

Tales of Herding Gods Chapter 171-175

Chapter 171: Fox's Tail

There was only one requirement to the Unity Technique of Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures, which was to unite all the spells, divine arts, sword skills and battle techniques in Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures which included the Seven Writings of Creation.

When one managed to do this, they could then be considered unified.

When the previous cult masters received the teachings from the woodcutter on the rock, they would all have to comprehend their own Unity Technique and only when they succeeded then could they secure their position of cult master.

Otherwise for sects like Heavenly Devil Cult which didn't mind their cult master dying, changing the cult master would become a common thing.

Those that could become Heavenly Devil Cult Master were all brimming over with talent, therefore, every one of them could be considered talented figure. Even Cult Master Li, who was castigated for losing himself in female charms, was also an existence of great talent, otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to plant a heart devil in Granny Si's Dao heart which even strong practitioners like Village Chief, Mute couldn't break.

However, what made the three cult heavenly kings astonished was that the speed of Qin Mu comprehending Unity Technique was a little too fast. It had just been over ten days and he had already touched the borders of Unity Technique, starting to harmonize his techniques and blend them together.

What they didn't know was that Qin Mu's so-called Overlord Body had no vital qi's attribute and could turn into vital qi of any attribute at the same time. In addition to that, Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique also had no attributes and could also turn into any attribute.

Qin Mu used Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique as a foundation, adding and taking away stuff on top of the foundation, running through the cult doctrine and philosophy of Great Educational Heavenly Devil Cult and merging it with the marvel of the teachings on the rock, taking the first step to form his own Unity Technique.

To act straightforwardly, to follow the course of nature. This sentence was brought out brilliantly by him.

His Unity Technique may be using Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique as a foundation but Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique had no branches or leaves, therefore, the technique of Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures became its branches while the spells, divine arts, sword skills and battle techniques became its leaves.

With the jade tree adorned, the technique was achieved and everything would let nature take its course.

After a moment, Qin Mu 'slaughtered' his way over to the cypress pine and the three cult heavenly kings were extremely nervous, afraid that he might chop down this ancient tree which represented the sacred cult when they weren't paying attention.

They didn't expect that Qin Mu didn't keep going to slash the cypress pine when he slaughtered his way to the tree. Instead, he sat down on Saint's Rock in the lotus position and calmed down.

Vital qi curled around his body as his spirit embryo moved while his five stars shook. The five elements rose into the sky by themselves and landed on the five element stars.

His eyes looked at his nose while his nose looked at his heart. His breath was like white light while the golden light was contained in his eyes as he sat there.

Heavenly King Lu was about to say something when Heavenly King Shi immediately did a shhh action and walked away quietly on tiptoe. Heavenly King Lu and Heavenly King Yu also sneaked away with light footsteps and followed him to leave quietly.

"The sacred cult master of this generation sure is remarkable."

Heavenly King Shi walked further and turned his head back to look at Qin Mu while sighing ruefully, "Patriarch has a good judgment indeed, the future of our sacred cult would probably have to rely on him. Such talent and power of understanding are rare in this world."

"He still can't be compared to the saint of every five hundred years."

Heavenly King Yu sighed, "An existence like Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor can only be met once every five hundred years..."

Heavenly King Lu looked at the mess throughout the entire mountain. Those were the trees that were knocked down when Qin Mu was sprinting with comprehending. Some of the collapsed trees were still crackling from being burned.

"'Rare in the world' naturally couldn't be compared to 'once every five hundred years', after all, there can only be one 'every five hundred years'. Our this sacred cult master is good in everything, though it's just that he's too troublesome."

This cult heavenly king sighed ruefully, "Our Saint Arrival Mountain had only been destroyed into this state when Dao Sect and Great Thunderclap Monastery invaded us, right?"

"Don't talk about it anymore, he's the cult master Patriarch chose after all. No matter how troublesome he is, we have to endure it. Let's go and put out the fire!"

Qin Mu sat on Saint's Rock for another half a day and was woken up by hunger. He called Hu Ling'er over to hunt a musk deer. They roasted the meat of the musk deer and had no more appetite after eating half of it.

"Young master got tired of it?"

The little fox picked her teeth in boredom and said, "I saw a few fish dragons in Fish Observation Pond which looked quite delicious and are pretty plump."

"I saw them too and they were indeed appetizing."

Qin Mu hesitated for a moment and said, "I'm afraid I can't defeat those fish. However, Grandpa Apothecary had said, if I can't win, I can poison."

Hu Ling'er cheered and halfway through her cheer, the little fox immediately shut her mouth as she saw the three cult heavenly kings standing behind them with black faces.

Qin Mu rose and smiled, "How long have the heavenly kings been here?"

"Just, just."

Heavenly King Shi wore a pleasant countenance, "Sacred Cult Master can continue to eat slowly without rushing. That's right, the few fish dragons in Fish Observation Pond were reared by the sixteenth generation cult master. Back then the sixteenth cult master gave lectures to the disciples by the pond and reared a few fish. By turning the fish into a dragon to give pieces of advice to the disciples, it led to becoming a deed that captured the imagination and had spread far and wide, thus these fish dragons had lived on. Sacred Cult Master can head over to the pond when you're free to do a headcount in case the fish slips away."

Qin Mu's face turned slightly red, these fish dragons couldn't be eaten?

"Cult Master, how does the musk deer taste?" Heavenly King Lu asked with a smile.

"Sit down and eat together," Qin Mu invited them.

The three cult heavenly kings were no modest as they took a seat each and split the musk deer's meat. Heavenly King Yu licked the grease on his fingers and smiled, "Not a bad taste! If I had not known these musk deer were raised by the saintess of the previous generation, I would have long eaten them!"

"They are raised by Granny Si..."

Qin Mu's face turned black. What else could be eaten on this Saint Arrival Mountain?

Heavenly King Lu seemed to blurt out accidentally, "The forest which Cult Master destroyed was planted during the founding master's era. The sago palm grows slowly and for them to be this thick, they have to grow for a few thousand years."

Qin Mu felt agitated sitting down. That forest was completely destroyed by him and there were only a few burned sago palms standing upright there.

"I have no idea who has plucked the Sacred Heart Flower from the flower bed in Hall of Sacred Heart," Heavenly King Yu beamed.

Qin Mu looked at Hu Ling'er who was looking down at a musk deer's bone. Her furry tail which would always sway around was unusually calm.

Heavenly King Shi said, "There's also the green lamp in Floor of Natural Charm which contains sesame oil, not sure who has drunk quite an amount if it."

Hu Ling'er sensed Qin Mu's gaze staring at her own fox's tail and secretly hid her tail under her buttocks.

Qin Mu coughed and said, "Ling'er, your fox's tail is revealed."

"Where?"

The little fox cried out, "I have clearly hidden it!"

Heavenly King Lu said neither too fast nor too slow, "There's an ancient medicinal tree in front of the Hall of Medicine King and a huge copper-colored nine leaves lingzhi mushroom grew on it. The ninth leaf has almost been completely chewed away. That lingzhi mushroom is cultivated by the ancient medicinal tree and has a strong medicinal energy in it. There are also many spores in it and the spores fly around in all directions. The spores would sprout from time to time and small lingzhi mushrooms would pop out.

On the little fox's head, a small lingzhi mushroom popped out and she immediately raised her paws, pretending she was scratching her head, secretly plucking it down and sending it into her mouth. She thought everything was hush-hush yet to her surprise, Qin Mu and the three cult heavenly kings were staring at her when she raised her eyes.

Heavenly King Shi said, "There are also a few cloud pearls that were embedded on the screen in Pavilion of Floating Clouds, they must have dropped off..."

Hu Ling'er became nervous and immediately hugged the little backpack on her back.

Qin Mu gave two coughs and stood up, "Three heavenly kings, it's been a while since I came to Saint Arrival Mountain. Suddenly I remembered I'm still the imperial academician of Imperial College and did not attend many lessons. I plan to leave Saint Arrival Mountain today and return to the capital city."

The three cult heavenly kings gave sighs of relief and Heavenly King Shi said, "By rights, we should keep Sacred Cult Master here to comprehend, but since Sacred Cult Master's studies are more important, we won't be keeping you."

Heavenly King Yu said courteously, "Sacred Cult Master, Saint Arrival Mountain is Cult Master's home so you must return home frequently, don't treat yourself as an outsider."

"Definitely, definitely."

Qin Mu replied courteously, "As the sacred cult master, I would naturally come back to have a look frequently."

"Do you need us to send Sacred Cult Master down the mountain?"

“No need, no need. Three heavenly kings, no need to see me out.”

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“Young master, you seemed to be despised by the cult heavenly kings,” Hu Ling’er blinked her eyes innocently and said.

Qin Mu stared at her and the little fox secretly hid her fox’s tail again. Qin Mu was speechless and shook his head, “Even though you created troubles everywhere, those were small troubles. The troubles I created aren’t less as well and they were all bigger than yours so I don’t have the face to lecture you. This is probably the first time in Heavenly Saint Cult’s history that the sacred cult master is being despised by his subordinates. Oh well, since I have pretty much comprehended Unity Technique, let us leave the mountain.”

Hu Ling’er hurriedly nodded her head.

Qin Mu tested a few more times and felt that he had mastered the technique of the teleportation clothing. Carrying Hu Ling’er in his chest, he said, “I’m still not confident of this teleportation. There are still some pills in my backpack and in case my vital qi is depleted, I can still replenish it.”

Hu Ling’er clung tightly to his chest and didn’t dare to relax. Qin Mu leaped down from Saint Arrival Mountain and the whooshing sound of wind brushed past his ears.

With the youth’s brocaded clothes covering and putting away, he had souglingly vanished in mid-air.

The three cult heavenly kings immediately rushed to the bottom of the mountain and looked down yet they couldn’t see any traces of Qin Mu.

“Asura’s Blood Eyes, awaken!”

Heavenly King Yu stretched out his index finger and touched the heart of his brows. Red lights burst forth from his two eyes as he looked downwards to search. After a moment, he found traces of Qin Mu and let out a sigh of relief, “Sacred Cult Master is fine and has already reached the borders of Heaven’s Lightning Restricted Area which revolves around our Saint Arrival Mountain. After he passes through this Heaven’s Lightning Restricted Area, he would be safe.”

Heavenly King Lu’s heart suddenly trembled and he hurriedly asked, “Senior brothers, have you told the sacred cult master about Heaven’s Lightning Restricted Area that’s outside Saint Arrival Mountain?”

Heavenly King Yu and Heavenly King Shi looked at each other and both shook their heads. Heavenly King Shi mumbled, “Junior Brother Lu has not told Sacred Cult Master about it?”

Heavenly King Lu shook his head, “I thought you guys had said it... Crap!”

The expressions of the three cult heavenly kings changed hugely and they immediately leaped down. Heaven’s Lightning Restricted Area was laid down by a cult master of the previous generation to protect the sacred ground. From the outside, there was no peculiarity but once inside, one would receive the bombardment of the Blue Skies Heaven’s Thunder!

Don't mention Qin Mu, even if it was a strong practitioner of Celestial Being Realm, they would still die or become crippled when they landed inside!

With Qin Mu's cultivation, he will definitely be turned into ashes in an instant!

The speed of the three cult heavenly kings was extremely fast and they came to Heaven's Lightning Restricted Area, barging into the restricted area to save them. Even with the dense cultivation of the three heavenly kings, they were still charred from the lightning strikes.

"That lightning region sure is dangerous."

Outside Heaven's Lightning Restrict Area, Qin Mu looked towards the sky and had a lingering fear in his heart, "Luckily I had used Green Heaven's Eyes to see this hidden lightning region and directly teleported out. Eh, there seem to be people in the lightning region..."

He had no time to take a closer look as his body was already falling down from mid-air. Below him were the green mountains and blue waters of Eternal Peace Empire which were covered by the clouds, looking very spectacular.

Chapter 172: Mound Prefecture's Insect Army

The three cult heavenly kings exhausted their strength to barge out of Heaven's Lightning Restricted Area only to see Qin Mu's figure flickering repeatedly and becoming smaller as he went further and further away from them.

The three of them let out sighs of relief.

"If I knew this mission was so hard, I would definitely not take it..."

Heavenly King Lu wiped the soot off his face and muttered, "The sacred cult master of this generation is too unexpected."

The other two elders also had the same sentiments. Heavenly King Shi said, "Luckily it has finally ended. For Sacred Cult Master to reveal his outstanding talent at such a young age is the fortune of our sacred cult. Now that this has ended, we should go investigate the matter regarding Heavenly King Qian."

The hearts of Heavenly King Lu and Heavenly King Yu turned stern and they replied with resolute expressions, "That's precisely what we're going to do, to investigate the one that laid their hands on our sacred cult!"

Heavenly King Shi had a grave expression and said solemnly, "What I'm most worried about isn't this, it's whether the teleportation flag of our cult has been leaked out. A year of many troubles... Take a look below, it seems to be the borders of Mound Prefecture!"

"Mound Prefecture? Our cult's sacred ground has traveled to the top of Mound Prefecture?"

Heavenly King Yu's heart trembled slightly and he let out a murky breath, "Mound Prefecture has revolted and the emperor's relatives have rebelled with quite a decent sized power. Now that the sacred cult master has landed in Mound Prefecture, I'm afraid..."

Saint Arrival Mountain was hidden among Heaven's Lightning Restricted Area and levitated high above the sky. This sacred ground wasn't stationary and was always moving. There was a place called Viewing Abyss and one could see the scenery below Saint Arrival Mountain when they looked down Viewing Abyss, even the ants on the ground could be seen clearly.

However, it was pretty rush this time, therefore, they had no time to check Viewing Abyss and ended up letting Qin Mu out of the sacred ground when it was passing by Mound Prefecture.

"Hope the sacred cult master doesn't land in the battlefield," Heavenly King Lu muttered.

Qin Mu fell from the sky and Hu Ling'er executed demon wind for Qin Mu to travel on the wind. Not long later, he had finally touched the ground. His vital qi had been exhausted by half but at least he was considered safe and sound.

"It's been quite a long time since I've been to Imperial College. As the first imperial academician and an official conferred by the emperor, I had only listened to one lecture."

Looking around, he let Hu Ling'er take out the geographic map of Eternal Peace Empire from his backpack. Looking at the topography of the mountains, he tried to find similar topography from the geographic map.

"It's Mound Prefecture. However, there's still quite a distance from the city."

Right at this moment, he saw a ship floating by in the sky and Qin Mu's heart moved slightly. He immediately executed Heaven Pilfering Divine Legs and ran after that ship along the foothills.

That ship hung the flag of merchant thus it was a ship that was dual-used for merchants and guests. Now even with all the turmoil and chaos of war, there were still quite a number of merchant ships. There were still ships coming to and fro even in the areas of the armed rebellion.

Qin Mu ran faster and faster until his feet suddenly stepped on the air. As he stepped on the air, he sprinted crazily through the sky as though it was flat land, catching up to the ship with just a few breaths time and landing on the ship in a flash.

Swang swang swang!

The sounds of swords unsheathing traveled out as there were dozens of flying swords pointed at his neck just as he landed on the ship. The swords were everywhere in front and behind of his body.

"Everyone, don't panic, I'm just trying to take the ship," Qin Mu raised both of his hands and said carefully.

There were dozens of people on the deck of this ship and most of them looked like merchants. There were also divine arts practitioners hired by the merchants as well as a few officials. Those that had pointed the flying swords at his neck were those officials and divine arts practitioners.

“Youth, where do you plan to go?” the coxswain who was bare-armed and covered in tattoo sized Qin Mu up and asked with an astonished expression.

Qin Mu asked, “Is this the ship to the capital city?”

The coxswain nodded his head and said, “To the capital city, the ship fare is a hundred great abundance coins.”

Qin Mu was astonished and cried out, “So expensive? From River Tomb to the capital city was only ten great abundance coins, how did it increase by ten times in a blink of an eye?”

“The circumstances aren’t good now and there are wars every day. The journey isn’t going to be smooth so the ship fare would have to increase as well. Hehe, ten times is already little, we are literally putting our necks on the line now, of course, you had to give more for our efforts.”

Qin Mu agreed.

If he was to head to the capital city by himself and meet with turmoil and chaos on the journey, he would take over ten days to reach the capital city. If he executed Heaven Pilfering Divine Legs, he would require extremely dense cultivation and he would completely exhaust his cultivation after running for just a while, therefore, it was still more convenient to take a ship.

“The world is not in peace, I’ve heard that Qiu Dieyi of Forest Prefecture has also rebelled.”

Qin Mu paid the ship fare and heard a few merchants discussing. An elderly mister said, “Qiu Dieyi is no small figure, before relying on the imperial court, she was a great impress empress of Passion Parting Palace who had a world-shaking cultivation. Passion Parting Palace had an enormous power and there were many disciples from the palace who had become generals in the borders army. Now that Passion Parting Palace’s great imperial empress has rebelled, hehe, the world is going to be even chaotic.”

“I’ve heard Passion Parting Palace was the number one big sect created by a woman, having power that surpassed many others and wasn’t much inferior to the three great sacred grounds. Most of the female generals in imperial court have come from Passion Parting Palace.”

“Three Wonders Castle has also revolted. Three Wonders Castle was well loved by the emperor back then and Consort Che was from Three Wonders Castle. I’ve heard she is the granddaughter of Che Zhengli, one of the three wonders! Now that Three Wonders Castle has rebelled, Consort Che had been banished to the cold palace.”

“Why have so many sects rebelled?”

“Don’t you know? Three months ago, Daozi of Dao Sect went to block Imperial College’s gate and Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor went forward to give a lecture. After that, there were people who

could see that Imperial Preceptor was injured. I've heard that Imperial Preceptor's wound has started to smell and he purposely used perfume to cover it up yet it still couldn't cover up the stink of the wound."

"When the news was spread out, many sects still couldn't believe it, then another story came out. Dragon Rider Sect Master had visited Imperial Preceptor's Manor late at night to fight with Imperial Preceptor and actually made it out alive! Dragon Rider Sect Master's ability can't be considered top notch but he had raised a dragon which was transformed from a snake, barely considering him an expert of the sect master level. For Imperial Preceptor to not take even him down, it shows how serious his injuries are."

"Shhh, stop talking about it. Those few officials are looking over."

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Qin Mu's heart moved slightly as he thought back to the time where Imperial Preceptor was giving a lecture. Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor did look a little frail but Qin Mu was proficient in the art of healing and by buying rouge and powder frequently with Granny Si, he could confirm that the flush on Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor's face wasn't from being sick and was from applying rouge.

As for using perfume to cover the rotting smell of the wound from what these merchants had said, Qin Mu had indeed smelled two different kinds of smell back then but he wasn't concerned at all.

Learning how to distinguish herbs from Apothecary since he was young, these two smells were from ordinary herbs and perfume.

Qin Mu frowned, "Imperial Preceptor's injuries had already healed yet he still borrowed the chance to let the people of the outside world know that he was still gravely injured when he had come to Imperial College for a lecture, making the people who were thinking rebelling but didn't dare to rebel. Isn't this scheme a little too terrifying?"

It had been three months since Imperial Preceptor gave a lecture in Imperial College and in this three months, the situation had gotten even messier. There were sects revolting and officials rebelling everywhere, making Qin Mu feel that he wasn't understanding Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor more and more.

Imperial Preceptor had thrown the current political situation into such a disorder and had already become such a hard to fix extent. Even if he was able to quell the rebellion, the strength of Eternal Peace Empire would still be greatly damaged.

Furthermore, Eternal Peace Empire also had other enemies like Barbarian Di Empire of the western borders and Wolf Store Country of the northern borders, being in a mess both domestically and abroad.

"Could Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor think of seizing the throne?" he revealed an expression of doubt.

With the imperial family fighting with the rebels, Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor could take this chance to seize the throne and make himself the emperor when both sides suffered from their battles.

However, even though Qin Mu didn't know Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor well, he felt a person with such a breadth of mind wouldn't use such a method to seize the throne.

Suddenly the ship began to tremble violently and Qin Mu's heart leaped. He hurriedly leaned to the side of the ship to take a look and saw this ship sailing into a battlefield.

This battlefield was in the air and other than the warships, there were still flying cars, flying clouds, flying mounts and all kinds of weird flying treasures or mounts.

Luckily their ship was located at the borders of the battlefield and when the coxswain saw things were looking back, he immediately steered hard left and the ship almost tilted over. The ship barely avoided a warship and slid past the battlefield.

Qin Mu stabilized himself and prevented himself from falling over. Suddenly a cavalry controlled a golden wings birds and flew over. From afar, he could see swords flying out into the sky from the sword cases and swept towards the people on the ship.

The coxswain immediately shouted, "We are merchants passing by and not soldiers!"

The cavalry turned a deaf ear and the sharp swords shot towards the people on the deck. There were also a few swords slicing towards the sails, cutting away the ropes and instantly slowing the ship down hugely.

Everyone on the ship felt their scalps turning numb. This was a standard battle between armies and it was evident that one side was Eternal Peace Empire's army which was pacifying the rebellion while the other side was the rebel army. This wasn't simply just a sect creating havoc.

When a sect created havoc, other than large-scaled sects like the three sacred grounds, it was hard for the other sects to bring out the strength that could rival the empire's army.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor's reform had not only reformed primary schools, colleges, and Imperial College, he had similarly reformed the military arms. In the army, the soldiers all had standardized spirit weapons and even if they weren't opponents of the sect's disciples, as long as their numbers were greater and could manipulate sword using qi, all of the soldiers could work hand in hand and release ten thousand swords simultaneously, creating an astonishing power!

Other than the army working together, there were also land and sky combination, spells combining with all kinds of fighting method. Ten soldiers of Five Elements Realm could easily kill a Six Directions divine arts practitioner by working together.

All the famous sects in the martial world had no power to fight back when they encountered the encirclement and annihilation of the imperial family. Using this kind of fighting method from the army, there were still quite a great numbers of sects being eliminated like this in the history of Eternal Peace Empire annexing other countries!

On the ship, Qin Mu stabilized his mind and was about to use his sword case when he suddenly remembered the flying swords in his sword case had all been destroyed in Rolan's Golden Palace, therefore, he had thrown his sword case away.

“Use Junior Protector Sword!”

Qin Mu avoided the flying swords that were stabbing over and his vital qi went into taotie sack and a crisp hum sounded out. With a gentle rotation with Wave Sword Form, the flying swords that came flying over were all sliced into halves by him. The bodies of the swords landed on the ship and only the handles were left.

With his proficient sword skills plus the sharpness of Junior Protector Sword, it could be said that there was no disadvantage for him.

Qin Mu let out a sigh of relief and suddenly saw the cloth sack of those soldiers who were on the back of the golden wings birds opening up. Buzzing sounds instantly traveled over and countless of golden insects flew out from the cloth sack.

“It’s the insect army!”

The other guests on the ship had a huge change in expression and cried out, “The insect army of Three Wonders Castle!”

The few soldiers stretched out their hands and countless of flying insects grouped up and rushed towards the ship like venomous dragons, biting and tunneling into everyone they saw. Not far from Qin Mu, there was a big-bellied merchant whose cultivation wasn’t weak but he got infiltrated by the insects which tunneled into his eyes, nose, mouth, and ears. In the next moment, the entire fat merchant deflated like a balloon and only a piece of human skin laid on the deck.

Under the human skin, countless of insects squirmed around and crawled out from his eyes, ears, mouth, and nose before flapping their wings to fly away.

Chapter 173: I’ve Turned Good

Everyone on the ship was overwhelmed. That coxswain was a divine arts practitioner with extraordinary abilities, but as he had to control the direction of the ship, he couldn’t care for everyone.

Three Wonders Castle had three wonders, the first being bugs, the second being medicine and the third was beautiful women. Consort Che in the royal palace was an outstanding beauty from Three Wonders Castle. Three Wonders Castle was proficient in their medical expertise, having many famous physicians that were good at using venomous insects to treat illness.

Meanwhile, the first wonder among the three was insect.

The insect army of Three Wonders Castle was extremely terrifying. The people that were good at healing were also good at poisoning. The venomous insects of Three Wonders Castle were also a unique skill. After they were annexed by the imperial court, the emperor had ordered Three Wonders Castle to form an insect army and most of the soldiers in the army were experts in controlling insects.

Now that Three Wonders Castle had rebelled, it was evident that the insect army had already rebelled and this battle was between the imperial army and the insect army of Three Wonders Castle.

They had wandered carelessly into the battlefield and came under attack from Three Wonders Castle's insect army. Things were not going to end peacefully.

"It's impossible to guard against this kind of insects! Junior Protector Sword can't deal with so many insects!"

Qin Mu's scalp turned numb as countless of golden insects flew towards him. He immediately split his focus into two and brandished his Junior Protector Sword at one soldier while bursting forth his vital qi in his body. Countless of fine vital qi threads surged out from his hand to form something like a blazing red sun.

His vital qi threads were formed from incomparably fine vital qi swords which transformed into a setting sun in this instant, floating in the air with a buzz.

Yuyuan Imperial Studies, Sunset Sword Skill.

That fireball spun rapidly and countless of sword lights instantly burst forth from this setting sun. Each and every sword stabbed the bodies of the small golden insects and in an instant, insects corpses filled the ground around Qin Mu.

At the same time, his Junior Protector penetrated through the chest of a soldier in a flash before returned with a stab to finish off the soldier.

"Superb sword skill!"

That coxswain praised and let his assistant control the ship. He immediately made a move and took out a fire bottle gourd. After he opened the bottle gourd, a piece of fire cloud flew out from the bottle gourd and transformed into a nine-head fire phoenix which opened its nine mouths to spew out raging inferno that scorched countless of bugs to death.

That nine-head fire phoenix spread its wings and shrouded the ship while spewing out trails of flames. Before the soldiers of Three Wonders Castle could even get close, they were burned into charcoal.

"This coxswain has a very deep cultivation which is not inferior to Little General Qin Feiyue!"

Qin Mu's heart moved slightly. The coxswain was a middle-aged man with a burly body. However, this flame divine art that he had unleashed was indeed extraordinary. He was probably a divine arts practitioner of Seven Stars Realm.

Right at this moment, the terrifying golden insects swarmed over like waves. A woman wearing a military uniform stood among them. With a point of her finger, the swarm of insects surged forth towards the ship.

"The second wonder of Three Wonders Castle, the girls sure are pretty."

That coxswain gave a chuckle and the nine-head fire phoenix came back into the fire bottle gourd with a whoosh. The bottle gourd grew larger and larger, turning into a huge object that was about three to five

humans tall. With the mouth of the bottle gourd facing downwards, a terrifying suction came from it and sucked in the swarm of insects which were surging over.

That coxswain held mudras with both of his hands and slapped dozens of mudras one after another on the fire bottle gourd. All kinds of elegant runes instantly appeared in the air around the huge fire bottle gourd one after another before vanishing gradually.

The swarm of insects was instantly turned into ashes in the bottle gourd.

Qin Mu's eyes lighted up. Cultivation was to study and this coxswain seemed to have quite an in-depth knowledge regarding runes and mudra.

That female general of Three Wonders Castle was shocked and the swarm of insects under her feet instantly stopped. Standing in the air, she blinked her beautiful eyes and said, "You are... Fire Bandit Fan Yunxiao? When have you turned good and become a coxswain?"

The expression on most of the merchants on ship changed and even those few officials changed their expression hugely. They all manipulated swords using qi to point them at the coxswain.

That coxswain spat twice, "What do you mean 'turned good'?"

The female general of Three Wonders Castle sneered, "I've heard you were a relinquished disciple of Dao Sect. Dao Sect disliked you having improper intentions and chased you out from Dao Sect, thus you became a bandit to plunder merchants everywhere. You have been wanted by the imperial court for quite a while. Now that you have become a coxswain, haven't you turned good?"

That Coxswain Fan Yunxiao laughed, "I only work as a bandit during times of peace to rob people of their valuables, how can I be a bandit in these times of unrest? During times of unrest, more money comes from being a coxswain than robbing people. General, please make life easy for me?"

The female general snorted coldly and looked around. The insect army of Three Wonders Castle was still fighting and it wasn't good for her to engage in a fight with this bandit now.

Even though Fan Yunxiao was a relinquished disciple of Dao Sect, he had extremely high abilities. Even the imperial court could not catch him in so many years, so she might not be his opponent. Her insect cloud swept backward at once and she floated away.

Fan Yunxiao let out a sigh of relief and ordered his assistant to drive the ship away.

The merchants on the ship looked at this burly man with eyes filled with terror. Fan Yunxiao immediately said, "Relax everyone, I've turned good and won't rob during times of unrest. The officials can also be at ease, I've turned good, this ship is even recorded in the capital city!"

An official sneered, "Could this ship of Coxswain Fan be the infamous Cloud Chasing Pirate Ship among the bandits?"

“Please excuse my humble ship. Cloud Chasing Pirate Ship has also changed its name to Cloud Chasing Passenger Ship. When the world is peaceful again, we’ll then go back to rob.”

Fan Yunxiao went to the merchant who had been eaten until only his skin was left and frowned, “You have boarded my ship and I should have protected you with everything I could, yet you still met with trouble, I can’t take your ship fare.” After he said this, he took out a coin pouch and handed it to the merchant’s associate.

Everyone on the ship was trembling with fear and felt that they had just escaped from a pack of wolves only to enter the tiger’s den. This Fan Yunxiao had created trouble for merchant ships for many years, plundering people everywhere. Now that they were on his ship, everything pointed to disaster.

“I’ve turned good!”

Fan Yunxiao bowed with his hands held in front, “I’ve really turned good! Don’t worry, I’ll definitely send you guys to the capital city.”

Everyone still had a face of terror.

Fan Yunxiao was helpless and looked at Qin Mu while smiling, “Little brother’s sword skill ain’t half bad, you’re from Yuyuan Family?”

Qin Mu shook his head and replied, “Imperial College’s Qin Mu. Senior Brother Fan has great knowledge which I admire.”

Fan Yunxiao’s eyes lighted up and smiled, “This is the first time someone praised my knowledge. Your judgment ain’t bad. What’s funny is that everyone is so caught up in cultivating and don’t study. What they don’t know is, cultivation is studying. Dao Sect’s ultimate arts were all derived from studying. Without knowledge, you can’t even learn shit.”

Qin Mu had the same sentiments. If one wanted to learn the teleportation divine art, an extremely high knowledge was also needed. Dao Sword of Dao Sect also required knowledge and just now Fan Yunxiao’s mudra also contained transformation of runes which couldn’t be achieved without profound knowledge.

“If you didn’t go Imperial College and went Dao Sect instead, Dao Master that old man would definitely like you very much.”

Fan Yunxiao recalled the past and said dimly, “I don’t even know which eye of that old man saw me having improper intentions, I was clearly very well-behaved in Dao Sect.”

Qin Mu gave a cough and asked, “Did Senior Brother Fan became a bandit after you got chased out?”

Fan Yunxiao clapped heavily and exclaimed, “The old man is still the wiser one! He had seen that I would become a bandit in the future, therefore, he had chased me out to let me become a bandit! However, I was still very well-behaved in Dao Sect, how did he see it...”

Qin Mu was speechless. He suddenly remembered something and asked, "Senior Brother Fan, how's your algebra?"

Fan Yunxiao became disappointed and said, "I was originally very good at it but after being a bandit for all these years, I have returned them all to Dao Master. The Computational Canon of Mysterious Woman and Computational Canon of Supreme Mystery in Dao Sect are all very profound and not easy to learn. If one could learn all of them, they could learn Fourteen Writings of Dao Sect. I had originally cultivated it..."

Suddenly a head popped out under the hold of the ship and shouted, "Robber baron, our furnace seems to be faulty. Just now, the woman from Three Wonders Castle stuffed a few insects into our pill furnace when we were unprepared and they gnawed the pill furnace!"

"How many times have I told you, stop calling me robber baron, I've turned good!"

Fan Yunxiao scratched his head and looked around, "Everyone, who knows how to forge tools and repair the pill furnace?"

At this moment, a dull boom sounded from the hold of the ship. A few apothecaries climbed out from the hold of the ship and said with black faces, "The pill furnace has exploded!"

Fan Yunxiao's expression changed hugely and cursed, "Damned woman, sneaking such a ruthless attack. Let's abandon the ship, everyone, jump down together!"

Qin Mu came forward and said, "I know how to forge tools and also learned the path of medicine. Let me have a look first."

Fan Yunxiao was skeptical and followed him to the hold of the ship. The hold of the ship was already in flames and a few fierce-looking bandits were extinguishing the fire, minimizing the intensity of the fire. However, without the pill furnace providing medicinal energy to the ship, the speed had already started to slow down and the ship could fall off from the sky anytime.

Qin Mu went forward and looked at the shattered pill furnace. This kind of furnace was the standardized pill furnace and was different from ordinary pill furnace. There was a shipyard in Eternal Peace Empire where countless of ironworkers worked day and night to forge pill furnaces which could be used on the ship, providing motive power to the ship.

This kind of pill furnace burned spirit stones and dozens of herbs, transforming the medicinal energy contained in the spirit stones and herbs into surging energy which was transported to the bronze beasts located at the aft of the ship. The energy was then turned into raging flames which spewed out from the mouth of the bronze beasts, allowing the ship to rise.

The structure of the pill furnace was extremely complicated and was a unique treasure that the skilled blacksmith of Imperial College had created. Other than refining pills, there was also a complicated digestive system in the furnace which was similar to a human body, turning the medicinal energy into energy.

When these pill furnaces were spoilt normally, they could only find the blacksmith of the shipyard in Eternal Peace Empire to repair them or to change new ones.

“Can it be repaired?” Fan Yunxiao asked anxiously.

Qin Mu checked the structure of the pill furnace and had a rough understanding of it, “I had learned to smith in the past for a few years. I can forge a new one in an incense stick of time. How long can this ship last?”

“If we use our magic power to sustain it, we can still last for an incense stick of time.”

Qin Mu immediately started to reforge the pill furnace. With Vermillion Bird Vital Qi in one hand and with Black Tortoise Vital Qi in the other, he swept up countless fragments of the pill furnace and smelted them into molten iron. Using Black Tortoise Vital Qi in the other hand, he quickly cooled the iron down and constructed the components of the pill furnace rapidly.

Everyone was dazzled by the sight and the ship suddenly jerked and began to descend. Fan Yunxiao couldn't care about looking at how Qin Mu forged the pill furnace and hurriedly rushed out of the hold to activate his fire bottle gourd, transforming it into a nine-headed phoenix to lift up the ship.

Even though he was a strong practitioner of Seven Stars Realm and had dense magic power, it was still extremely tough for him to carry the ship to fly.

As the time ticked by, Fan Yunxiao's face grew red as the pressure on him increased. It was harder and harder for him to persevere and everyone on the ship was extremely terrified. If Fan Yunxiao couldn't persevere on, this ship would probably fall from a height of ten thousand feet, breaking them into pieces.

Fan Yunxiao had already reached his limit and couldn't persevere any longer. Suddenly, the two bronze beasts at the aft of the ship spewed fire from their mouths and the flames grew exponentially. The ship trembled violently and its speed increased as it flew forward.

Fan Yunxiao let out a sigh of relief and took his nine-headed phoenix back. However, he saw the speed of the ship becoming faster and faster as everything went by in a blur. The speed of the ship was three to five times faster than before!

He was bewildered and when he saw Qin Mu walking out from the hold of the ship, he asked immediately, “Brother Qin, exactly what furnace have you forged?”

Qin Mu said, “I have never seen the blueprints of the pill furnace so I could only forge it according to my understanding. There might be some differences from the structure of the original pill furnace. I have only learned to smith for a few years...”

Before Fan Yunxiao could even speak, another loud boom suddenly sounded out as the ship broke through the air at a speed that was even faster than sound!

“Brother Qin Mu, whom did you learn the technique of smithing from?”

Fan Yunxiao was surprised and delighted, "From now on, who will be able to catch me when I go robbing?"

Qin Mu now realized why Dao Master of Dao Sect said he had improper intentions.

Chapter 174: Adopt

The little fox in Qin Mu's backpack couldn't resist popping her head out to say, "This Senior Brother Fan, didn't you ever think that you would run a few more trips ferrying passengers to earn more money since your ship is three to five times faster now? There is no need for you to rob."

Fan Yunxiao rolled his eyes at Hu Ling'er, "Why so troublesome? Now that my ship is fast enough, I would be able to rob fast enough. I could only rob once a day before, now I can rob three to five times a day. The money from robbing is so much more than ferrying passengers. During times of peace, there are more merchant ships, therefore, we need to rob during times of peace. Now that there's war, there are lesser merchant ships, therefore, we're ferrying passengers. Little fox demon, you don't have the brains for business."

Hu Ling'er was completely speechless.

The speed of the ship was too fast and the ship was already giving off creaking sounds. It was getting harder for the ship to bear the wind pressure caused from flying forward. Fan Yunxiao became nervous again and fortified the ship with a few bandits by using runes transformed by vital qi to mark the hull of the ship.

Qin Mu's heart was alarmed. Now he was also afraid that this ship would crumble into pieces any moment.

Luckily on the way there, the ship never broke down in mid-air.

On their way there, they encountered a few more battlefields but because the speed of Cloud Chasing Pirate Ship was too fast, before the two sides could even see what it was, the ship had already flown past, inevitably making them indescribably stunned.

Fan Yunxiao was also indescribably stunned. The pill furnace created by Qin Mu was simply too strong and according to this flying speed, the seven to eight days journey to the capital city now would just take them over a day.

However, even though the pill furnace Qin Mu created was good, it consumed much more spirit stones and herbs.

When they reached the capital city, it was already the morning of the next day. The ship slowed down its speed and the spirit stones on the ship were more or less depleted. The ship gradually descended and landed in the vehicles and mounts market in the capital city.

The official in the vehicles and mounts market went forward to check and his expression immediately changed hugely when he saw Fan Yunxiao. He was about to call for constables to arrest him when Fan Yunxiao immediately explained, "I've turned good, turned good! This is our ship's official record!"

That official took a look and it was really an official record from the imperial court. He said bewilderedly, "Crooks like you should be beheaded, how could they allow you turn good?"

Fan Yunxiao laughed dryly, "This is the grace of the imperial court, I'm moved to tears of gratitude."

Qin Mu disembarked the ship and was about to leave when Fan Yunxiao hurried over. Putting his arm over his shoulder, he chuckled, "Brother Qin, what future do you have in Imperial College? Why not follow me and we can do big business, no capital huge profit!"

Qin Mu shook his head, "Senior Brother Fan, I in Imperial College ain't like you in Dao Sect. You are corrupted at heart but Imperial College has a very good impression of me. I'm a good person with an extensive public reputation."

Hu Ling'er was full of confidence, "The term improper intention can never be placed together with young master."

Fan Yunxiao could only drop his thoughts and grumbled, "With your talent, it's wasted for you not to be a bandit. That's right, when I left Dao Sect, I stole a Computational Canon of Supreme Mystery and since you're interested in algebra, I'll give it to you."

Qin Mu rose up with spirit and immediately took over the Computational Canon of Supreme Mystery, "How can I take such a precious gift? Ling'er, take it quickly."

Hu Ling'er hid the Computational Canon of Supreme Mystery in the backpack.

Fan Yunxiao said, "Dao Sect doesn't prohibit disciples to learn Computational Canon of Supreme Mystery. This canon is used for opening up the disciples' wisdom and if they could learn the computational canons well, only then can they learn Fourteen Writings of Dao Sword. Back then I learned my computational canon not bad and learned the fifth writing of Dao Sword. Before I could start to learn the sixth writing, I was chased out to become a bandit."

Qin Mu asked curiously, "Which writing is the move, A Dot Threading The Vast Movements, Yin And Yang Come And Go Within Two Modes from?"

"Brother Qin knows this move?"

Fan Yunxiao was astonished, "This is the first writing of Dao Sword and the most simple move among the fourteen writings. Dao Sword becomes harder the further you cultivate it but the power also grows. When one succeeds in cultivating the fourteenth writing of Dao Sword, he would become invincible in this world, becoming a god. However, no one in Dao Sect has ever succeeded."

Qin Mu's heart jumped. The first writing of Dao Sword was already this powerful so how astonishing could the power of the fourteenth writing be?

When he fought with Daozi Ling Xuan, this was the move that was used by Daozi Ling Xuan. He defeated Dozi Ling Xuan. However, Daozi Ling Xuan also managed to calculate the location of his weakness and injured him.

He couldn't help becoming curious about the Fourteen Writings of Dao Sword.

After bidding farewell to Fan Yunxiao, Qin Mu walked towards Imperial College and thought to himself, "Fan Yunxiao is an interesting person. I'm just not sure when such an interesting person would be detained to the market to be beheaded. Hmm, now that Patriarch has retired, I wonder who would be the next grand chancellor? Could it be Chancellor Ba Shan?"

Chancellor Ba Shan planned to change the disadvantage of Imperial College by establishing imperial academicians. In Qin Mu's heart, he was the first choice to be the next grand chancellor.

However, the other people might not be as open-minded as him.

It was extremely important for them to establish imperial academicians. It was the crucial point if Imperial College would be able to surpass sacred grounds like Dao Sect and Great Thunderclap Monastery. Only when Chancellor Ba Shan became the grand chancellor could he continue to push for this reform.

He came to the mountain gate of Imperial College and just as he passed the mountain gate, he suddenly moved back and sized up the dragon qilin who was guarding in front of the mountain gate.

That dragon qilin was still lying below the mountain gate and looking forward motionless; however, the chains on his neck had disappeared.

Qin Mu took a few more looks and the dragon qilin continued to look forward without blinking at all. He looked like he was carved from stone but veins started popping out from the neck of this dragon qilin.

"What are you looking at?" the dragon qilin turned his head and roared at him in anger.

Qin Mu asked curiously, "The chain on your neck is gone so why aren't you leaving? What are you staying here for?"

That dragon qilin replied weakly, "I've nowhere to go. Every day there are people feeding me here so why should I go? I'm pretty comfortable here."

Hu Ling'er smiled, "Big fella, are eating and drinking all you seek after?"

The dragon qilin gave her a glance and felt quite a disdain, "How does a fox demon know the ambition of a qilin? You also won't understand if I told you."

Hu Ling'er smiled to Qin Mu, "Young master, this dragon qilin has turned dumb squatting here every day. Let's not bother ourselves with him."

Qin Mu was about to walk up the mountain when the dragon qilin drooped his head down with a dazed look, "My old master has retired and escaped with an old man, abandoning me behind. I have nowhere else to go so I could only stay here to guard the gate. I still have to be bullied by a bull every day and now even a fox is scorning me, there's no way to live on..."

Qin Mu walked back two steps and came to the front of the dragon qilin and asked, "You're Patriarch's mount? We're from the same sect. I'm the cult master of the sacred cult."

The dragon qilin looked at him with vigilance and sneered, "I don't know any patriarch or any cult master. I still haven't settled my scores with you for paralyzing me."

Qin Mu smiled, "When I've come to fight Daozi of Dao Sect, didn't you see me walking over with Patriarch? You should have known my relationship with Patriarch. There's no need for you to be wary."

The dragon qilin snorted coldly, "Then you paralyzed me."

Qin Mu mumbled, "That's the result of your asking me to beat that bull. I even got beaten up by that bull instead. You absolutely didn't tell me that the bull was so strong. It's better to squash enmity rather than keeping it alive..."

The dragon qilin then snorted coldly again, "Then you took revenge by paralyzing me."

Qin Mu probed, "How about I get that bull over and you beat him up?"

The dragon qilin didn't trust him obviously and said, "You still want to paralyze me?"

Qin Mu was helpless and could only go up the mountain. This dragon qilin was a little thick headed and only remembered that he had paralyzed him.

Suddenly, he stopped and looked back, only to see that dragon qilin finally leaving his spot while following behind him step for step. When he saw him stop, that dragon qilin also stopped.

Qin Mu walked forward and that dragon qilin also walked forward. Qin Mu stopped in before the jade cliff and looked back.

That dragon qilin also stopped with him.

Qin Mu leaped up the jade cliff while fire clouds spawned under the dragon qilin's feet, carrying his large body up the cliff.

Qin Mu turned back and smiled, "What are you following me for? I had only paralyzed you once and took some dragon's saliva, is there a need for such a deep hatred?"

"You paralyzed me so you have to provide my meals," the dragon qilin said seriously.

Qin Mu was bewildered and asked, "Didn't you say earlier that people bring you food every day? You can just stay at the mountain gate."

The dragon qilin lowered his head, "It was also old master bringing meals for me in the past and after old master left, no one cares about me anymore. I have not eaten for over a month. The new grand chancellor thinks I am a rock and the other directorates also think I am a rock. I'm also ashamed to beg for food. I can't bring myself to do it. That bull even relied on Chancellor Ba Shan as his backing to bully me, saying that I cheated his feelings..."

Qin Mu saw his grieving appearance which moved his empathetic heart, "Alright, alright, don't feel so wrong. You can follow me from now on and I'll take care of your meals. I have the money! What do you eat?"

"I only drink the water of Jade Dragon Lake and eat one bucket of Scarlet Fire Spirit Pills every day."

Qin Mu clenched his fists tightly and Hu Ling'er also felt her liver trembling. Jade Dragon Lake was the lake formed from the gathering of the qi of the nine dragons. There was a lot of water in the lake and this dragon qilin could drink to his heart's content, but a bucket of Scarlet Fire Spirit Pills was the killer.

"Young master, the little money we have is only enough to feed him for half a month."

Hu Ling'er whispered, "I think it's best not to shelter him or else that little property of ours would be emptied by him."

The dragon qilin heard it and immediately said, "I can starve myself a little and eat half a bucket every day. No? Then a liter? No lesser than one liter."

Qin Mu shook his hand and said, "I'm an apothecary myself and I can refine Scarlet Fire Spirit Pills myself to save some money. You won't lose out in your meals; however, I can't raise you for free."

The dragon qilin immediately cried out, "You paralyzed me! Furthermore, we are from the same sect, you're the cult master so you have the duty to raise me. I'm the mount of your patriarch!"

Qin Mu's head started to ache as he said, "You have to give me some of your dragon's saliva every day or else I won't be able to raise you."

"Dragon's saliva?" The dragon qilin turned wary.

Qin Mu explained, "Dragon's saliva means your saliva."

The dragon qilin had obviously thought of something wrong as he let out a sigh of relief, "That's good then. That's right, you had said earlier that you could bring the bull over to let me beat him up?"

Qin Mu warned, "Don't win an inch and want a foot, otherwise, I will only give you half a bucket of Scarlet Fire Spirit Pills every day."

The dragon qilin immediately shut up and followed behind him as if he was afraid to lose this meal master. Hu Ling'er kept looking back to size up this large creature and this fellow was even much higher than Qin Mu when he stood up. Qin Mu just barely reached the dragon's whiskers that were drooping down his chin. Adding the long qilin's tail of the dragon qilin to calculation, he was probably forty to fifty feet long.

This dragon qilin had strange decorative designs protruding out over his body which looked like natural runes, giving off an awe-inspiring presence.

“No wonder he can eat so much. He’s much bigger than Bull Two, not sure how big he will be when he reveals his true form,” Hu Ling’er was secretly astonished.

Qin Mu brought the dragon qilin up the mountain and came to Jade Dragon Lake to let this dragon qilin drink water first. He thought to himself, “I still don’t know how much a small bottle of dragon’s saliva is worth; however, it’s a spirit medicine for healing injuries so it shouldn’t be cheap right? I hope it can fetch enough to cover the cost of the herbs, otherwise my whole fortune is going to be eaten up...”

Chapter 175: Mutual Aid Of Battle Techniques And Spell

The dragon qilin drank the water and looked towards Qin Mu, “I’m still a little hungry...”

“I’ll bring you to refine pills.”

Qin Mu brought this dragon qilin to the warehouse, planning to buy some herbs to refine Scarlet Fire Spirit Pills. Meanwhile, there was a Daoist opposite Jade Dragon Lake who was looking over here. As he saw Qin Mu bring the dragon qilin away, he muttered, “This dragon lion in front of the mountain gate has come alive? Why did it come to Jade Dragon Palace for a drink? Who is that youth? Doesn’t he know the water of Jade Dragon Palace is to be offered to the royal family? Oh well, as long as they don’t wash in the lake, there’s no need to bother with a few drinks.”

Qin Mu passed by Royalty’s Park and saw many scholars surrounding there as cheers sounded out.

Qin Mu gave a look from afar and even the scholars from Scholar’s Residence were also running over. There were also some divine arts practitioners of Divine Arts Residence, crowding Royalty’s Park so much that it was impenetrable.

Suddenly, a loud boom sounded out as a figure got blown into the air with his head crashing downwards. A voice cried out, “Another one is defeated!”

Qin Mu jumped in shock. The one who got his head stuck in the ground was a prince of Royalty’s Park. A prince was a king’s son, who was the one who dared to be so merciless?

“I’m here to experience it!”

A girl’s voice came from the crowd while Qin Mu had already walked further away. He suddenly heard another loud boom and a girl in green flew backward and crashed into the walls of Hall of Hidden Light which was not far from him. Only a pair of slender legs were left outside.

“Seems to be a princess.”

Qin Mu looked back at the crowd and thought to himself, “These moves are a little familiar, seem to be Chancellor Ba Shan’s battle spells.

Chancellor Ba Shan founded the ultimate skills of battle spells and merged battle techniques moves with spell divine arts, resulting in a power that was greater than battle techniques or spells by themselves. This feat of founding had allowed Chancellor Ba Shan to be part of the circle of strong practitioners of

the sect master level. In this current world, there was no one who could surpass his attainments in ultimate skills of battle spells.

The only weakness of battle spell ultimate skills was that it wasn't as flexible as battle techniques or spells by itself. This was why even though Chancellor Ba Shan had become a strong practitioner of the sect master level, he was unable to take another step forward.

"Could it be Sister Yuxiu? Why is she fighting with the princes and princesses?"

The dragon qilin was so hungry that his steps were shaky and his belly had shriveled up. Qin Mu suppressed his urge to go watch the battle and continued on to the warehouse to buy the herbs. After the apothecary of the warehouse had handed him the herbs, only then did he see the huge creature behind Qin Mu's back and was stunned.

Qin Mu brought the dragon qilin back on the road they came from and analyzed the medicinal energy of the herbs on their way back, refining out a furnace of Scarlet Fire Spirit Pills.

The dragon qilin hurriedly ate it and still wasn't full from a furnace of spirit pills. Looking at Qin Mu pleadingly, Qin Mu could only refine another furnace of pills to finally satisfy the huge creature's appetite.

The dragon qilin was enlivened and followed beside him with a smile, "From now on, you can find me for anything, I'm pretty good at fighting."

Qin Mu shook his head and walked towards Royalty's Park. Hu Ling'er sneered, "You don't even dare to fight a bull and still say you're good at fighting?"

The dragon qilin instantly became downcast.

Royalty's Park still had a vast crowd in front of it and there were even more people. He heard a scholar said, "Is there still no one in Royalty's Park that could defeat her? Ever since the seventh princess has come back from experiencing the outside world, she seems like a changed person. Her abilities have improved rapidly."

"Merging spells and battle techniques together, on top of that, the Nine Dragon Monarch Technique of the royal family, the seventh princess could basically sweep the entire Royalty's Park. I wonder if she can block the gate of Scholar's Residence and Divine Arts Residence?"

"I can't say for Divine Arts Residence but she probably can't do it for Scholar's Residence, after all, there's that devil in Scholar's Residence."

"That's true. It's been three months since we saw that devil. He must have died outside, eliminating a huge scourge in Scholar's Residence at last."

"With that devil's abilities, it doesn't mean he can defeat the seventh princess."

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“Out of the way, everyone out of the way!”

Most of the scholars felt a disturbance coming from the back and looked behind. They couldn't help being stunned when they saw a huge creature that was half dragon half qilin nudging his body and pushing the scholars who were blocking the road to one side. There were some scholars that lost their footing when they got pushed by this dragon qilin, flying out from the crowd.

This huge creature pushed everyone away and squeezed his way towards the gate of Royalty's Park, clearing a path. All the scholars were stunned from the sight and subconsciously felt terrified.

Even the royalties in Royalty's Park who were more knowledgeable couldn't help staring at this awe-inspiring dragon qilin, unable to move their gazes away.

The dragon qilin swayed his body and shook his hair, turning his head to smile, “Young master, these visually impaired have already cleared a path for you. Young master, this way.”

Qin Mu walked to the gate of Royalty's Park and reproached, “Too flamboyant, too flamboyant! You can't do this next time! Senior brothers, senior sisters, excuse me, excuse me.”

Everyone had their expression frozen on their faces.

Qin Mu looked towards Royalty's Park and saw Ling Yuxiu sealing her Five Elements Divine Treasure as she fought with Prince Minyue. Prince Minyue was also another scholar that Chancellor Ba Shan had chosen and with just a few moves, Prince Minyue couldn't withstand that astonishing explosive power from Ling Yuxiu and got blown away.

Ling Yuxiu burst her Five Elements Divine Treasure open and nine dragons coiled around her body, looking really valiant and formidable-looking as she glowed with health and vigor.

Qin Mu exclaimed to himself. After Ling Yuxiu had experienced the journey to Rolan's Golden Palace, her cultivation increased by leaps and bounds. These three months made her hold an overwhelming advantage against the other scholars.

It was evident that she cultivated diligently after she had blocked the gate at Rolan's Golden Palace, cultivating Nine Dragons Monarch Technique even more in-depth and patching up her weakness of having an unstable foundation.

Chancellor Ba Shan's teaching in line with one's ability was different from what the directorates of Imperial College taught. He focused on Ling Yuxiu's weakness to groom her and finally allowed her to have a huge growth.

However, Qin Mu looked at Royalty's Park which was almost torn down by this imperial princess. No idea who had she learned from to be so violent.

“The one that herds cows!”

Ling Yuxiu saw Qin Mu and her eyes lit up. She waved towards the royalty of Royalty's Park and smiled, “I'll stop for today, we'll fight another day.” After she was done, she walked towards Qin Mu.

Qin Mu praised, "Sister Yuxiu, I haven't seen you for these few months and you've gotten even more powerful."

Ling Yuxiu grumbled, "Where have you been these days? You made me very worried."

She immediately followed up, "Chancellor Ba Shan is also very worried about you! You don't know, the grand chancellor has resigned, the new grand chancellor isn't Chancellor Ba Shan and is that man sealed in ice which was rescued out from Surging River Dragon Palace by me and Little General Qin."

"Man sealed in ice?"

Qin Mu's heart moved slightly. Could it be Gu Linuan?

Ling Yuxiu saw that there was still a vast crowd gazing at them and she was still shy after all so she whispered, "There are many people here, let us go talk in my room."

Qin Mu nodded his head and followed her. As the two of them walked into Royalty's Park, a figure suddenly flashed and a handsome young man appeared in front of them with a solemn face, "Seventh sister, how can you anyhow let a man into a woman's room? Let's go to my room instead."

Ling Yuxiu's face turned red and said yes softly.

Ling Yushu said with a black face, "Scholar Qin, please."

Qin Mu was bewildered. He had no idea where he had offended this imperial prince before and he looked at him as though he wanted to gobble him up.

They came to Ling Yushu's residence in Royalty's Park and saw that this place had been decorated to look like a sunny south garden which looked very elegant. Even though the fake mountains weren't as high as mountains, they had running water wandering around. Even though the garden wasn't as huge as a forest, it was still a path to a serene and secluded place, being several times better than Scholar's Residence.

This place was like a small palace and there were even palace maids walking to and fro, waiting upon him politely.

These palace maids were also divine arts practitioners who were not only beautiful and also had strong abilities.

Ling Yushu led them to the pavilion where there was quite a beautiful scenery and vast landscape. There were palace maids carrying an incense burner over and placed it beside the pavilion before lighting up the incense, causing the fragrance to rise in spirals.

The sound of guqin sounded from not far away. This guqin's sound was very slow and had a lingering temperament that was like two old men slowly playing chess, playing a tune or two after a brief pause, easily calming people's hearts down.

“Second prince sure has quite a refined and elegant attitude of mind,” Qin Mu exclaimed.

Ling Yushu’s expression softened and said, “I still have to thank Academician Qin for taking care of my seventh sister during her trip to the Great Wall. Seventh sister has told me about the encounters in Rolan’s Golden Palace and I know you have saved my sister many times. Yushu can’t thank you enough in my heart.”

Ling Yuxiu smiled, “Cowherd is very powerful. I thought he had died and I cried in front of the Rolan’s Golden Palace’s shaman.”

The corner of Ling Yushu’s eyes twitched. She cried? She didn’t mention about this before.

“It’s okay, it’s just friendship of fellow schoolmates. This sister of mine also cried after a cat she had raised died,” Ling Yushu thought to himself.

“We even met my cowherd’s elders and the elders praised me being sensible and were pleased with me,” Ling Yuxiu smiled.

The corner of Ling Yushu’s eyes twitched again. She had already met the elders? Seventh sister didn’t mention this either!

Ling Yuxiu said excitedly, “Second brother, Chancellor Ba Shan is indeed powerful. My abilities have improved hugely after he brought us out. You also saw it. If Chancellor Ba Shan can bring me and cowherd out more, even you can’t defeat me!”

Ling Yushu shook his head, “I have enquired about it and Chancellor Ba Shan will bring other reserved scholars when he goes out the next time.”

Ling Yuxiu was slightly disappointed.

Ling Yushu looked at Qin Mu and said, “Father had appointed Gu Linuan as the grand chancellor and I’ve heard you have some enmity with Gu Linuan. After Gu Linuan had become the grand chancellor, he also asked the directorates of Imperial College about you.”

Ling Yuxiu smiled, “I know about their enmity. Gu Linuan’s Junior Protector Sword was scammed by cowherd so he bears slight grudges.”

Ling Yushu said, “It’s best for Academician Qin to return Junior Protector Sword to Gu Linuan. This guy was born from the devil path and is a master of the devil path who is usually petty. Father has appointed him as the grand chancellor so I won’t say much but his breadth of mind is far inferior to the previous grand chancellor so I can’t assure he won’t create trouble for you. I can be the mediator and let you meet up with him to resolve the enmity between you two. I guess he would let it go for my sake.”

Qin Mu shook his head and said, “The rule of our Great Ruins is that there is no need to return things that are scammed.”

Ling Yushu seemed to give a smile that’s yet not a smile, “But this place is not Great Ruins. He is the grand chancellor and it’s very easy for him to take revenge on you.”

Qin Mu gave it some thought and said, "I've heard that Gu Linuan said he was the junior protector of the crown prince. Junior protector of the crown prince means that he should be the teacher when the crown prince was young, am I right? Second prince, do you think Gu Linuan will give face to you?"

Ling Yushu's heart trembled slightly.

Qin Mu continued, "Second prince, if he's willing to resolve the grudges, it's not a problem for me to break the rules of Great Ruins by returning Junior Protector Sword to him. However, I feel that even if I return Junior Protector Sword to him, he still won't give you face nor will he resolve the grudges. Furthermore, second prince, ain't you worried about his giving you a hard time?"