy aura that accompanied her became more and more intense until a whirlpool gradually formed around her....

Chapter 1704: Unable To Stop

Clouds were surging in the sky and as lightning flashed across the sky, a bolt of thunder struck down from the sky and came towards Feng Jiu. In an instant, only a loud bang was heard, then dust and smoke rose as the spiritual power vortex surged wildly.

Feng Jiu who was sitting cross-legged only felt the spiritual energy aura pouring into her body wildly. That kind of aura was like a flood bursting through the banks, it surged into her body uncontrollably.

Immediately, she guided spiritual energy towards the blue lotus and allowed the blue lotus to absorb the energy. At the same time, she expanded the veins in her body and allowed the strong and powerful spiritual energy to expand through her veins once or twice more times.

As her body was surging with spiritual energy, her whole body was lifted up and turned around in mid-air by the vortex of spiritual energy. When the second bolt of thunder struck down, there was a loud bang as it fell onto her body with a loud thump. The sky thunder's powerful energy tempered her muscles, her physique and brought her muscles and physique to a higher level.

"Boom!"

The third bolt of thunder struck down as if it contained all the power and the whole world inside the Space was shaking. Fire Phoenix and the others who were cultivating on the ground were so frightened that they didn't dare approach.

The powerful pressure in the air and the powerful spiritual energy were fused with each other. However, after the third bolt of thunder struck, it gradually dispersed and the aura that was in the sky dissipated. The colour of the sky gradually returned to its original blue.

However, just as the air currents in the sky stopped, and the air in the sky calmed down, a strong puff of aura rushed straight into her body from below the ground immediately. The surrounding spiritual energy was mobilised once again by the aura that rose from the ground.

The little beasts Fire Phoenix, Cloud Devouring, Old White as well as Little Black were just about to step forward when they saw this scene. Hence, they paused once again. As they watched the movement surround their Master being stirred up again, they couldn't help but gasp.

“Heavens! Is Master advancing again? Hasn’t she already advanced?” Old White exclaimed as it stood by Fire Phoenix’s side and looked at its Master caught in mid-air and surrounded by the gust of aura that rose from beneath the ground.

“How did that gust of spiritual aura rise from beneath the ground? It seems a little different from the ones before?”

Cloud Devouring spoke, a little confused. There was a huge difference in strength between a cultivator who had entered the Celestial Strong Exponent Stage and Feng Jiu who had broken through from the Nascent Soul Peak Stage to the Celestial Strong Exponent Stage in one fell swoop. Some cultivators couldn’t even advance even if they used their hundred years of cultivation. But, what was going on in her situation right now?

Little Black was squatting on the ground and he stared blankly at its Master with a stunned expression. If Cloud Devouring and Old White couldn’t understand what was happening, then there was even less chance of Little Black understanding.

Fire Phoenix observed the scene before it and pondered: “In normal circumstances, when one advances from Nascent Soul into the Celestial Strong Exponent Stage, you can only reach the Early-Stage of Celestial Strong Exponent Stage. After all, the higher the cultivation base, the more difficult it would be to advance to it. It is already incredible that she has been able to advance from Nascent Soul Peak Stage to Celestial Strong Exponent Peak Stage in one step. From the looks of the current situation, it seems like she is about to advance further.”

Even though it was an Ancient Sacred Beast, Fire Phoenix had never come across such a situation before. If it was the level of a Golden Core cultivator, that was possible. However, she was already a Nascent Soul Peak cultivator who had advanced to Celestial Strong Exponent Peak Stage, how was she able to advance further again? What was this moment of turning point?

Fire Phoenix pondered as it looked at Feng Jiu rolling in mid-air. Suddenly a ray of green light shot out and gave him a shock!

Chapter 1705: Beyond Celestial Realm

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“I know why! It’s the blue lotus!”

Fire Phoenix whispered. It knew that Feng Jiu had a Primal Chaos blue lotus, and that this blue lotus had a mysterious ability to regenerate. The reason she could advance even further after she had reached the Celestial Peak Realm must be because of the blue lotus!

The rank of Immortal Cultivators was as follows: The Nascent Soul realm, the Celestial realm and the Immortal Sacred realm. So if that was the case, it meant that if she were to advance further after she reached the peak of the Celestial realm, she would reach the Immortal Sacred realm.

Immortal Sacred!

Even if the entire Eight Supreme Empires was searched, there wouldn't be five of them. If she could really reach the Immortal Sacred realm, then she would truly be the strongest out of all strong exponents!

When it thought of this, Fire Phoenix couldn't help but get excited and stared at Feng Jiu who was continuing to advance. It hoped that she could keep advancing so that even if they were against the upper reaches, she could still stand firm against them.

However, the advancement this time was not so easy. A few days had passed and there was still no sign of a breakthrough. The little beasts kept guard not far away. Another half a month had passed and there was also no sign of a breakthrough.

At seeing this, they guessed that the breakthrough this time would probably not happen as quickly as previous times. Therefore, they each retired and minded their own business and stopped paying attention to their Master's progress.

On the outside, Guan Xilin and Feng Xiao had been training the Feng Guards all this time, they were helping them to improve their strength. Though they hadn't seen Feng Jiu in half a month, they didn't go to bother her, as Feng Jiu had instructed that if she didn't come out, no one could go and disturb her.

Besides, the courtyard that she was living in was protected by enchantments and boundary barriers, so they wouldn't be able to enter even if they had wanted to.

Perhaps it was because of the passing of their relatives and companions, now they all had a common goal. So no matter how tough the training was, the Feng Guards and the others had never once complained.

They were cultivating their strength day and night, and as the days passed, with the aid of the pills, their strength were improving rapidly.

A month had passed, then three months, then six months. In a blink of an eye, the Feng Guards combative effectiveness and strength ranks had improved by at least one to two realms.

However, after half a year of hard training, they had still yet to see their Master emerge. This made them a little worried.

"Master has been in seclusion for half a year right? It's been such a long time and she still hasn't come out, could something have happened?"

"What are you talking about? How could something have happened to Master while she is in seclusion?"

"But, it's been too long, and we haven't heard any indication of advancement coming from inside either! Besides, there are many cultivators who during the course of advancement have lost their.... Ah! Why are you hitting me?"

That Feng Guard touched his head and turned back. When he saw that it was their Captain, he gasped silently and didn't dare to say anything more.

"Why are you here talking nonsense? Are you too idle? If you have nothing to do then continue practicing!" Luo Yu stared at the few guards who were chatting and shouted.

“Captain, we didn’t mean anything by it, we were just a little worried.” The Feng Guard said.

“What are you worried about? What is there to be worried about? You should be worried about Master coming out of seclusion and testing your combative effectiveness instead!” Luo Yu snorted and said: “She had already said this before she went into seclusion, the top ten would be rewarded, but the bottom ten would also be punished!”

Upon hearing this, the Feng Guards responded hurriedly and left quickly to continue training.

“They are only speaking the truth, it’s been half a year since Master has gone into seclusion.” Fan Lin and the others walked over from behind and said: “Should we consult the Patriarch about this matter?”

Chapter 1706: Spirit Fruit Has Ripened

“How do we ask? Even if we ask, we won’t know the answer. Master has laid down enchantments and boundary barriers in her courtyard. If she doesn’t come out, no one can go inside.” Luo Yu said as he found a place to sit down.

He paused and grinned: “Besides, I trust in Master. She will be fine. I believe that when she comes out of seclusion, she will give us all a surprise.”

Upon hearing this, everyone looked at each other and couldn’t help but smiled. Yes! So many things have happened up till now, how could something happen while she was advancing inside?

Just as they had thought, Feng Jiu didn’t encounter any danger during her advancement. On the contrary, the process of her advancement was very smooth.

On this day, in Space, after half a year, three heavenly thunders fell from the sky once again. Once again, it had tempered through her body’s veins. However, it was different from the last time. This time, her contracted beasts also benefited from her advancement.

She had advanced from Celestial Peak stage to Immortal Sacred middle-stage and became an Immortal Sacred middle-stage strong exponent.

Fire Phoenix’s strength went higher, and as for Cloud Devouring, it had surpassed its Peak Level Beast Saint stage and entered the Divine Saint Beast stage to become King of beasts. Even Little Black had entered the Divine Saint Beast stage from Spirit Beast stage. As for Old White, it had remained the same. It seemed that her advancement hadn’t affected it, and over the past six months, it was only his rank that remained unchanged.

Even so, with the exception of Old White, her advancement had increased the strength of her contract beasts and their combat power now was astounding.

In mid-air, as the spirit energy breath dissipated, Feng Jiu opened her eyes slowly. She looked at the world around her and it felt as if every inch of the land had become one with her. She could clearly feel its existence as well as a strange indescribable feeling.

“Master, how come they have advanced but I haven’t?” When it saw Feng Jiu floating down from mid-air, Old White stepped forward and asked dejectedly.

It was understandable that Fire Phoenix and Cloud Devouring would advance, but why did Little Black advance and yet nothing had changed for it? Was it because it was a variation beast? That's why it was slow to advance?

When she heard this, Feng Jiu looked at Old White. She patted its head and smiled: "Don't worry, just work hard." She turned to look at Fire Phoenix, Cloud Devouring and Little Black and said with a smile: "We've been in here for so long, it's time for us to go out and get some exercise and have some fun!"

"Sure!" The little beasts responded. Suddenly, Cloud Devouring seemed to have thought of something and said: "Master, the fruit on the bottle tree looks ripe."

Before Feng Jiu had a chance to respond after she heard this, she saw Old White's dejected face had raised up suddenly and he said drooling: "Ripe? Really? Let me go and have a look!"

As soon as he had spoken, she saw a whirlwind gust of wind around her and in the next instant, Old White had disappeared from sight.

Feng Jiu was stunned. After she had regained her composure, she hurriedly ran to catch up to him: "Old White's greedy addiction is at it again! Is he intending to steal my spirit fruit and eat it? Quickly, catch up to him. That tree has only bore five fruits, we can't let him steal it and eat them all!"

Upon hearing this, Fire Phoenix and Cloud Devouring swept towards the place where the bottle tree was situated and followed closely behind Feng Jiu. As for Little Black, after he had tilted his head to the side, then he ran with them slowly.

"The fruit... the spirit fruit... it's really ripe!"

Under the bottle tree, Old White was shaking its horse's hips excitedly and flicking its tail. It was drooling as it looked up at the few ripe red fruits the size of a fist hanging from the tree...

Chapter 1707: Tasted Of Nothing

As the thick and pure aura emanated from the spirit fruit, the fruity scent was so strong that it had to stop itself from pouncing on the fruit and taking a bite, hence, its saliva was drooling and dripping down three feet below.

At this moment in time, it didn't care that it was the only one who hadn't advanced and was no longer feeling down about it. At this moment in time, all it wanted to do was taste the fruit and see what it tasted like. Ever since Master had moved the tree into Space, it had its eye on it. It had watered the tree and waited for the fruit to turn from green to red. It didn't realise the fruit had ripened during this period of time when it hadn't paid much attention to it.

It was just like human beings as they watched their little daughter in law grow up and finally it was ready to take a mouthful. As it looked at the bright red colour of the fruit, it swallowed its saliva and opened its mouth as it moved forward. It grabbed one of the fruits with its horse's mouth and pulled it off the tree.

Today, no one could stop it from eating the fruit!

“Crack!”

“Mmm! So sweet! So fragrant! What a strong spirit fruit flavour!” As soon as it bit the fruit, the rich flavour of the fruit burst into its mouth with the sound of the crack. As if it was afraid that the fragrance would be lost, it closed its mouth quickly.

As Feng Jiu caught up to it from a distance, she saw Old White standing under the bottle tree with its back facing her. The horse’s head was slightly lowered and she could see its mouth chewing and she glared at him immediately: “How dare you Old White! I have clearly instructed that the fruit from this tree cannot be eaten, have you not heard a word I have said?”

Upon hearing the voice behind it, though frightened, Old White chewed faster and unexpectedly swallowed the pit of the fruit. It could feel that the pit of the fruit was stuck in its throat, unable to move up or down and it couldn’t breathe.

“Neigh! Neigh neigh neigh!”

Old White had lowered its head and tried to spit the pit out. However, the pit was stuck and it couldn’t help but knelt down on its hooves and neighed in distress.

Feng Jiu was taken aback by what she saw and stepped forward quickly: “Look at you now, the result of stealing food to eat!” She placed one hand on its chin and supported its head while the other hand moved around its throat and pushed the pit out.

“Huh! I’m saved!”

Old White collapsed on the ground with its four hooves facing the sky. It looked at its Master and three little beasts around him and grinned: “Master, that fruit is so fragrant, very sweet and crisp, it was delicious!”

“What do you mean delicious!”

Feng Jiu slapped its head: “I only have five of those fruits and I don’t even know what kind of fruit it is, and yet you ate one just like that, are you just intent on ignoring my instructions?”

“Master, you can’t blame me. The fruit flew into my mouth, I’m telling the truth.” It glanced at her wildly and lowered its head not daring to look at her.

“This spirit fruit tree was guarded by a nest of snakes and you just ate the fruit. If something happens to you, don’t ask me for help.” She snorted and crossed her arms over her chest.

It wasn’t so much that she couldn’t bear to let it eat the fruit. It was just that she didn’t know what kind of fruit this spirit fruit was and what effect it has. Back then, the nest of snakes were protecting the tree vehemently and she hadn’t yet figured out what effect the fruit had. Now, it had just eaten the fruit so casually.

Since it had already eaten the fruit, it was useless to say any more. Therefore, she took a deep breath and said: “Hurry up, while you can still remember, tell me what did the fruit taste like, and after eating the fruit did you feel any difference or change in your body?”

When it heard that, Old White was stunned. Yes, it had eaten the fruit, but it only knew that the fruit was sweet, fragrant and crisp. Anything else no longer mattered!

Chapter 1708: Dying

“What are you staring blankly at?”

Feng Jiu glanced at it. She had already taken out pen and paper to take notes. There weren't many fruits so each one was extremely precious. She would take notes from Old White's account first and then observe how Old White reacted after eating the fruit.

Old White shook its head: “I've forgotten.” At that point, it only had one thought: to finish eating the fruit quickly and not let Master catch it in the act. Where would it have the time to taste the fruit slowly?

When she heard this, deep creases appeared across Feng Jiu's forehead and she stared at it speechlessly. In the end, she shook her head helplessly: “Forget it. It's pointless asking you. I might as well try to figure it out by myself.”

She walked under the tree and looked at the four remaining fruits hanging between the leaves. The green leaves and the red fruits were a dazzling sight and so beautiful, so much so that she was almost reluctant to pluck a fruit off the tree.

Even though the fruit was ripe, the fruit wouldn't fall off the branches. This was the benefit of the air in this spiritual space. The fruit would remain fresh if it wasn't plucked from the branch. She should probably not pluck the fruit and first see how Old White reacts to eating the spirit fruit.

Therefore, she left some instructions: “There are four spirit fruits left. Listen carefully, without my permission, no one is allowed to eat the fruit or they will be severely punished.”

Fire Phoenix and the others were fine as they weren't that interested in spirit fruits. Hence, they nodded in response. After it had stolen one to eat, Old White didn't dare to steal any more fruit and so it nodded obediently.

“Old White, come over and let me examine you.” Feng Jiu went over to the spirit fountain and motioned Old White to come forward.

Upon seeing this, Old White stepped forward eagerly in an attempt to please its Master: “Master, I don't dare to steal food again next time. Really, I promise.”

Feng Jiu glanced at him: “Your assurance is not credible.”

When it heard this, Old White looked down. Fire Phoenix and the others behind him couldn't help but chuckled when they saw this.

It would be strange if Old White's assurance was credible.

“Strange, why don’t you seem to feel anything?” Feng Jiu examined Old White but found that there was no problem with its body. She couldn’t help but wondered: Could it be that it was just a spirit fruit that supplemented spiritual power?

If it was an ordinary spirit fruit, why did the nest of snakes guard the tree back then, and if not, then why was Old White not responding to it?

“Master, why don’t you eat the fruit too! You will know its effects after eating the fruit too!”

Old White suggested and continued speaking: “However, I found that this fruit was more crisp than other fruits, it was also sweeter and more fragrant than other fruits. The shape of the fruit was also nicer, and then it was gone.”

“Forget it, we will go out first!” She said. She had planned to go out first, and as for the effects of the spirit fruit, they would find out eventually.

“Alright!” Old White wagged its tail as it prepared to go out with her and then go to the wine cellar to steal some a couple of glasses of wine to drink. However, after taking two steps, it felt something was wrong with its whole body.

“Hum!”

It snorted and fell down sharply. Its whole body twitched and frightened Little Black and Cloud Devouring who were beside it.

When she heard the commotion behind her, Feng Jiu turned around and was shocked at what she saw. She stepped forward quickly: “Old White? What’s wrong with you?”

Old White’s body was twitching. It looked at Feng Jiu and said: “Master, I, I might be dying...”

Feng Jiu’s heart sank: “No, don’t worry. Even if you’ve been poisoned, I will save you.”

“Master, I’m dying. My whole body is so uncomfortable, I’m in agony... It feels as if I’m being torn apart, ah...”

It spoke as its body twitched and it broke out in cold sweat. Suddenly, a ray of light shot out directly from its body and blasted Feng Jiu away.

Chapter 1709: Old White Mutated

When they saw Feng Jiu being shot away by the ray of light, the three beasts backed away quickly. They looked on in surprise at Old White writhing on the ground.

What exactly was going on?

Old White who had fallen to the ground emitted a dazzling white light and they watched as it writhed around and screamed in pain.

Feng Jiu who had been shot away sat down on the ground and stared at the screaming Old White in amazement. She was taken aback for a moment, then she whispered: “Old White is about to advance!”

All the surrounding spirit energy was rushing towards Old White and permeated the air around him for a long time without dispersing. Old White's body was surrounded by the dazzling white light that shot out of his body. It was vaguely visible, its body seemed to be changing.

"Advance?"

Fire Phoenix and Cloud Devouring glanced at each other, a little surprised. The strength rank of this Old White was nothing to begin with, it was a mutant beast. There weren't any special characteristics in its body either, neither was it a Saint Beast to begin with, at the very least, it was only a Spirit Beast to begin with!

Even if a Saint Beast were to advance to a Sacred Beast level, surely it wouldn't happen this way? Was it because it was a mutant beast, so its advancement from a Spirit Beast was unlike normal Spirit Beasts advancing?

"Sss! Ah! Master, I'm dying!" Old White screamed. His voice had gone hoarse from all that screaming.

Feng Jiu snapped out of her thoughts. She didn't step forward but said to Old White with a solemn expression: "Old White, you are advancing. Hurry up and focus your thoughts. Once you are able to stay focused and hold on, you will be able to advance to the next level!"

"But, but it hurts... just like someone cutting my flesh with a knife. What will happen if I don't make it through?" Old White asked.

Feng Jiu's eyes were deep and profound: "If you can't make it through you will die!" Once her voice dropped, she looked up at the sky. Dark clouds had condensed in the sky and lightning flashed across the clouds. The sound of thunder could be heard faintly through the clouds.

It seems that Old White wasn't just going to advance, it was also going to mutate!

Mutant Beasts were extremely rare, and the hidden abilities of Mutant Beasts were unknown. Old White was originally a Mutant Beast because it had a dragon's head and a horse's body. It could run extremely fast and it was also extremely strong. However, combat attributes had never surfaced up till this point. If it were to mutate now, then...

What kind of mutant beast would it mutate into?

The advancement of Mutant Beasts was more difficult than ordinary Spirit Beasts, and its mortality rate was also high.

When she thought of this, Feng Jiu exhaled lightly. She searched for an elixir in Space and threw it towards Old White. At the same time, she shouted: "Old White, open your mouth!"

Old White was gradually losing strength due to the pain tearing through its body and writhing around in pain and screams. Although it really wanted to advance and break through just as its Master explained it would, it could feel that it was slowly losing its vitality.

At this time, when it heard its Master's voice, it looked towards her and saw a pill being tossed at it. It instinctively opened its mouth and swallowed the pill. As soon as the pill was absorbed by its body, the rich spiritual energy aura rose from its throat; the effect of the elixir pill being digested in its stomach. Its physical strength and vitality that had been gradually lost was very quickly restored.

Unsure as to whether it was the effect of the elixir pill, or Old White's body itself, they just heard Old White's loud scream and a powerful coercion moved outwards like water ripples along with the spiritual energy...

"Retreat quickly!" Feng Jiu stepped back and instructed the three beasts at the same time.

Chapter 1710: Leaping Dragon

At this moment, Old White who had collapsed on the ground leapt up and shook his body. Suddenly, the white horse disappeared and it turned into a white dragon!

The body of that dragon was so big and strong that a single person would be unable to embrace it. It was about three metres long, its scales were glowing with silver light and its four dragon claws glinted sharply. With two horns on its head, the dragon lifted its head and its dragon whiskers flickered with each breath, its dragon eyes stared widely, as if it was confused and also in a daze.

Feng Jiu was dumbfounded and she stood there staring blankly at Old White who had suddenly turned from a white horse into a white dragon. Originally Old White was only half a dragon and now he is a full dragon top to bottom!

Fire Phoenix and Cloud Devouring were also dumbfounded. As they stared at the confused Old White in mid-air and its dragon's head and tail, the two beasts were speechless.

Was Old White still a horse? Maybe at best it was a mutant horse? But how did it turn into a dragon?

When Old White had recovered from his shock, he exclaimed: "Ah! Master! I've mutated again!" It jumped up and down in mid-air and soon arrived in front of Feng Jiu, its bulging dragon eyes full of excitement.

"Master, look at me now, don't I look better than when I had my original horse's body? Can you sense I am in a higher grade now? Did I change suddenly from a horse to a dragon? Master, do you think I belong to the dragon race now?" It swayed its tail excitedly as it could feel that it had risen levels as soon as it had changed into a dragon.

Feng Jiu blinked and looked at Old White who was in front of her. She reached out and touched the silver scales on its body and said: "You've really turned into a dragon?" As soon as her voice fell, she touched the lone horn within the dragon's horns. It's really turned into a dragon, but why is the lone horn still here?

"Looks like the fruit is indeed a very good thing." Feng Jiu and smiled.

At that time, when she saw the nest of snakes guarding the tree, she knew that the fruit tree must be extraordinary. Now, after witnessing Old White turning into a dragon, it can be imagined that the fruit had the ability to stimulate potential and make spirit beasts mutate.

If the Snake King had eaten this fruit back then, maybe it would have also turned into a dragon! From a snake to a dragon, it could soar into the sky. No wonder the Snake King was chasing after her so closely.

“Let’s go! We will go out now!” She said smiling. She was happy to see that all her little beasts had also advanced. However, just as she was about to take them out, she saw a flash of green out of the corner of her eyes.

“Huh?” She raised her eyebrows and looked in that direction. It was the place where elixir medicines were planted and she saw a flash of a green figure running through the spirit fields. Could it be that green-feathered chicken?

Things had been chaotic up till now and her mind was a mess. After she had brought her small beasts in here to cultivate with her, she hadn’t thought much about it. She would naturally remember Fire Phoenix and the others as they were her contract beasts after all, and she could sense them within her. But as there was no contract between her and this Green Feather, plus it hadn’t appeared recently, so she had forgotten about it.

If she hadn’t seen the flash of green figure run past in the spirit fields just then, she would have still forgotten that she had a green-feathered chicken with her.

“Master, what’s the matter?” Cloud Devouring asked. It looked back but didn’t see anything.

Fire Phoenix also looked back without knowing why. They hadn’t seen Green Feather in the past six months, hence, they had also forgotten about it.

Chapter 1711: Green Feather Hidden in the Hole

Needless to say, Little Black was stood staring blankly at Feng Jiu. It did as the others were doing, it lifted his head and looked around, but it didn’t know what it was looking for.

“Have you not seen Green Feather this whole time?” Feng Jiu asked as she walked slowly towards the spirit fields.

“Green Feather?”

The three beasts were taken aback and shook their heads: “No, is he in here too?” The chicken had really been overlooked by them, and besides, they haven’t heard the clucking noise Green Feather made for a while either.

“I’ve also only just remembered that it has been in here this whole time and has never gone out.” Feng Jiu said and walked forward as she looked for the chicken in the spirit fields. After a while, she still hadn’t seen Green Feather’s figure, so she shouted: “Green Feather? Come out!”

Unexpectedly, there was still no movement. Hence, she released her spirit intent and swept around, finally, her eyes fell on a patch of grass not far from the spirit fields.

She stepped forward and came to a patch of wild weeds. She squatted down and looked at the small cave hole that was covered by the weeds. She couldn’t help but wonder, so she spoke to the small hole: “Green Feather, why are you hiding inside?”

This Green Feather had actually dug a small hole here and hid inside the hole. However, this was a chicken, not a mole, so why did it hide in a hole? Even if it was looking for a nest, it should be a grass nest!

Unexpectedly, Green Feather poked its head out and looked at Feng Jiu outside the hole, then it retracted its head back into the hole without saying a word. It didn't seem to have any intention of coming out and its small eyes looked at Feng Jiu defensively and with vigilance.

Feng Jiu was slightly surprised when she saw this, and also a little confused. She stepped back and said to Fire Phoenix: "Catch Green Feather and bring it out so we can see what's wrong."

"Alright." Fire Phoenix replied. However, before it could make a move, Green Feather cried out from inside.

"Cluck cluck cluck! No don't! I don't want to come out!" It raised its head and clucked then spoke in human words, afraid that Feng Jiu would really have Fire Phoenix bring it out.

Back then, she had given Green Feather a Speech Medicinal Pill to facilitate communication. In addition to its clucking, occasionally it would also speak the human language. However, after it had entered Space, there had been no movement from it, that was why she and her few beasts hadn't detected its presence this whole time.

"Why don't you want to come out? Are you alright?" Feng Jiu asked. She motioned Fire Phoenix to retreat and asked: "Why are you hiding inside?"

Unexpectedly, Green Feather's eyes turned and it replied: "It's warm inside."

When she heard this, Feng Jiu's lips twitched. She glanced at the little hole Green Feather was hiding in with a smile: "It's warm inside? Do you want me to add some fire for you? Shall I roast you? You might feel even warmer then, don't you think Green Feather?"

"How can you be like this?" Green Feather seemed aggrieved: "I just steal your spirit herbs to eat once in a while. I haven't done anything that bad and you want to roast me to eat me?"

"Well then why don't you tell me why you're hiding inside the hole?"

After she spoke, she saw that Green Feather had been sprawled on the ground inside the hole and had not moved this whole time. Moreover, it appeared as if its chicken wings were protecting something under its body intentionally. Her heart tugged a little when she saw this sight.

"What are you hiding under your body?" She asked casually. She thought it must have stolen some spirit herb behind her back and didn't want her to know.

"No, I'm not hiding anything." Green Feather said nervously. Its chubby little body stretched a bit tighter, obviously hiding some sort of treasure underneath.

"Oh? Really? Then forget it, since you don't want to come out then stay in there!" She said and stepped back, winking at Fire Phoenix as she did so.

Chapter 1712: Feng Jiu Out Of Seclusion

Upon seeing her turn to leave, Green Feather breathed a sigh of relief. However, in the next moment, a claw reached out and grabbed it and dragged it out of the hole.

“Cluck cluck cluck! You tricked me!” It shouted angrily but saw that Feng Jiu had already stretched her hand inside the hole and took out the thing it was hiding in its nest.

“What is this?”

Feng Jiu looked at the bead in her hand in surprise. It was roughly the size of a chicken egg, yet it didn't look like an egg because it was a bead. It's just that she couldn't tell what type of bead it was. All she knew was that the bead exuded a strong aura of spiritual energy.

“That's my egg, I laid it! That's mine! Cluck cluck cluck!” Its chicken feathers stood up and it looked at Feng Jiu nervously. Its small eyes were fixed tightly on the bead that was in her hand.

Feng Jiu glanced at it with a faint smile: “Since you belong to me, naturally the egg you lay also belongs to me. But this isn't an egg, am I right?”

She stretched out her hand and touched Green Feather's belly. That lump in its belly had indeed disappeared. So had it been hiding in the hole this whole time to lay this bead thing?

But what kind of bead was this? She only knew that its spiritual energy was very strong, other than that, she couldn't see anything else.

When Green Feather saw this, it couldn't help but feel dejected: “I knew I wouldn't be able to keep hold of it once you discovered it. Forget it, you can have it!” After all, thinking about it, she fed it and gave it a place to stay, it wasn't unreasonable to give her the bead. Even though they weren't contracted, she still counted as half a Master to it. What's more, it has been guarding this bead for more than half a year and it hasn't seen any other effects.

“Alright, let's all go out!” She put the bead away inside the folds of her sleeve and with a flick of her sleeves, she took them out.

In a blink of an eye, they appeared in the room and Old White rushed out first and shouted excitedly: “Leng Shuang Beauty! Come and look! I've advanced! I have turned into a dragon!”

Of course as soon as it flew out, it was bounced back by the boundary barrier and fell into the courtyard. Cloud Devouring walked over slowly from behind it and glanced at it: “You've turned into a dragon but you still can't change your habits. Can't you see that Master has put up boundary barriers and enchantments around the courtyard? You've got no brains dashing around like that.”

Old White opened its mouth and stared but in the end, it said nothing. It could only wait by the side till Master came out.

Not long after, Feng Jiu walked out from the room and with a wave of her hand, she removed the boundary barriers and enchantments. At the same time she instructed them to tell Leng Shuang to come to see her.

The few beasts rushed out and Old White told the Feng Guards excitedly about its advancement. Fire Phoenix flew around and inspected everything while Cloud Devouring walked into the forest unhurriedly. Even Green Feather clucked and flapped its wings and flew away. Only Little Black sat in the courtyard and stared blankly.

After a while, everyone knew that Feng Jiu had come out of seclusion, they all smiled when they heard this news.

It was good that she had come out of seclusion. They had been worried this past half a year.

“Master.” Both siblings Leng Shuang and Leng Hua came to the courtyard. When they saw their Master standing there in a red dress, their eyes brightened and a glint of surprise flashed across their eyes.

They hadn’t seen their Master for half a year and it seemed that her aura had undergone a great change. The breath of her whole body seemed to dissolve into the space between heaven and earth. If you didn’t ascertain it carefully, you wouldn’t notice the existence of her breath at all.

However, what was also strange was that though the aura on her body was very strong, it seemed to have changed drastically.

Chapter 1713: Shadow Night Palace

That kind of aura, that kind of invisible coercion, made them bow their heads involuntarily, afraid to look directly into her eyes. Moreover, the feeling she gave them this time she had come out of seclusion was shocking, even the strong exponents they had crossed paths with in the past weren’t comparable to her.

It seemed that in the half a year Master had spent in seclusion, she had made a great breakthrough!

When they thought of this, the two of them couldn’t help but smiled happily. The stronger their Master was, the happier it made them because the stronger their Master was, then the events that happened six months ago would never happen again!

“Congratulations, Master’s strength has greatly increased!” The two of them said in unison.

Feng Jiu smiled and said: “Leng Shuang, prepare some hot water, I want to take a bath. Leng Hua, tell me everything that has happened during this period of time.”

“Yes!”

The two of them responded and set to work separately. Leng Shuang prepared the water for Feng Jiu’s bath while Leng Hua told her everything that had happened in the valley during this period of time.

“The surrounding countries of the Phoenix Dynasty haven’t dared to invade, it seems they are a bit afraid. However, there are some forces who have been enquiring after Master’s whereabouts. The Black Market has also sent people to enquire about it but they haven’t come to this area yet. In addition to that, the family of Queen Mother have also been looking for us. After learning about this, Patriarch sent a message to them.”

When he spoke about this, Leng Hua paused. No one could imagine how hard they took the news of the death of the Old Family Patriarch and the others when the message was sent over. Not only had they lost their daughter, but they had also lost their grandchild.

Feng Jiu’s eyes flickered when she heard this. Even though half a year had passed, every time she thought of the way Grandfather and the other’s died, she felt sad.

“As for the Feng Guards, their strengths have increased by one or two ranks under Family Head and Young Master Guan’s training. Luo Yu and the other seven Feng Guard Captains have reached the peak of Martial Sacred realm. Family Head has reached the peak of Martial Divine realm, even Mistress’s strength has also improved.”

“There’s one other matter. The situation at Eight Supreme Empires, Xuan Yuan Empire is not great. Four out of the other seven Empires have joined forces to go against the Xuan Yuan Empire. It can be said that the Xuan Yuan Empire has enemies inside and outside. With great chaos inside and outside, even with Hell’s Lord in control, it’s also difficult to stabilize the turbulent situation.”

“Furthermore, the forces in the dark are still suppressing the Xuan Yuan Empire. It can be concluded that this force is the famous Shadow Night Palace from the Upper Reaches. Hell’s Lord’s father was stripped of his cultivation by their people. Even our Phoenix Empire and Old Family Patriarch and the others were attacked by them.”

After she heard Leng Hua’s words, Feng Jiu’s eyes flashed with a cold light and her lips opened slightly: “Shadow Night Palace? Very good.”

Knowing what forces she was dealing with meant that she could plan her next move! After half a year of silence, it was about time she went out for a walk!

“Master, your bath water is ready, please take your bath.” Leng Shuang came out and said.

“Sure.” She replied and stood up. She said to Leng Hua: “Tell my parents I will go to see them later on. Also, tell the Feng Guards to prepare. I want to see the results of their training!”

“Yes!” Leng Hua responded and left.

After she watched Leng Hua leave, Feng Jiu turned and walked into the room and over to the inner chamber where the bathtub was. She took off the red coat and untied her undergarments, then stepped into the tub of water and submerged her whole body to the bottom of the tub...

Chapter 1714: Truly A Prodigy

After her bath, Feng Jiu went to her parents’ courtyard first. Once there, she saw Guan Xilin and she called out with a smile: “Father, Mother, Elder Brother.”

When the three people in the courtyard heard this voice, they turned their heads at once. They saw her in her red dress as she floated in with an aura of self-confidence and arrogance. Although she was a person, however, the aura on her body seemed to have gone through earth-shattering changes and they were secretly surprised when they saw this.

Earlier, they had been told by Leng Hua that Little Jiu had advanced, and that it was possible that it was even higher than the Celestial stage. Now that they’ve seen her, they realised, could there have been a change as well? Her whole person seemed to have changed greatly.

Now, her aura seemed to dissolve into the space between heaven and earth, and if you didn’t notice her carefully, you wouldn’t notice her aura. It was as if she had reached the realms between man and heaven.

Her red dress was obviously dazzling, but it looked ethereal and blurred. Her face seemed to be hidden by a cloud of mist and it was a little hard to see.

“Little Jiu, what strength rank are you now?” Feng Xiao asked in shock. He had seen many people in the world, but he had never seen anyone like her. Surely her strength was higher than the Celestial realm?

Feng Jiu pursed her lips and said with a smile: “I am now at the peak level of the Immortal Sacred.”

“Immortal, Immortal Sacred Peak?”

Feng Xiao’s eyes widened in astonishment, Immortal Sacred Peak, that level was above the Celestial realm. However, generally speaking, no matter how talented a cultivator was, he wouldn’t jump directly from the Nascent Soul Peak to the Immortal Sacred Peak!

The higher the stage was, the more difficult it was to advance. Even the forces of the Upper Reaches, those who went against them, didn’t have any cultivators that surpassed the Celestial stage. Yet she had gone into seclusion for half a year and she had actually advanced to the Immortal Sacred Peak stage from the Nascent Soul stage? Even if a cultivator had fifty years to one hundred years of cultivation, they would not even be able to reach that level.

Shangguan Wanrong looked at her daughter with an incredulous expression and muttered: “Immortal Sacred Peak? The combat power of one is equivalent to one hundred Celestial Strong Exponents...”

One person has the combat power equivalent of one hundred Celestial Strong Exponents. Just how terrifying was this fighting power? Was this a strong exponent within the strong exponents?

When she thought of this, her heart thumped and jumped. With this kind of strength, Little Jiu needn’t fear anyone anymore. Furthermore, she was still young, in time, her strength would most definitely increase again. Even the families of the Upper Reaches would weigh in as to whether they wanted to be an enemy of such a strong exponent.

She took a deep breath and exhaled slowly to calm her excitement. She was really happy that her daughter could have such strength and be so strong. This way, in the future, when she was on her own on the outside and they weren’t by her side, they needn’t worry about her safety.

Right now, even if she went to the Upper Reaches, she was a strong exponent that no one would dare provoke easily. Moreover, with her combinations of alchemy and medical skills, she would dazzle no matter where she went.

“That’s great! You actually managed to advance to the peak level of the Immortal Sacred stage in half a year, Little Jiu, you truly are a prodigy!” Guan Xilin laughed excitedly.

Feng Jiu smiled, her frame of mind was peaceful. She looked at the three of them and said: “I have something to tell you today. I plan to take the Feng Guards out in a few days time.”

Chapter 1715: Affirmation

Upon hearing this, Feng Xiao and Shangguan Wanrong glanced at each other and asked: “You’re going out?”

“Yes, it’s time I settled matters.”

She nodded in response. She looked at the two of them and said: “Father, Mother, I would like the both of you to stay here. This place is away from the disputes of the world and is safe. I feel assured if the both of you will remain here.”

“Don’t worry! Do what you want to do, there’s no need to worry about your parents, we will look after ourselves.” Feng Xiao said and patted her hand. Their daughter was an extraordinary person and this place is unable to keep hold of her. He knew that at some point, she would go out once again.

“Yes! We will wait for you here, don’t worry about us!” Shangguan Wanrong said gently. This was their home now. Even if dark forces wanted to deal with them, they couldn’t touch them here. They were very safe here.

Feng Jiu nodded, then looked at Guan Xilin and said: “Elder Brother, I am going to see how the Feng Guards’ strength have improved recently, let’s go together!”

“Sure.” Guan Xilin responded and bowed to Feng Xiao and Shangguan Wanrong before he left, then the two of them walked out together.

In the woods, when the Feng Guards heard that their Master had come out of seclusion and wanted to see their progress this half a year, they stood upright in the woods as they waited nervously for their Master’s arrival.

Although they were satisfied with their progress in this half a year, however, would they have seemed to have advanced too slowly in the eyes of their Master? Even if they were satisfied and thought that they had progressed quite well, however, nothing would compare with their Master’s affirmation.

Feng Jiu who had been chatting with Guan Xilin walked into the woods and saw all the Feng Guards standing there, perfectly straight, manner imposing, and their bodies full of heroic fighting spirit.

When she stopped in front of them, everyone knelt down on one knee and bowed respectfully: “Greetings Master!”

“You may get up!”

Feng Jiu gestured. After she glanced at Luo Yu and the other Captains, her gaze swept past them and towards the Feng Guards behind them. Her spirit intent swept across each and everyone one of them and she gathered a panoramic view of their strength ranks.

Compared to half a year ago, they had indeed improved by a lot. In addition to this, on their way over here, her Elder Brother had told her that their combative effectiveness and resilience had also improved. It seems about right.

“Divide yourselves into two teams and fight. I want to see your combative effectiveness.” She commanded and then stepped back and walked over to higher ground where she could observe.

“Yes!” Everyone quickly divided themselves into two teams to fight after they heard her command. In the next moment, the air currents surged from fists being thrown at each other and low grunts could be heard from time to time.

As the fists struck, it was as if each fist weighed a thousand catties, when palms moved, they were like sharp blades...

“What do you think? Are you satisfied?” Guan Xilin asked. He watched the people fighting below and said: “They were trained based on the methods you have instructed to use. There are ambush squads, tracking squads, as well as main attacking squads. I think their strength ranks have improved quite well in half a year.”

Feng Jiu looked at him and said: “If they faced the enemy head on, it might still be risky. However, if they cooperated with each other, they would be able to kill in one fell swoop. Indeed, when I look at their battle skills now, I can see that their combative effectiveness has improved a lot compared to what they were before. It seems you have worked hard.”

“Hey, you entrusted them to me, naturally I can’t let you down, can I?” Guan Xilin said with a smile.

Chapter 1716: There’s no need to worry

While watching the Feng Guards in hand-to-hand combat below, she told Guan Xilin, “Big Brother, I’m going to take them out for real combat. I want to conduct secret attacks against those countries that besieged the Xuanyuan Empire and take drastic measures to deal with them.”

“No problem!” Guan Xilin answered in a loud voice, “Count me in. I’ll go with you, too!”

She turned to look at him and smiled. “Alright.”

About two hours later, after receiving Feng Jiu’s order, each Feng Guards stopped what they did, gasping for breath. After the combat, their bodies were covered with bruises. They all continued to rise again even after being knocked down by their opponents. So, it wasn’t strange that their bodies sustained injuries after the fights.

“Take your teams back to rest! I have a mission for you in two days!” Feng Jiu spoke from the ridge opposite them.

“Yes!” The crowd answered. They quickly left under each team leader’s lead.

Two days later, she kept ten Feng Guard members, Little Black and Green Feather to accompany her parents in the valley. The rest of the Feng Guards were divided into small teams. After that, they set out in three teams led by Du Fan, Guan Xilin and Feng Jiu.

Instead of going together, they went out separately with the same destination: one of the four empires that were besieging the Xuanyuan Empire.

Meanwhile, on the other side.

In Xuanyuan Empire’s palace, Xuanyuan Mo Ze received Hell’s Palace’s missive concerning Feng Jiu. He was worried when he learned that she had passed the frontier and had left for the Eight Supreme Empires.

The information didn’t mention Feng Jiu’s current strength. But, ordinarily, as a Nascent Soul Peak level, she should have advanced to the Celestial stage. He thought that even with Feng Jiu’s remarkable

cultivation talent as well as supplemented by medicinal pills, the top upgrade in her strength would be the Celestial Peak rank.

Although the Celestial Peak Strong Exponent wasn't weak, if those people put their attention towards Feng Jiu again, she would bound to be under their siege.

When Gray Wolf saw him frown and ponder after reading the news without any reaction for a long time, he took several furtive steps and had a look.

After reading the letter, he grinned. "Master, is Ghost Doctor coming? Since she reappears, she must be even more powerful. If she comes, she can give you a hand. You should be happy. So, why this frown?"

"We can't say how much more powerful a Celestial cultivator's strength is. Those people had no news about her these past few months. If they find out that she reappears, they definitely won't let her go away."

Xuanyuan Mo Ze spoke in a calm voice, tapping his fingers on the table and making a knocking sound. Because there were Upper Reaches forces involved, he still couldn't settle this matter even after spending half a year time.

In the past, those countries did not dare to compel them repeatedly. However, now that they were backed by those upper forces, they were naturally unafraid of the Xuanyuan Empire. On the contrary, they would be greatly benefited if they could annex and then divide up the country.

In the past six months, the power of Hell's Palace had been repressed and his father became weakened like this. Buffeted by so great internal and external turmoils, coupled with the interference of the upper forces, stabilizing the Xuanyuan Empire in a short time was truly impossible.

Hearing this, Gray Wolf assured him. "I don't think Ghost Doctor is an imprudent person. Since she comes out, she must have made all the preparations. Please don't worry too much. After meeting Ghost Doctor, Master will know her plan."

Chapter 1717: Xuanyuan's cultivation

Xuanyuan Mo Ze turned silent and didn't say any words. He knew that he could only wait for her arrival.

However, he had no idea that Feng Jiu and her party headed off to the Scarlet Water Empire, one of the four empires that besieged the Xuanyuan Empire.

Ever since the Scarlet Water Empire failed to establish the royal intermarriage and had to return home dejectedly, the country harboured a grudge against the Xuanyuan Empire, especially towards Xuanyuan Mo Ze and Feng Jiu. The Crown Prince and the third princess, who suffered losses in their hands, had always kept this in mind. Therefore, the Scarlet Water Country could be said as the biggest proponent in dealing with the Xuanyuan Empire.

After a month or so of journey, Feng Jiu and her team as the first to arrive at the Scarlet Water Empire would infiltrate the imperial city and lay low, inquiring for news while waiting for Guan Xilin and Du Fan's arrival.

In the Scarlet Water imperial palace, the crown prince and the third princess were discussing things with their father in the main hall.

“Father, now that the Xuanyuan Empire is under siege, why don’t we take advantage of this to destroy them?” The crown prince asked.

“Indeed, Father. This is the time to raise the Scarlet Water Empire’s prestige. The old man Xuanyuan is already disabled. There’s nothing to fear. The most difficult person to deal with now is Xuanyuan Mo Ze. But with the strength of your empire, coupled with the other three empires and the secret backer, I think now is the right time.”

She gritted her teeth in anger recalling the humiliation of her broken-off engagement. Feng Jiu was supposed to be the Phoenix Empire’s princess. Now, the Phoenix Empire was destroyed by their strong secret backer. The whole palace turned into ruins and even Feng Jiu went into hiding.

This grievance was vented, but, that Xuanyuan Mo Ze!

When she thought about Xuanyuan Mo Ze, who was still guarding the Xuanyuan Imperial Palace, there were both resentment and great respect in her heart. Not only that man had the looks of an immortal, but his ability was also excellent. Unfortunately, he was blind! He didn’t want her, an unparalleled beauty possessing high status and position, and fell in love with Feng Jiu, a princess of that low-rank country!

He helped her humiliate them and trampled them under her feet. From then on, she knew that their Scarlet Water Empire and the Xuanyuan Empire were irreconcilable! Watch who would have the ability to stand at the end and become the leader of all countries.

Now, with the help of the forces behind them, it’s very easy for them to become the leader.

“Haha, do you think Xuanyuan Moze is an ordinary man?” The Scarlet Water Empire’s ruler was smiling at the pair of son and daughter below. “From the start of the Xuanyuan Empire’s internal strife where several princes fought each other until now, how many of them survived?”

He stood up, walked inside the main hall with both hands clasped behind his back. “Besides, not to mention his own cultivation strength, it’s the fact that he can live to the present after suffering from the Thousand Year Frost Poison. You should see that Xuanyuan Mo Ze is the most difficult person to deal with.”

When the two royal siblings heard this, they couldn’t help looking at each other and said nothing.

“An ordinary person will surely die if he is poisoned three times by the Thousand Year Frost Poison. He was afflicted for a long time, yet he could still solve it. Tell me, can we kill such a person as we wish?”

The Scarlet Water ruler glanced at them. “Moreover, do you have any idea about Xuanyuan Mo Ze’s cultivation level?”

Chapter 1718: Just awaiting for the chance

“His cultivation level?”

The royal siblings looked at each other. "Judging from his age and talent, he should be a Celestial Strong Exponent."

"Celestial Strong Exponent? Hehehe." The Scarlet Water ruler shook his head with a smile. "You want to kill him without even verifying his cultivation rank?"

Not verifying his rank? She always assumed that Xuanyuan Mo Ze was a Celestial Strong Exponent. After all, that's the highest rank she had ever encountered.

"Father, are you telling that he's not a Celestial Strong Exponent?" The Scarlet Water crown prince clenched his fist with a heart filled with hatred and unwillingness.

He and Xuanyuan Mo Ze were both crown princes. However, there was a wide gap between them. It was as if he had been held down by him and felt very unwilling.

"As far as I know, Xuanyuan Mo Ze's cultivation must be higher than the Celestial rank." He paused and then continued speaking. "However, if he's not at the Celestial rank, he may be at the Immortal Sacred realm. But even I have never met an Immortal Sacred."

He sighed emotionally. "It's difficult to cultivate to reach the Immortal Sacred since it's truly a step into the immortal world. The strength of an Immortal Sacred is equivalent to a hundred Celestial Strong Exponents. So, we have always feared Xuanyuan Mo Ze's strength. Do you mistakenly think that with the Upper Reaches forces as our backer, they will save us if we really encounter danger?"

He shook his head. "Too naive. You are too naive. We joined hands with several empires, but no one really made a move. No matter which country makes the move, it will be the one with the most serious damage. If we make the move first, resulting in a grave consequence to our empire's people, then other countries take advantage of the situation and attack us, isn't it toiling for others and receiving no benefits in return?"

He was the emperor and the ruler. His thoughts went much further than them. They only thought about the present, but he thought about the future.

The upper forces made them fight without even moving their own hands. The empires mutually tried to evade, just because they did not want to fight Hell's Palace people. The one who rushed out first would surely have the most casualties.

"Then what shall we do? Are we just supposed to keep waiting?" The crown prince asked with reluctance.

"Of course not." The Scarlet Water Ruler replied. "I sent a letter to the other three countries on behalf of the upper forces, telling each of them to send a military troop. At that time, the four countries will mobilize troops at the same time to attack the Xuanyuan Empire at one stroke and immediately divide up their territory!"

Hearing this, The Scarlet Water crown prince and the third princess were excited. "Father, is there anything we need to do? Please give us a command."

The Scarlet Water ruler smiled and waved his hand. "Wait! When the time comes, your role will be indispensable."

“Yes!” The two answered in unison. They followed when their father left the main hall.

Outside the imperial palace, Fire Phoenix shrunk into a small bird and perched on top of the branch, listening to their conversation. After watching them leave, it flapped its wings and left, ready to report back to Feng Jiu.

Feng Jiu and others set up camp to rest in the woods outside the Scarlet Water imperial City. Cloud Devouring Beast lay beside Feng Jiu with its eyes half squinted. Old White’s shape shrunk like a small white snake, slept coiling up on the branch.

While they were resting, they were waiting for the arrival of the other two teams. At this time, Fire Phoenix, who had shrunk to the size of a fist, came back flapping its wings...

Chapter 1719: The plan conceived in the forest

When she saw Fire Phoenix flying back, Feng Jiu stretched out her hand for Fire Phoenix to perch on.

“How was it? What news did you hear?” She asked softly.

Fire Phoenix flapped its wings and answered, “There’s news. The Scarlet Water Kingdom’s old man said to unite the people of several kingdoms to attack the Xuanyuan Empire together.”

Fire Phoenix told Feng Jiu all the news it heard in the palace and waited for her next orders.

Feng Jiu’s lips curved in a sneer after hearing the news. The old man already counted his chicken before they were hatched. Since he was not afraid of death, she would start from him.

She ordered her people to go into hiding first, and then let Fire Phoenix go to the palace to keep watch. Others were waiting for Guan Xilin and Du Fan. And this wait was two days.

One evening two days later, Guan Xilin and Du Fan took their teams to the woods. A Feng Guard who was watching in the woods took them to Feng Jiu as soon as he saw them.

As soon as Guan Xilin saw Feng Jiu, he strode forward and asked with a smile, “When did you arrive, Little Jiu? We’ve been flying throughout the whole journey, but we didn’t expect to come later than you.”

“Mistress.” Du Fan and the Feng Guards saluted her respectfully.

Feng Jiu looked at them and said with a smile, “We’re two days ahead of you. Is everything going well on your way?”

“Nothing happened on the road. It was fine.” They answered with a smile.

Feng Jiu nodded. “Let’s all have a rest. I’ll give you a rough idea of what will happen next.”

So they all sat down around the fire under the tree and looked at her, waiting for her next words.

“Now that everyone is here, I’m getting ready to act tomorrow night. We don’t need to make a big move since it will mainly be an assassination. As long as the person in charge of Scarlet Water Kingdom dies,

then the Kingdom will be like a sheet of loose sand and then they will not be able to take care of themselves. Naturally, they will no longer have time to deal with the Xuanyuan Empire.”

Next, Feng Jiu told them the details of the plan, and then asked, “Do you remember it all?”

“We remember.” Everyone responded with a loud and vigorous voice.

“Very good. Let’s get some rest after the meal.” She motioned for Leng Hua and Leng Shuang to divide the roasted meat among the people. Then, she got up to leave and walk around.

Seeing this, Guan Xilin followed her. “Little Jiu, have you told Mo Ze about our arrival here?”

Feng Jiu looked back and smiled. “He should only know that we came to the Eight Supreme Empires, but he had no idea that we are now in Scarlet Water Kingdom.” She was going to surprise him and helped him solve these potential problems.

When he heard her answer, Guan Xilin shook his head and smiled. “Then, he should be worried now. He doesn’t know that your strength has reached the Immortal Sacred Peak stage. I guess he must think that your strength has reached the Celestial Peak stage.”

Feng Jiu’s lips curved up in a smile. “He will receive the news soon.” When she killed the Scarlet Water ruler and destroyed half of the forces in his imperial city, Xuanyuan Mo Ze would naturally receive the news.

Moreover, at that time, not only he would know, but people from several other countries would also know that at that time. They would be nervous and frightened. After all, the Scarlet Water ruler was a Celestial middle-stage cultivator.

When the time came, as long as she wiped out another empire’s ruler, she believed that the shock at that time would definitely be greater than that of killing the Scarlet Water ruler!

Chapter 1720: Truly in high spirits

The next day, at nightfall, Feng Jiu and Guan Xilin brought a group of people along with them and sneaked into the palace. At the same time, Luo Yu and his peers led the other subordinates to carry out another plan.

They entered the palace’s side door, killed the guards and replaced them with the Feng Guards to guard the room, while the rest of them went inside.

After half a year’s training, the Feng Guard’s skill and covert breaths already reached the peak. They hid in the night. The many guards in the palace couldn’t find their figures.

Fire Phoenix, who was stationed at the palace much earlier so that it could get the news, knew that they had arrived and flew over. “The Scarlet Water ruler is at the palace front, come with me.” With that, it went ahead to show them the way.

“Fire Phoenix, have you done everything I asked you to do?” Feng Jiu asked in a low voice.

“It’s already done. Considering that it’s been administered since early morning until now, the drug effect should show up soon.” Fire Phoenix looked back and answered. Feng Jiu ordered it to put a colourless and tasteless drug in the water source so that the cultivators would lose their spirit energy without even realizing it. Counting the time, the drug was about to show its effect.

“Very good.” Feng Jiu let out a satisfied smile. If this worked, it would be as easy as blowing off dust.

The Scarlet Water ruler had no idea that danger was approaching. He was embracing a beautiful and voluptuous concubine as ambiguous sounds of delight escaped the room.

“Ruler, don’t! Don’t you still have a memorial to read?”

The voluptuous woman in light violet-coloured tulle had a tender and beautiful face. She sat on the Scarlet Water ruler’s lap with one hand hung on his neck and the other half-covering the torn tulle on her chest, concealing the half-exposed sexy figure. She twisted her supple waist gently. Under the long skirt, a pair of long white legs were faintly discernible under the tulle. She pretended to refuse, half angry and half shy. Her beautiful and charming eyes were filled with an amorous look.

“What memorial can be compared with loving you! Come here, let this lonesome king give you a kiss.” The Scarlet Water ruler caressed her with one hand and pried open the concubine’s hand covering her chest with the other. He buried his head in her ample chest.

“Ah, ruler...”

She protested coquettishly. The boundless charm and the beautiful eyes of the voluptuous beauty in his arms, her alluring figure, and the soft sensation of her full bosom all lit an insatiable fire inside him, so he immediately picked her up and walked to the big bed inside the room.

He threw the woman in his arms onto the big bed, took off his clothes, and pounced on her. However, at this very moment, a long sword with a cold glint appeared at the ruler’s neck without any sounds.

“Truly in high spirits!”

A faint laughter containing jest sounded in the room. The voice seemed so strange, making the Scarlet Water ruler completely agitated. He felt as if a basin of freezing cold water was dunked on his head, soaking the insatiable fire on his body until it was extinguished in an instant, leaving only fear.

Who? Who could have appeared in his palace without making any sounds?

Who? Who could put a sword on his neck so arrogantly?

Everything happened while he didn’t notice anyone coming...

This person could even let him detect anything. Could this person’s strength be even higher than him? When he thought of this, especially of the embarrassing situation he was currently in, the Scarlet Water ruler let out copious cold sweats.

“Ah!”

The nude voluptuous woman cried out in alarm. However, just as she let out a shriek, a silver needle shot directly between her eyebrows, leaving only a trickle of blood...

