

Tales of Herding Gods Chapter 841-845

Chapter 841: Human Rearing Scripture Completed

Qin Mu's cultivation was about to be exhausted, so he could only stop executing the teleportation divine art and let the two qilins continue to run at full speed.

Blind endured the pain and gritted his teeth. "The earth dragon is still chasing, and his speed is very fast."

The roots in his body were still squirming, but they weren't as active as before. Their strength was also much weaker, and it was obvious that they had gone too far from the body and were slowly losing their vigor.

However, as the earth dragon got closer, the strength of the tree roots gradually grew stronger again and became more and more vigorous.

Soon, Blind was turned into a cocoon.

Yu Chen'zi hurriedly said, "We have to get these roots out, or else the earth dragon will continue to chase after us by sensing the roots!"

"How do we get them off?" asked Qin Mu.

"My Clear Sky Heaven has fought with the earth dragon before. Very long ago, we clashed a few times."

Yu Chen'zi fetched a bottle, and inside the bottle was some powder. "Back then, when the earth dragon attacked Clear Sky Heaven, my Clear Sky Heaven also suffered numerous casualties. The earth dragon's attack power is strong, and weapons can't break through his skin, so his body is hard to injure. Our Daoists from Clear Sky Heaven had roots planted into their bodies, and many of them died miserably. Luckily we received some limbs from the earth dragon and trapped it with formation skills. From there, we slowly researched on how to deal with him. This kind of powder is effective against him."

Qin Mu hurriedly took the powder and gave it a sniff. "This isn't spirit medicine?"

Yu Chen'zi explained, "Medicines are mostly from plants, so using spirit medicine against him will only provide him with nutrients. The earth dragon is transformed from Mother Earth's roots, so he isn't afraid of any poison from plants, therefore, we use poison from metal and stone. Even though it can't poison him to death, we can force the roots out of our bodies. This powder is to be orally consumed, and a bit also has to be sprinkled on the divine treasures."

Qin Mu gave some to Blind, and not long after Blind consumed it, those roots began to fall off his body and squirm out.

Qin Mu used vital qi to control the roots so that they wouldn't touch his body. He then threw them far away.

When the roots landed on the ground, they transformed into root dragons that were six to seven feet long and began to croak loudly.

The dragon qilin turned his head back to spew out sacred flames, yet those root dragons continued to jump around in the flames. They were not afraid of the qilin sacred fire at all.

The dragon qilin was shocked and hurriedly ran far away from that place.

“This kind of medicinal powder has some side effects on the human body. One will be easily allergic to it, but after urinating or defecating, the powder will be flushed out. Therefore, there’s a need to drink more water.”

Yu Chen’zi said, “The reason I dared to bring God Qu He over and planned to let the earth dragon consume him is because I have this medicine with me. If the earth dragon swallowed me as well, I would sprinkle this powder all over me. The earth dragon would then feel that I’m not tasty and would throw me out of his body. Even though it would be dirty, at least I wouldn’t have to die.”

“Senior Brother Yu Chen, using your wits on Clear Sky Heaven is a pity. Your plan to wash the crime off Clear Sky Heaven is a series of schemes to allow Clear Sky Heaven to be entirely free of suspicion.”

Qin Mu used dragon saliva to rub the wounds on Blind’s body, and he threw him a glance before giving praise. “The squad leader of the Divine Constable Camp is still a seventh ranking official in the celestial heavens. His death here will definitely lead to the strong practitioners of the celestial heavens fighting the earth dragon. The earth dragon is bound to die. Squad Leader Qu was a capable man, and the earth dragon is an existence on the Numinous Sky Realm, yet both of them will die under your hands. If your talent remains trapped in Clear Sky Heaven and can’t be showcased anywhere, you will only lead a life of regret.”

Yu Chen’zi said with a smile, “I’m a Daoist to begin with, and a Daoist should be putting his heart into the art of Dao. There’s nothing bad in remaining in Clear Sky Heaven.”

Qin Mu took out several bottles of fresh dragon saliva and planned to have Blind drink them.

Blind shook his head and said, “I’m not drinking that, that’s your big dog’s drool.”

Qin Mu hurriedly said, “This isn’t drool, this is dragon saliva. Your organs have been pierced by the roots of the earth dragon in many places, so if you don’t drink it, the wounds are going to explode open, and your blood will be quickly drained.”

The dragon qilin chuckled and said, “Old Master Blind, I’m not a big dog, I’m a dragon qilin. I have the bloodline of a dragon and a qilin. Just drink it. Cult Master has just gathered it not long ago, so it is still quite fresh.”

Blind closed his mouth, and Qin Mu pinched his mouth open by force to pour it in.

Blind shuddered and scolded angrily, “Rascal, let’s see who will save you once I recover!”

Qin Mu took the chance to pour in a few more bottles when he was drinking and said to Yu Chen'zi, "What you are saying is contrary to your convictions, am I right? People say that Daoists come out from seclusion during times of chaos and return back to seclusion during times of peace. Coming out of seclusion is to return peace to the world, and returning back to seclusion is so that the mortal world doesn't affect your Dao heart. The time of chaos is now, and your abilities are needed."

Yu Chen'zi shook his head and said, "If the times of chaos arrive, my Clear Sky Heaven still has twenty-four kingdoms of gods under us, there are still places that need me."

Qin Mu said with a smile that was yet not a smile, "I'm not clear on what kind of standard the twenty-four kingdoms have, but would you not be clear? When we met, you said Eternal Peace Empire's power was weak and that we were rude and greedy. However, if the twenty-four kingdoms want to develop to Eternal Peace Empire's standard, they will still need several hundred years. Furthermore, you still need an Emperor Yanfeng, a Jiang Baigui, a Qin Mu, and countless colleges, academies, and the contribution of countless intelligent people."

Yu Chen'zi was silent for a moment. "I'm a Daoist, I won't enter your Heavenly Saint Cult."

Qin Mu laughed and smacked his shoulder forcefully. He said with utter sincerity, "Dao friend, I'm asking you to go to Eternal Peace Empire! You have the talent. My Heavenly Saint Cult isn't big enough for you, nor is there a place for you to showcase your talents there. Only Eternal Peace Empire has such a platform. If you agree with this, I will write you a recommendation letter. You can meet Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor, and he will definitely value you highly! Think about your entire life's comprehension and your aspiration! Are you willing to just take over as Clear Sky Sect Master, or are you going to carve out your own world?"

Yu Chen'zi finally made a decision, and he bowed. "May I ask for Cult Master Qin's letter of recommendation!"

Qin Mu immediately took out his brush and paper to write a letter.

Yu Chen'zi stowed away the letter and said with a smile, "In that case, I shall go meet Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor. If I can move him with my talent, I won't take out your letter of recommendation. If I can't, I will then take it out."

Qin Mu was stunned.

Yu Chen'zi laughed loudly and floated away after bidding farewell.

"Even though this Yu Chen'zi is young, he sure is old and experienced."

Blind's injuries were basically healed. He grabbed Divine Spear Long Tuo in his hand and narrowed his eyes in a smile. "Mu'er, it has been a long time since we sparred with each other. I don't even know how much your cultivation has improved. It's rare that we can be reunited, so why don't we have a spar."

Qin Mu's face changed slightly.

The collisions of explosive divine arts rang out, making the dragon qilin, the water qilin, and Celestial Venerable Yu raise their heads to look up. They saw both of them fighting in the sky and falling to the ground before moving to the peaks of two mountains, fighting across a mountain.

Celestial Venerable Yu was worried. "Is my brother alright?"

"It's fine. Cult Master is used to the beatings."

The dragon qilin suddenly stood up like a human and transformed into a robust youth with a qilin head and dragon beard. He executed techniques to temper his body and grind his primordial spirit. The qilin bead and the dragon bead swirled continuously around him and gave off rays as they absorbed the spirit energy of heaven and earth. After the spirit energy of heaven and earth were refined, it was used to nourish his corporeal body and primordial spirit.

These two treasures were sparkling and translucent from his refinement, and they contained a massive amount of power.

Meanwhile, the dragon qilin's primordial spirit was standing on a celestial river and breathing fog in and out. When his primordial spirit breathed, the qilin bead and the dragon bead outside his body would breathe as well; they were sometimes big and sometimes small.

The water qilin was shocked and hurriedly asked, "Brother Pi, when did you morph? You even opened up the Celestial River Divine Treasure! When did you do it?"

That qilin-headed youth was pleased, and he said with a smile, "You only see me sticking around Cult Master shamelessly asking for food, but you have never seen my hard work. During my time in Mother Earth's earthly palace, I curried favor with all of those big shots beside Mother Earth, and all of them were existences on Jade Capital Realm or Numinous Sky Realm. They helped me fuse the Ancestral Dragon Supreme Mystery Technique with a technique from the qilin race, and from then on, I was already able to morph."

The water qilin was astonished.

The dragon qilin continued to explain, "After I morphed, I opened up the divine treasures one after another. As the saying goes, the pavilion closest to the water enjoys moonlight first. By being beside Cult Master, I witnessed Cult Master opening up twenty-six kinds of seventh divine treasure. Even if I'm dumb, I can also learn them. And so I secretly cultivated, and when you were shamelessly asking for spirit pills from your master beside the Celestial River, I had already taken the chance to open up the Celestial River Divine Treasure."

The water qilin was dumbfounded and speechless.

"Do you now know why Cult Master values me so highly?"

The dragon qilin continued to speak as he cultivated. "That is because I'm strong enough! Spirit pills aren't just treasures for you to enjoy, they can also be used to curry favor with other strong practitioners. Look at me, I met the Heavenly Teacher Zi Xi's Devil King Lü Zheng and showed my filial respect to him by giving him spirit pills. After eating my spirit pills, he gave me pointers for my

cultivation and divine arts. I encountered Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher's Senior Brother Niu Sanduo and also gave him spirit pills, smoking the water pipe with him. Naturally, he gave me pointers on Martial Dao cultivation. I even curried favor with Heavenly Teacher Fisherman's red kuns, as well as the black tiger god, and they all gave me pointers before."

The water qilin was flabbergasted and prostrated himself in admiration.

"Now that there are more and more experts beside Cult Master, whenever Cult Master converses with those experts, you just have to listen attentively and comprehend diligently. From that, you will be able to learn god knows how many incomparably intricate divine arts and techniques."

The dragon qilin said with a smile, "For example, when Old Master Blind was teaching Formation Dao to your master and Cult Master, you could have learned several hundred killing formations that have strong power! Have you learned any?"

The water qilin shook his head in a daze.

The dragon qilin was resentful towards him for failing to meet expectations, so he spat out a scripture from his mouth. "This is a scripture that I created, take it and have a look. Don't throw the face of our qilin race."

The water qilin hurriedly transformed into a human form that was over thirty yards tall and let Celestial Venerable Yu sit on his shoulder. He held the Human Rearing Scripture in his hands and studied it carefully. He felt every word was like a pearl and that it was wondrous.

Celestial Venerable Yu sneaked a peek, and the water qilin hurriedly covered it. He smiled subserviently and said, "Master, this is for mounts to cultivate, you can't cultivate it."

Not long later, Blind returned with a smug grin. The dragon qilin raised his head and saw Qin Mu hanging from Divine Spear Long Tuo. He lowered his head and swayed with the wind.

"Heh, Grandpa Blind's skills are still superior!" The water qilin closed the Human Rearing Scripture and praised him.

Qin Mu glanced at him weakly and said, "We shall have a qilin feast tonight."

The water qilin hurriedly pulled back his head and thought to himself, 'This Human Rearing Scripture sure is profound, but my cultivation isn't there yet, so I can't use it for now. This is so that I don't offend anyone with my flattery.'

Chapter 842: Old Friend of Peach Forest

The Kunlun Border was originally a sacred ground in Eternal Peace, and it was named the King of Ten Thousand Mountains. This sacred ground had countless mountain peaks that were fighting to be more magnificent than the others, and the Dao Sect was hidden right among these mountains.

Qin Mu and the rest arrived at the Kunlun Border and looked around to see the magnificent sight of the divine mountains stretching straight up into the sky like trees. Then, he turned to look at the mountains of the Kunlun Border, and they were much shorter than those divine mountains. Qin Mu shook his head; it didn't have the ambiance of a sacred ground at all.

The reappearance of the Primordial Realm had made it difficult for the Kunlun Border to preserve the reputation of a sacred ground.

Dao Sect Academy was constructed at the foot of the Dao Sect's mountain, and since the Daoists just left everything to fate, they weren't as rich as Great Thunderclap Monastery was. As a result, they built a city under the mountain and wrote Dao Sect Academy on the city tower to start taking in scholars.

Beside the Dao Sect Academy was a peach forest that extended forever into the distance, and the peach blossoms were brightly-colored. Qin Mu looked into the depths of the peach forest, and even with his sharp gaze, he couldn't see the end of it. He could only faintly see numerous palaces in the depths of the peach forest. There was even a city wall, and he didn't know what kind of people lived there.

Blind closed his eyes and 'looked' into the peach forest. After a moment, he said, "There are very strong existences living in the peach forest, and they have already sealed the peach forest. I looked over with my divine mind's eye, and when I came to the deepest part, I saw countless peach blossoms dancing in the sky to block my vision."

Qin Mu was astonished. "Even Grandpa Blind's divine mind's eye can't see through it?"

Blind's divine mind's eye could be said to be the strongest divine eye in the current world. It was also the crux of how he had such great achievements in the path of formation skills.

In his early years, he had already cultivated his eyes to the level of a true god, and even though he was called Spear God, his divine eyes that could see through everything were the crux.

And after he lost his eyes, he cultivated the divine mind's eye in Disabled Elderly Village.

Now that his lost eyes were recovered, his attainments in the divine mind's eye were becoming more and more unpredictable.

His divine mind's eye was a big reason why he could fight with Squad Leader Qu He from the Celestial Heavens Divine Constable Camp without being overwhelmed.

Yet now that Blind's divine mind's eye couldn't see through the layout of the peach forest, Qin Mu was wary. For this peach forest to be so vast, the existences living inside would be extraordinary. If they laid their hands on the Dao Sect, the Dao Sect probably wouldn't be able to defend against them.

However, what astonished him was how the scholars of Dao Sect Academy seemed to pay no special attention to the peach forest. There were even people living near the peach forest and running into the peach forest to pluck peaches.

The peach forest was too vast, and as a result, there were four different seasons in the peach forest. The peaches on some of the peach trees had already turned ripe.

Even when these ordinary people moved in and out of the forest, no one from the peach forest came to stop them.

Qin Mu watched outside the academy for a long time, and only then did he enter the Dao Sect Academy.

Ordinary houses were everywhere in the city, and it didn't have vast structures like palaces. Numerous old Daoists were currently teaching disciples, and some of them just found empty land to sit down and teach. The scholars sat on the ground and didn't pay particular attention to their surroundings.

The number one sacred ground of algebra was actually so simple and out of his expectations.

Qin Mu brought Celestial Venerable Yu forward to seek knowledge, and it naturally created quite a commotion. Dao Master Lin Xuan hurriedly ran out to welcome them with a smile. "Cult Master Qin is a man of your words, you are really here."

Qin Mu exchanged conventional greetings and asked, "What is the origin of that peach forest outside the academy?"

"I have no idea."

Dao Master Lin Xuan shook his head. "When the Primordial Realm broke out of the seal, this peach forest suddenly appeared beside the academy. Come to think of it, there are so many strange places in the Primordial Realm, and there are countless gods among the half-gods, but the surroundings of the Dao Sect have always been very peaceful. No half-gods have come to create any trouble. I guessed that it was because of the peach forest, so I entered to investigate, but I could never get close to the palaces inside. There seems to be a bewitching formation of some sort."

Qin Mu revealed a suspicious look and said, "I also didn't find any signs of half-gods on the way here. It's very peaceful, unlike the other places. Half-gods are beating down on the human race in those places, and using them as slaves is already considered benevolent. I thought it was the Dao Sect suppressing those half-gods. I never expected it to be the effect of the peach forest."

Dao Master Lin Xuan smiled bitterly. "Does the Dao Sect have this kind of ability? There are many half-gods with strong abilities living on the divine mountains nearby, and I even saw a half-god pulling the sun in the sky closer to him just by breathing. Of course, it was the sun in the sky map. There's another peculiar incident. It's easy to enter this peach forest, but it's even easier to come out."

Qin Mu was puzzled.

"When you look at the peach forest from outside, it stretches on for ten thousand miles, and if you walk in, you can never walk to the end. I have walked for a hundred thousand miles and even a million miles, much less ten thousand miles. When I walked forward, the peach forest beside me would go through spring, summer, autumn, and winter, which shows that the roads I walked were all real."

Dao Master Lin Xuan revealed a weird expression and said, "But as long as I turned my head back, I would realize I was still at the border of the peach forest. I just needed to turn around and walk a few steps to be able to walk out of the forest. That is why many people run into the peach forest to pluck the

peaches without any fear of getting lost. I also planned to investigate the secret of this peach garden, but I couldn't find anything at all. Furthermore, the master of the peach forest doesn't seem to have any ill intention, so I just leave it."

Blind suddenly said, "This should be a formation skill, but this doesn't seem like a formation skill. It seems like someone is using magic power to shrink boundless space into ten thousand miles and even into an inch! It's impossible for anyone to have such strong magic power, so it can only be using formation skills to borrow the power of heaven and earth to achieve this."

Qin Mu asked, "Could Grandpa Blind see what kind of formation it is?"

Blind shook his head and said, "I can't see from the outside, I can only go in to understand the situation. Furthermore, I can't see any traces of the formation. If it's really a formation, even Heavenly Teacher Zi Xi would be far inferior to the master of the peach forest! However, it's impossible to have a formation master that is much stronger than Heavenly Teacher Zi Xi."

"Since the master of the peach forest has no ill intention and is protecting the people here, we have no need to worry."

Qin Mu smiled and said, "Dao Master Lin, I'm here to seek knowledge from the Dao Sect, so I will be eating and staying in the academy these few days. Also, my Brother Yu needs to learn algebra. Can you please find a few excellent directorates to teach him the basics?"

Lin Xuan nodded his head. "Don't worry, we have many experts in our Dao Sect, you can let Lan Yutian learn from them. As for Cult Master Qin, you will be personally taught by the elders of Dao Sect and myself."

Qin Mu was delighted and bowed to give his thanks.

Lin Xuan hurriedly returned the greeting and said firmly, "I do not deserve this, Cult Master. You imparted the Computational Canon of Supreme Molecule to our Dao Sect, and it's only natural for us to return the favor."

Qin Mu, Celestial Venerable Yu, and the rest settled down in Dao Sect Academy, and Celestial Venerable Yu went to learn all kinds of algebra from the teachers. There were many computational canons in the Dao Sect, and Lin Xuan had even brought back a huge number of computational canons from Clear Sky Heaven. It was difficult for him to finish learning all of them.

Learning algebra was extremely dry and dull, yet it was one of the most important foundations in the system of divine arts, paths, and skills. Other than the Martial Dao and a few of the divine arts that didn't need many attainments in algebra, most of the other divine arts required algebra.

What Lin Xuan brought back from Clear Sky Heaven was all macroscopic algebra, the classics of the Celestial Heaven Dao Sect that were extremely profound and developed to their extremes.

On the other hand, microscopic algebra had just taken off, and even though this kind of algebra was created by Qin Mu, it was still the Dao Sect that had popularized it.

Dao Master Lin Xuan and the rest had already deduced the Computational Canon of Supreme Molecule to the extent that it couldn't be understood with regular algebra. It was even to the extent where, under the situation of microscopic algebra, there were signs of the Great Dao of macroscopic algebra losing their effect. They even discovered microscopic algebra measuring inaccurate law.

Even though there were these signs, when microscopic algebra formed macroscopic algebra and all kinds of Great Dao were used once again, they would be extremely nimble.

Qin Mu sought knowledge sincerely. He felt that even though the Computational Canon of Supreme Molecule was elaborating on microscopic algebra and could explain microscopic algebra, the system was still incomparably vast and could be used on all kinds of divine arts.

He used over twenty days to absorb all of the fruits of the Dao Sect, turning them into his own knowledge. He was deeply moved.

Dao Master Lin Xuan long knew how intelligent he was, so he wasn't surprised that he had mastered the Computational Canon of Supreme Molecule in just over twenty days. However, those old Daoists looked at him with faces of disbelief.

Qin Mu found Celestial Venerable Yu, and the Celestial Venerable Yu with the invincible comprehension had finally met his match. He was dispirited and listless from being tormented by all kinds of computational canons.

On the other hand, the dragon qilin was full of vigor, going around to listen to various classes and benefiting a lot.

"Even though Lan Yutian's comprehension is high, his aptitude in algebra is only ordinary. He couldn't even be compared to the dragon qilin."

Lin Xuan said to Qin Mu, "He needs to spend a long time to master the various computational canons from the Dao Sect."

"His comprehension is what is strong, algebra is only one kind of tool for him to learn Dao, it isn't important for him."

Qin Mu sighed and said, "Has Dao Master Lin ever seen a peerless talent before?"

Lin Xuan asked warily, "Are you getting ready to become humble again?"

Qin Mu shook his head. "I'm also considered an expert, but I'm strong in my aptitudes. My comprehension is merely a little better than you guys. It's because I'm the overlord body that I just need to work hard to learn everything fast. However, it's different for Lan Yutian. He is much closer to the Dao, and the reason why Dao Ancestor created algebra was to analyze all of the Great Dao in the world, making algebra a tool for learning the Dao. If someone were naturally close to the Dao ever since they were born and could clearly sense the Dao and comprehend the Dao, would they still need algebra as a tool?"

Lin Xuan was stunned, and he looked at Lan Yutian, who was scratching his ears after being stumped by a difficult problem in algebra. He was so vexed that his forehead was covered in sweat.

“Where has Grandpa Blind gone?”

Qin Mu searched through the Dao Sect Academy, and he still couldn't find any trace of Blind. He felt apprehensive and hurriedly went to find the dragon qilin, who was listening attentively to a lecture. The dragon qilin said, “Grandpa Blind has gone to the peach forest and said he was going in to take a look. He didn't let me tell Cult Master.”

Qin Mu was furious. “Old Man Blind is truly worrisome! How long has he been gone?”

“Once Cult Master went off to learn algebra, Grandpa Blind went in.”

The dragon qilin hurriedly said, “Cult Master, feel free to go find him. I will protect Young Master Lan. He also knows how to refine spirit pills, so Cult Master need not worry about my rations.”

“Protect him well. He cannot come to any harm!”

Qin Mu hurriedly left the city and arrived at the peach forest. Looking into the distance, he could see the densely packed peach forest, and there were countless brightly-colored trees and flowers.

He flew into the sky and looked forward, only to see that peach tree still in front of his face. He couldn't fly over it.

Qin Mu could only land and walk into the forest step by step. His undying god consciousness flew around and searched for Blind's location.

He didn't know how long he had been walking when he saw green peaches growing out on the peach trees beside him. As he continued forward, the peaches became red. As he continued forward, the peach tree leaves turned red and fell to the ground. Walking forward some more, snow began to fall from the sky.

Qin Mu suddenly turned around and realized that he was still at the border of the peach forest. He hadn't walked too far away.

‘It's just like Dao Master Lin said, this peach forest is indeed strange! Grandpa Blind just needs to turn around, and he will be able to walk out of the forest, so why hasn't he come out?’

He composed himself and tried to find the formation, but no matter how he executed his divine eyes, he couldn't find any traces of formation skills.

His undying god consciousness also couldn't find the end of this peach forest.

At this moment, the sun set, and the sky gradually turned dark. The stars in the sky sparkled, and Qin Mu raised his head to examine these stars. As he tried to determine his location, he was suddenly stunned.

'This aspect of the celestial bodies seems to be wrong... It is indeed wrong. This isn't the star atlas that is covering Eternal Peace, this is the true starry sky!'

He took off the willow leaf on the heart of his brows right away and asked solemnly, "Heaven Duke, can your main body see me?"

In Qin word land, Heaven Duke's voice rang out. "Wait a moment, let me find you... Found you! Eh, when did you leave the Primordial Realm?"

Qin Mu's heart trembled violently. "I'm not in the Primordial Realm? Heaven Duke, in that case, where is my body now?"

"In a very strange heaven, you are standing beside a peach tree."

Qin Mu said solemnly, "Heaven Duke, is there a palace in front of me? Can you lead the way for me?"

The clone of Heaven Duke in Qin word land said with a smile, "Look at the starry sky. I shall light up a star to guide you, and you can follow this star."

Qin Mu raised his head to look into the sky, and there was suddenly one more star in the sky. Heaven Duke must have plucked a star from somewhere and hung in on Xuandu.

In Xuandu, Heaven Duke moved this star, and Qin Mu followed the trajectory of this star. After some time, a cluster of palaces appeared in front of him, and in the dim light of the night, there were altar lamps hanging outside the palaces.

He could hear the very pleasant voice of a woman laughing and saying, "I have a guest, an old friend. Go and invite him in."

"Understood."

The voices of several girls came from the palace, and several young girls carried lanterns to walk quietly out of the palace.

Chapter 843: Qin Mu Eating Peaches

"Young master, Palace Master has invited you in. Please follow us."

Those few girls carried lanterns, and the lanterns gave off a red glow as they swayed in front of Qin Mu. They moved down slightly along with the girls.

Those few girls took half a step backward and placed their left fists on their waists while the right hand that was carrying the lantern pressed down on the left hand. Their bodies moved down as they greeted him.

Qin Mu returned the greeting and saw the lanterns turning half a round. Those girls turned around and led the way forward with their graceful figures.

The red-colored candlelight from the lanterns lit up the path ahead. The floor was very clean, and not a withered leaf could be seen.

Qin Mu moved along with them and examined his surroundings. He was trying to deduce who the master of the place was from the style of its construction, but there were no patterns or carvings on the constructions here, so he couldn't tell which era it was from.

Being able to tell the era of the construction by looking at the styles wasn't much trouble for Qin Mu. Every era had constructions of different styles, so it was very easy to differentiate between them.

Even if they were from the same era but of a different race, the style of construction would be as different as can be.

However, there were no decorations inside this palace of the peach forest. There were only white walls, red bricks, and green tiles—it was as simple as it could be. Even so, there was a different kind of beauty, especially under the shine of the starlight and the candlelight, looking concise and free from vulgarity.

'Just now, that woman said her old friend had arrived. In that case, am I the old friend, or is it Heaven Duke and Earth Count who are in my eye? Or could she be someone that Crimson Emperor and the rest know?'

Qin Mu's consciousness moved and traveled into Qin word land. "Heaven Duke, I don't know who this woman in the peach forest is. Can Heaven Duke help me check from the sky?"

Heaven Duke's clone shook his head and said, "I can't see the situation inside the palace. There is a strange screen over here, and when I look over, peach blossoms fill my sight, dancing chaotically in the breeze."

Qin Mu was astonished. Blind had also said he could only see peach blossoms when he looked at the palace in the peach forest.

"Heaven Duke, you said you saw me located in a strange heaven. What does this heaven look like?"

Heaven Duke's voice gradually became weaker. "The space of this heaven is being distorted, which formed various kinds of overlapping space. You can cross thousands of miles with one step, and you can even walk from one world into another. I have never seen this kind of heaven before..."

His voice vanished as though it was being blocked out.

Qin Mu tried to sense Qin word land, but he realized Qin word land seemed to have disappeared as well.

He tried to sense Youdu, and he discovered that he couldn't sense Youdu either!

He composed himself and thought, 'Since she's an old friend, she shouldn't have ill intentions...'

He had followed these women into the hall quickly. The decorations inside the hall were also very simple, and there weren't many decorations. Luminous pearls hung in the surroundings and shone brightly, turning the hall warm like spring.

There was a screen blocking in front, and a woman could be faintly seen behind the screen. She sat there and seemed to be playing her zither. However, she was playing very slowly and would pluck a string occasionally. There was no temperament, and yet it had a lingering aftertaste.

The woman behind the screen was seated sideways, and behind her was a luminous pearl that was projecting her shadow on the screen.

The girls holding the lanterns bowed towards the woman behind the screen before turning around to hang the lanterns outside the door. One of the girls fetched a praying mat and invited Qin Mu to take a seat.

Qin Mu sat down and faced the woman behind the screen. His eyes blinked, and the vertical eye on the heart of his brows would blink from time to time as well. He didn't speak.

After a moment, the zither was plucked once more, and the zither note rose in spirals.

"Heaven Duke is really meddlesome, leading you here for no reason at all."

The voice of the woman behind the screen was very pleasant. She gently tilted her head, and the beautiful hair on her temples flowed down, faintly showing a pearl earring dangling under her earlobe.

"It has been a long time since I had a visitor here. I shouldn't have met you originally, but since Young Master Qin has graced me with your kindness before, I have to meet you now that you have found your way here."

That woman said with a smile, "It's rare to meet an old friend. I'm ashamed as the host for my lack of hospitality, please pardon me."

Qin Mu's gaze twinkled, and he tried to see through the screen. However, he didn't know what kind of treasure the screen was, but he couldn't see through it with his Nine Heavens Eyes Awakening Skill. Even the vertical eye on the heart of his brows couldn't see the appearance of the woman behind the screen.

"Big sister, since you're an old friend, why aren't you coming out to meet me?"

Two girls lifted a small jade tea set in front of Qin Mu and poured a cup of tea before falling back. Qin Mu took a sip, and the fragrance lingered on his lips. It was even better than the High Heavens' tea. He said with a smile, "Now that the Primordial Realm has reappeared, it was difficult for me to find this place in the whole of the Primordial Realm. Since this is a rare meeting, why is big sister hiding behind the screen?"

"I'm no longer what I was back then."

The woman behind the screen sighed and said, "My legs are broken, and I can't get up. Young Master Qin, please forgive me."

Qin Mu stood up and walked over to the screen with a smile. "I'm skilled in the art of healing and the art of creation. I can cure any illness, and it's no problem for me to even create a new corporeal body for you. Since it's inconvenient for you to get up, let me get up and meet you."

He came to the screen and walked around it. He was suddenly stunned when he still saw the screen in front of him.

Qin Mu walked around it again, and it was still a screen in front of him. No matter which angle he rotated to, he would always face the front of the screen. The shadow of the woman still remained projected on the screen and didn't seem to have moved at all.

Qin Mu turned around and looked at the door to the hall. He took a step to the side, and no matter how he moved, he would always face the door of the hall.

The divine art of this woman should be a kind of divine art that was extremely mysterious.

"Young Master Qin should just take a seat."

The woman behind the screen plucked her zither and said with a smile, "The current me is ugly, and my body is crippled. I don't want to scare you. As for the injuries on my body, Young Master Qin probably doesn't have the ability to treat them now. My injuries were caused by divine arts, and the remnants of the divine arts are still in my wounds, breaking down my corporeal body and primordial spirit constantly. You still don't have the methods to get rid of these kinds of divine arts."

Qin Mu could only return and continue to sit on the praying mat. "Big sister..."

That woman burst into laughter. "How many big sisters does Young Master Qin have?"

Another two girls carried plates of fruit in and placed them on the table in front of Qin Mu. On the plates were cleanly washed peaches with a sweet fragrance that seeped into his lungs, raising his appetite.

Qin Mu blushed, and he said with a smile, "I have never counted before. Big sister, have we met in the past?"

"We naturally did."

That woman said, "Only after the meeting did I know..."

Suddenly, the sound of zither came from outside, and the expression of the woman moved slightly. "I have a guest here. Yan'er, please lead Young Master Qin to the back of the hall to rest, bring the tea set over as well."

She said apologetically, "May young master please go to the back to drink some tea and enjoy some fruits."

Qin Mu could only get up. The girl named Yan'er carried the tea set away with a few other girls.

The zither sounds from outside were gradually getting closer. The woman behind the screen also plucked a string, and it was very exquisite.

Qin Mu sat in the back hall and listened to the zither notes. The woman behind the screen would just pluck once in a while, while the zither notes from outside were a complete melody.

The zither notes seemed to be clashing in the air and making space unstable. Space was like zither strings dancing, and it was also like the rhythm of the notes.

Qin Mu's heart stirred, and he instantly knew who was coming. 'Red Deity Qi Xiayu! Why is she here?'

As he was thinking, the zither notes had already come to the hall, and they suddenly stopped. Qi Xiayu's voice rang out. "Disciple pays my respects to master! Is master doing fine these years?"

"I'm doing fine," said the woman behind the screen.

Qin Mu's heart trembled violently. 'Qi Xiayu is the disciple of this woman behind the screen? Wait a minute, wait a minute, Qi Xiayu is a strong practitioner on Emperor's Throne, the Southern Heaven Red Deity of the Celestial Heavens. She was also the head of the phoenix race under Mother Earth! This woman is actually her master, so who could she be?'

What made him even more fearful was Qi Xiayu's experiences. Qi Xiayu was first a subordinate of Mother Earth, then she was a general under the North High Emperor Celestial Heavens. When the High Emperor Era was wiped out, she was defeated and captured, thus turning towards the extraterritorial celestial heavens.

After submitting to the extraterritorial celestial heavens, Qi Xiayu even got together with Li Youran, one of the four great heavenly kings of Founding Emperor, also known as Sakra Buddha later.

These relationships were very complicated, and as a result, Qi Xiayu's character received criticism.

However, what if all these experiences were already planned long ago?

What if Qi Xiayu's every movement was being controlled by this woman behind the screen?

"Have the injuries on master's body erupted again?" Qi Xiayu's voice rang out again.

The woman behind the screen said, "Ever since you left, they would erupt once or twice every several hundred months. I no longer count how many times they have erupted now. I have probably gotten used to it."

"If master can find Dao Ancestor or Brahma Buddha, you might be able to get rid of these injuries."

"It's useless, Dao Ancestor came and took a look before, he said he's helpless."

Qin Mu was entranced in listening. That girl named Yan'er lifted up his teacup and signaled for him to drink. Qin Mu hurriedly took the cup and drank a mouthful before putting it down to continue listening.

That girl sat down beside him and held a shaved peach to the side of his mouth. Qin Mu wanted to take it, but Yan'er shook her hand. Qin Mu could only bite, swallowing it whole. He whispered, "Big Sister Yan'er, let me do it myself."

The girl called Yan'er burst into laughter. "You really call every girl big sister."

The other girls also burst into laughter.

Qi Xiayu seemed to sense something and became wary. "Master is hiding a man in the palace? I heard the voice of a man!"

The woman behind the screen said with a smile, "It's an old friend of mine that has come to visit me. You are getting suspicious again. You are too suspicious. That's why your life isn't blissful."

Qi Xiayu got up and walked over with a smile. "Since it's master's old friend, I naturally have to meet the senior."

She quickly moved to the back of the hall and said with a smile, "Why does senior need to hide? Junior Qi Xiayu is here to pay my respe... Why is it you?"

She opened her eyes wide and saw a sunshine-looking youth sitting on a praying mat. Several girls nestled against him, and they were all trying to feed this youth peaches.

Qin Mu was currently chewing on a peach, and the juices filled his mouth. He looked awkwardly at her and said with a smile, "Red Deity, no need to be too courteous."

Qi Xiayu was furious and walked over while gritting her teeth. "The flirter beside the traitor. You actually came to my teacher's place to flirt around. I shall send you off to hell today!"

At this moment, the woman behind the screen coughed, and her voice rang out. "Xiayu, he is my esteemed guest, you cannot be rude!"

Chapter 844: Woman in the Painting

Qi Xiayu gave a fierce stare at Qin Mu and Qin Mu smiled helplessly. The girls beside him continued to send peaches to his mouth so Qin Mu could only continue to eat.

Qi Xiayu looked at his distressed state and didn't know if she should be angry or if she should laugh. With a straight face, she said, "Stop eating! They are green sparrows, South Deity had gifted them to my teacher and they always loved to serve people, that is also what makes them annoying. They would always put food in their mouths to feed you like a mother bird feeding a baby bird. Furthermore, they have no restraint so be careful of being stuffed to death!"

Qin Mu came to a realization. No wonder these girls kept like to feed him.

"Has Big Sister Qi been fed by them using mouth to mouth?" Qin Mu had a weird expression and he couldn't help imagining the sight of these girls feeding Qi Xiayu, thus he asked.

Qi Xiayu's face turned slightly red. "They fed me before when I was young... Bah! You are still eating? Are you not going to get up?"

That girl called Yan'er giggled. "Cult Master Qin, we can also bite on peaches to feed you, we can even feed you tea."

Qin Mu's mind was shook. This sight was simply erotic and even thinking about it was making his body hot.

He was already no longer the innocent youth back then. After seeing "Romantic Dairy of the Capital City", he knew about some stuff and this kind of sight made him unable to control himself.

The youth got up in a hurry and said, "I'm not drinking anymore! I'm also not eating anymore! Big sisters, thank you for the care! Big Sister Qi..."

"Don't call me big sister, we aren't familiar!"

Qi Xiayu's expression darkened and swept her sleeves as she turned around, her rainbow-colored clothes that were like the feathers of a phoenix covered Qin Mu's gaze. She walked towards the hall and sneered. "Master, why have you brought this lecher over? Your peach forest is so complicated that without Master's zither notes guiding me, it would have been hard for me to enter as well. You had clearly let him come in!"

Qin Mu wiped his mouth and followed her to the hall.

The woman behind the screen said, "Who says I was the one that had let him in? Heaven Duke was the meddlesome one, he hung a star in the sky to guide the path for him, disrupting the spell in my peach forest. I had already crushed that star of Heaven Duke so that he won't glance over."

Qi Xiayu said, "Heaven Duke can't even protect him yet he still is so restless."

Yan'er and those girls moved the jade tea set and praying mat over to let Qin Mu take a seat.

Qin Mu sat upright and ignored those cute maidens. He also ignored the tea that was brought to his mouth.

Yan'er took a sip of tea and moved her mouth to the side of his face as she looked at him in anticipation.

'Monk Ming Xin had gifted me a heart sutra which can compose myself, how did it go?'

The youth was slightly flustered and he felt that his Dao heart had received a severe challenge. His entire mind was full of red lips so how could there be any buddhist scripture?

Qin Mu hurriedly distracted himself. 'Just now Qi Xiayu said Yan'er and the rest were green sparrows that South Deity had gifted to the woman behind the screen. In that case, Big Sister Zhu Que's relationship with this woman behind the screen isn't shallow. To be able to make friends with an existence like Big Sister Zhu Que, she mustn't be too inferior to her. In that case, the identity of this woman behind the screen is just on the tip of my tongue now...'

The woman behind the screen got Yan'er and the rest of the girls to fall back before apologizing. "Yan'er and the rest have troubled Young Master Qin, I see you are sweating from the anxiety."

Qin Mu was indeed sweating profusely from his forehead, however, when Yan'er and the rest of the girls left, he returned back to normal and was no longer ill at ease. He said with a smile, "Never would I expect Red Deity to be big sister's disciple. Red Deity had once pursued after my life before and I'm really relieved to have resolved this conflict with her."

A vein popped out on Qi Xiayu's forehead and she said, "Master, I wasn't pursuing after his life, I was pursuing the traitor. Furthermore, this man is as unreliable as the traitor, always talking frivolously, please don't believe him! He and the traitor had wrecked havoc in the twenty heavens of Buddha Realm and Brahma Buddha used them to kill the power of the celestial heavens planted there. Now, the celestial heavens has already dispatched other strong practitioners to capture the traitor."

The woman behind the screen said, "Young Master Qin, Xiayu actually has no ill intention, don't blame her. Her life has been rather bumpy, she wasn't valued in the phoenix race and restrained by Mother Earth. When Mother Earth's son became the celestial emperor of North High Emperor Celestial Heavens, she chose her to enter the palace as his concubine. She had no choice but to rebel and escape to South High Emperor Celestial Heavens."

Qin Mu's gaze sparkled and he said, "And when South High Emperor Celestial Heavens was defeated, she then submitted to the extraterritorial celestial heavens."

Qi Xiayu raised her brows but she didn't speak.

The woman behind the screen laughed and said, "When Xiayu was young, it was South Deity that had recommended her to learn under me, she is both our disciples. I originally didn't want to deal with the worldly affairs but since South Deity had an extremely close relationship with me, it wouldn't be good of me to reject when she had asked personally, thus I took her in as a disciple. Young Master Qin, there's no need to be suspicious of Xiayu. Actually, what she had done are mostly my ideas."

Qin Mu said, "Big sister is hidden in seclusion here but your heart isn't in seclusion, you still have some thoughts on wanting to change the outside world through Red Deity. However, with Red Deity's repeated betrayal, from Mother Earth to North High Emperor, from North High Emperor to South High Emperor then to the extraterritorial celestial heavens, finally to Founding Emperor Era and betraying Sakra Buddha. Even though it wouldn't be nice for me to say anything in front of Red Deity, I despise her in my heart slightly."

Qi Xiayu said indifferently, "I don't care how you view me or how the people of the world view me. However, that Li Youran is a traitor in love. He said I had betrayed him and that is twisting the truth! Not only did he betrayed me, but he also betrayed Founding Emperor and ran away to become a monk!"

Qin Mu frowned slightly.

About Sakra Buddha, there was indeed not much he could say.

The woman behind the screen said with a smile, "Xiayu is indeed too suspicious about everything but every cause has a reason. No matter if it's from her view or it's from Li Youran's view, both of them had done nothing wrong. Young Master Qin doesn't have to be strict on them."

Qin Mu sighed and said bleakly, "I'm just feeling pity for the Heavenly Works God Race. It's a pity that they were trapped to die in Paramita Ark and only a child managed to make it out alive. I pity that this only surviving child had become an old blacksmith in the end and for fear of revealing his birthrights, he had no choice but to cut off his tongue, becoming a mute willing."

His expression dimmed and his eyes became swollen when he thought of the mischievous elder in the village that kept "apa apa".

Mute was a person in the village that had suffered the most. His history and his experience were the most miserable one but Mute had never cried before, at least not in front of the villagers.

He always put on a smile and revealed the other half of his tongue in his mouth.

Even though he was very mischievous and always played tricks on Qin Mu, under his old appearance was a young heart that was causing mischief. He was just playing around with Qin Mu.

His gaze was always very pure and clean. It was as though he was still the helpless child that had managed to walk out of the seal from the corpses of his clansmen. When he had to face the darkness of Great Ruins and stumbling in the forest to continue forward helplessly.

Qin Mu didn't think Qi Xiayu or Sakra Buddha was wrong but when he stood on Mute's point of view, both of them had done too much wrong, they were so wrong that the corpses of countless Heavenly Works God Race were buried under their feet!

Qin Mu sorted out his feelings and said, "Since Big Sister isn't willing to show yourself, there's no point for me to remain at this place, I shan't disturb your reunion. I have an elder that had walked into the forest by mistake, he is a god with a black dragon spear around his waist. May big sister tell me where he is and I shall bring him to leave."

"That divine eye god's abilities are extraordinary."

The woman behind the barrier said with a smile, "He actually broke through the barrier on the outside of the peach forest and walked into the inside of the peach forest. I had no choice but to use a portion of my magic power to trap him. However, he is very intelligent. He took the space that was created when I use zither notes to receive Qi Xiayu and moved along with the zither notes, he is already in this heaven. If you go find him alone, you probably can't find him, I shall let Yan'er follow you."

Qin Mu gave his thanks and he stood up. "Big sister is hidden in seclusion here but it is currently an abyss of suffering outside. Maybe you have a thousand and one reasons why you can't come out but I only have one reason to jump into the danger."

The woman behind the screen turned her head and her earrings gently swayed.

Qin Mu revealed a smile and he said, "I can't tolerate humans being treated as livestock, I can't tolerate humans being treated as foolish, I can't tolerate them dying in ignorance. I despise Buddhism's treating this world as an illusion, I despise Dao Sect for not doing anything. I need to do something so I won't go against my conscience, even if I have to sacrifice this body, sacrifice my life, I won't hesitate, this is my duty!"

He bowed to the ground and stood up to say solemnly, "I can't see big sister's true appearance today and I don't know if I'll ever get to see it. Maybe when big sister thinks about me again, I might already have died in battle. Farewell."

He turned around to walk out of the hall.

The woman behind the screen suddenly said, "Wait a moment!"

Qin Mu stopped in his footsteps and that woman called Qi Xiayu over. Qi Xiayu walked to the back of the screen and that woman instructed her. Qi Xiayu walked out of the screen and came to Qin Mu, holding a scroll in her hands.

The woman behind the screen said, "Young Master Qin, please accept this. Don't open it first, take a look after you leave the peach forest."

Qin Mu was puzzled and accept the scroll. He walked out of the palace.

Outside the palace, that girl called Yan'er was holding a lantern and waiting for him. She grinned and said, "Young Master, please follow me."

Qin Mu smiled back and Yan'er took out a grape from somewhere to feed him. Qin Mu hurriedly shook his head. "Sister Yan'er, I'm already full, I'm really full!"

Yan'er face dimmed. She carried the lantern and walked out in disappointment.

Qin Mu couldn't bear to see her disappointed and Yan'er became happy again. She quickly sent the grape into his mouth.

The grape was very sweet and also a little acerbic.

Yet in the next moment, a peach appeared in Yan'er's hand and Qin Mu took a bite with a black face.

In the hall, the luminous pearls were still very bright. The master and the disciple didn't speak for a long time.

Suddenly, Qi Xiayu said, "Why didn't master meet him?"

The woman behind the screen was silent for a moment and smiled bitterly. "I'm now crippled so why do I need to meet him? He has taken away my painting so he would understand today's meeting in the future. This meeting in the peach forest was only a chance encounter. He has never thought about what has become of the Heaven Alliance he had created. The Heaven Alliance from back then is still Heaven Alliance but the people have long changed..."

Qin Mu followed Yan'er and shut his mouth tightly. He was adamant in not taking any more food from her no matter how distressed she looked. Even when she used her mouth, he also ignored the temptation and had a very firm look.

Yan'er was helpless and ignored him in a fuming manner.

Finally, Qin Mu found Blind who was wandering around in the depths of the peach forest. Blind was astonished at his arrival and asked him. Qin Mu talked about his encounter in the palace and said, "Grandpa Blind, you have been trapped here for a month, the master of the peach forest won't meet you, let us leave."

Blind said, "I can't find the way out."

"No worries elder, I know the way."

Yan'er grinned at him and her eyes lighted up. She took out a bright red peach and asked, "Elder, do you eat peaches?"

Blind gave his thanks, only to see this girl sending the peach to his mouth. Blind couldn't help being bewildered. 'Why is this girl so eagerly attentive?'

Qin Mu let out a sigh of relief and thought to himself. 'Grandpa Blind is in for a ride. Luckily there's Grandpa Blind beside me, this saves me the trouble.'

When Yan'er brought them out of the peach forest, the sky outside has already turned bright. Blind's belly was already swelling from the food fed by this girl and simply couldn't eat anymore. However, because Yan'er was too eagerly attentive, he couldn't take it when she tried to use her mouth so he just grabbed the food from her to chomp down. He was so stuff that veins were popping out of his head.

Qin Mu walked out of the forest and immediately unscrolled the painting.

A ray of sunshine shone down on the painting from the east. In the painting was a woman standing under the moonlight, it was peaceful yet laden with grief.

This painting was done by Qin Mu himself.

Qin Mu scrolled back the painting and put it into his taotie sack silently. He turned back and looked at the peach forest.

'Celestial Venerable Yue, we shall meet again in the future.'

Yan'er scuttled to and fro in the peach forest and she suddenly transformed into a green sparrow to fly with her wings. After a moment, the green sparrow returned back to Qin Mu and Blind. She landed down and transformed into weeping Yan'er. "I can't go back anymore, Goddess doesn't want me anymore!"

Qin Mu burst out in laughter and said, “In that case, Sister Yan’er can follow us and travel in the mortal world.”

Yan’er’s eyes lighted up and she flipped her hand to take out a peach.

Blind hurriedly scuttled away and escaped into the distance. He cried out, “Mu’er, I can’t take this no more, you can slowly enjoy them!”

Chapter 845: Interesting Events of the Southern Border

Qin Mu ate the peach with a sullen face as he walked into the Dao Sect Academy. He turned around and looked back, the thousand miles of peach blossoms remained, the flowers swaying in the spring breeze.

The girls in the peach forest also remained, hiding in seclusion.

Qin Mu knew that Celestial Venerable Yue wouldn’t remain in this forest forever. If there was an opportune moment, she would definitely come out of seclusion.

The peach blossom forest was a special heaven—it existed in the Primordial Realm. This meant that Celestial Venerable Yue still bore unwillingness to give up the secular world. She had the desire to return, and she was yet to be completely cut off from the emotions of the world.

Her taking Qi Xiayu in as a disciple was proof of this.

As her disciple, Qi Xiayu would enter and travel the secular world on her behalf—she symbolized Celestial Venerable Yue’s desire to return to the secular world.

Even more curiously, Qi Xiayu was recommended to Celestial Venerable Yue by South Deity Zhu Que, and so she could also be considered to be South Deity Zhu Que’s disciple.

As such, this was an interesting situation.

“Qi Xiayu is the disciple of both South Deity and Celestial Venerable Yue. Both of them have trained her well, allowing her to become a strong practitioner of the Emperor’s Throne. Having undergone multiple betrayals, she grew from a leader of the phoenix race under Mother Earth to the Red Deity of the Southern Heaven.”

Qin Mu chewed on the peach until only the kernel was left. His gaze flickered as he revealed an amused smile and thought, ‘The Guardian Pavilion of the celestial heavens is in possession of the jade scroll runes of South Deity Zhu Que. Evidently, there have long been plans to replace South Deity Zhu Que. In response, South Deity Zhu Que started to groom a successor during the High Emperor Era, eliminating the previous Red Deity first and then training her successor to become the next Red Deity. When the celestial heavens decide to kill her, she will then fake her own death and escape, allowing Red Deity Qi Xiayu to inherit her power. She will lose nothing while hiding in the shadows.’

Qin Mu blinked. Sister Zhu Que, standing at the head of the ship on the celestial river in her red clothing, was unexpectedly sly.

Blind didn't return to Dao Sect Academy—it seemed that he was fearful of Miss Yan'er and thus decided to escape.

In regards to his safety, Qin Mu was unworried. Blind had a burning curiosity, but it was already extremely rare to cultivate god eyes and god mind's eyes; moreover, his attainments in formation skills were second to none in the Eternal Peace Empire. As long as he didn't seek death on purpose, he wouldn't be in danger.

Celestial Venerable Yu wasn't very interested in algebra, yet he still managed to learn most of it in the past few days. The dragon qilin was better than him, while only the water qilin kept dozing off in class.

Qin Mu requested for dismissal from Dao Master Lin Xuan. "Dao Master will require the assistance of an expert to break through the Divine Bridge Realm and open up the Celestial River Divine Treasure. If you are unable to find such an expert, go to Surging River Academy and look for First Ancestor Human Emperor, he has this ability."

Dao Master Lin Xuan expressed his thanks, "Cult Master, please don't worry. The sect master of Clear Sky Heaven should have this ability as well. Where do you intend to go after leaving the Dao Palace?"

"I intend to head to Li River Academy, Jade Capital Academy, River Tomb Academy, Imperial College, and the other academies to take a look and to study the results of the reform over the past years."

Qin Mu looked around and continued in a low voice, "When the seal of the Primordial Realm broke, both the real and fake Mother Earth emerged and battled against each other, resulting in great losses on both ends. This is why there hasn't been any movement from either. However, one of them is supported by the ancient Celestial Emperor, while the other is an ancient god—neither of them will remain quiet for long, they are simply waiting for the appropriate moment. When both Mother Earths act up again, the Dao Sect will not be able to stop them, and even the Eternal Peace Empire won't be able to withstand this. If the Dao Sect is in danger, Dao Master should lead the scholars into the peach forest to ensure your safety."

Dao Master Lin Xuan replied, alarmed, "Cult Master, did you find anything out of the ordinary when you entered the peach forest?"

"The one within the peach forest is a friend of mine, they bear no ill intentions."

Qin Mu didn't elaborate further. "In the coming days, Dao Master should send people to start gathering mortals from all over the world. We should be prepared when both the Mother Earths act up again. It would be meritorious if more people could be saved."

Qin Mu took his leave.

Dao Master Lin Xuan looked to the peach forest and thought, 'An old friend of Cult Master Qin? He certainly has a wide circle of friends.'

Qin Mu left the Dao Sect Academy and headed towards the southern border. Peach kernels dangled all over the dragon qilin's head. The dragon qilin sensed that the girl beside Cult Master was still slicing peaches and feeding him.

Qin Mu was so full he released continuous burps. Upon finally finishing Yan'er's stash of peaches, he let out a sigh of relief. "There's nothing else to feed me with, is there?"

Yan'er quickly said, "I'm fast, I will fly back to the peach forest and pluck more for you, you don't have to wait for me!"

Qin Mu immediately held on to her hand and begged, "Good sister, please stop feeding me. I really cannot eat anymore. I will make you some spirit pills, you can feed them instead."

The dragon qilin, water qilin, and Celestial Venerable Yu revealed expressions of anticipation.

Qin Mu concocted over a dozen cauldrons of spirit pills in one shot, categorizing them and organizing them carefully. He pointed out to Yan'er which ones were for the dragon qilin, which were for the water qilin, and which were suitable for Celestial Venerable Yu, stating, "Don't overfeed them, they'll grow fat."

Yan'er took the spirit pills excitedly. Only god knows where she kept them, but they would reappear in her hands with a flip of her palm.

She hopped between the dragon qilin and water qilin, feeding the three of them busily. Happiness filled her heart, and she felt a sense of fulfillment that she had never experienced before.

Qin Mu watched this scene and grimaced. 'It won't take long before the three of them grow as round as balls... The spirit herbs in my taotie sack are also running out, we should find a city to stop by and replenish the herbs.'

Days passed, and Qin Mu had completely used up his spirit herbs. The Eternal Peace Empire of today was simply too vast. Qin Mu was unable to locate any cities along the way, so they could only continue hurrying along their journey.

Yan'er couldn't sit at ease now that she was no longer able to feed them. Qin Mu quickly assured her, "In just over ten days, we will reach Li River Academy. There, we will be able to purchase more herbs. Sister Yan'er, please bear with it a little longer."

After a couple of days, Yan'er could bear it no longer. She transformed into a little green sparrow and flew off as she cried out, "I will go look for food, go on without me, I will catch up with you soon!"

Qin Mu was unable to stop her in time. He could only watch as the little green sparrow quickly flew off into the boundless divine mountains and disappeared amidst the divine rays.

Qin Mu had no choice but to let the dragon qilin continue on their way.

Soon after, the sky suddenly darkened. The group raised their heads only to see a large bird with green wings swooping over. Its wings spanned for miles, and it had razor-sharp claws that looked as though they were forged out of metal and stone. Gripped in its claws was a formidable-looking devil god.

The devil god was more than 100 yards tall and seemed to be a powerful half-god. However, now that he was caught and immobilized by the green bird, he wore a dejected look on his face, as though merely waiting for death to come.

The group was dumbstruck by this sight.

Yan'er's voice emerged from the beak of the green bird, she cried out, "I found food! Fatty Dragon, you have the biggest appetite. Open your mouth, I will drop this in your mouth!"

The dragon qilin opened his mouth, but upon realizing that he wouldn't be able to stomach it, he shook his head quickly. "Sister Yan'er, I eat spirit pills, how could I eat meat? Moreover, this devil god is still alive, it's not cooked..."

The green bird folded its wings and landed, rolling the devil god on his back with a single sharp claw. "Wait, it will be cooked shortly."

She opened her beak—divine flames raging in her mouth—ready to grill this devil god well-done.

Everyone was stunned at this.

The dragon qilin looked towards Qin Mu. Qin Mu's head started to hurt as he immediately responded, "Sister Yan'er, we don't eat this."

The green bird bewilderedly released the devil god and said, "It's very delicious. When I was young, I ate this a lot. Why don't you try it?"

The devil god shivered in fear, laying flat on the ground and not daring to move even an inch.

Qin Mu didn't know whether to laugh or cry. "Gods and devils aren't part of our diet. Sister Yan'er, you don't have to waste your efforts on our rations."

The devil god's gaze flickered as he tried to sneak off. Almost immediately, he was seized by one of the green bird's claws.

Doubtfully, the green bird asked, "You really don't want to eat this?"

Qin Mu, Celestial Venerable Yu, and the dragon qilin shook their heads in unison. The water qilin hesitated. He had the desire to eat, but since his master also shook his head—being unable to deviate—he had no choice but to shake his head in consensus, thinking to himself, 'What a pity, I have never had the chance to eat gods and devils before...'

The green bird pecked on the devil god, picking him up and swallowing him down as the group watched on in fear. She transformed back into the green-clad dainty girl and leaped onto the head of the dragon qilin moodily.

Cold sweat rolled down the dragon qilin's forehead profusely as he thought to himself, 'Where exactly did Cult Master abduct this girl from? How formidable and brutal...'

Soon enough, the green-clothed girl flew off again and brought back many fruits to feed them. Although the dragon qilin and water qilin didn't like to eat fruits, they forced themselves to anyway.

Finally, they reached the Li River Academy. It was located near the southern seas, and just a few divine mountains away was the territory of the remaining survivors of Crimson Light. They were an extremely powerful race, and as such, this area was considerably tranquil.

Qin Mu went to meet with Chancellor Ba Shan, and just as he expressed his reason for dropping by, he heard the miserable whines of the green bull, who was getting beaten up by the dragon qilin.

Qin Mu pretended not to hear it only to hear the water qilin beating the green bull this time. Celestial Venerable Yu sat before Chancellor Ba Shan tamely, also pretending that he heard nothing.

Chancellor Ba Shan ran out hurriedly and caught the dragon qilin and water qilin beating up the green bull together. His face darkened, and he turned around angrily. "Junior Brother, hurry up and break up this fight!"

Qin Mu and Celestial Venerable Yu promptly chided them and pulled them apart.

The green bull crawled up and yelled, "Just you wait! I will ask my godfather to come! You better stay here!" With that, he left angrily.

The dragon qilin and water qilin stood up, putting their hands on their waists and looking proud of themselves as they replied, "It doesn't make a difference if you ask your godfather to come, even if you ask your grandfather to come, we will still beat you up!"

"I have long found this bull to be an eyesore. Always holding that peony in his mouth and scrunching his bull nose up to the sky!"

Chancellor Ba Shan sighed in relief, turning to Qin Mu. "You may not know this, but the Li River Academy is different from other academies. We are split into many different skills and factions here. There are my Battle Techniques Faction and Chancellor Yu Zhaoqing's Nature Faction—even Crimson Light Son of God of the Creation Faction comes down to give lessons. These few days, Teacher Heaven Knife and Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher are here together to help forge the city defenses and teach martial arts and knife skills."

"Grandpa Butcher and Martial Arts Heavenly Teacher Guan Cha are both here?"

Qin Mu was overjoyed to hear this news. Suddenly, he remembered something and probed, "So who exactly is the green bull's godfather?"

The sound of the dragon qilin and water qilin calling out traveled indoors. The dragon qilin cried out, "Big Brother Sanduo, I didn't know he was your godson. Please stop hitting me! Senior Brother Sanduo, do you remember how we smoked water pipes together... Big Sister, save me—"

As they were listening to the commotion, a white figure flashed by. A young girl of eight to nine years of age sprinted in and headed straight towards Qin Mu, her white fox tail bobbing around behind her. She suddenly sprinted to Qin Mu's side, circling him as she transformed into a white fox and climbed atop his shoulder. A few of her tails wrapped around his neck, and she climbed onto his head, finally covering his entire face with the rest of the furry white tail.