#### **SOVEREIGN 1081**

Chapter 1081: Split in Three

"Young Master, I overheard something interesting."

The old man quickly changed the topic after he saw his Young Master began to reminisce about the past with great sorrow.

The grey-clad young man was none other than the First Young Master of Lu Clan, Lu Song.

Lu Song's burning gaze landed on the old man before he asked him in a deep voice, "Is it related to Duan Ling Tian?"

"Yes." The old man nodded.

"Speak," Lu Song said.

"Today, Clan Leader offered a reward for anyone within the Northern Mountain Land and the Southern Outer Land who's able to present him with a rare item," the old man said.

"A reward? How's a reward given by the Clan Leader related to Duan Ling Tian?" Lu Song asked with a frown.

"What if Duan Ling Tian's the one who's offering the reward?" The old man questioned.

"Oh?" Lu Song's interest was piqued when he heard this.

"What item is the Clan Leader looking for on behalf of Duan Ling Tian?"

"They are looking for a rare medicinal material known as the Soul Stabilizing Grass," the old man explained what he had overheard. At the same time, a life-like painting of a grass appeared in his hand.

"This copied painting was distributed by the Clan Leader... He's looking for this grass," the old man added.

"I have never seen such a grass." Lu Song frowned and shook his head after taking a look at the painting. "Do you know what Duan Ling Tian wants to do with this grass?"

"I did not hear anything about that." The old man shook his head. "Although I'm unaware of why he wants this grass... I'm sure this grass is extremely important to him, and he desperately wants it."

"How come?" Lu Song looked at the old man skeptically.

"Young Master, do you know what's offered by the Clan Leader and Duan Ling Tian as a reward for finding that grass?" The old man asked.

"Hurry up! Just tell me the answer. How would I know the answer to such a question?" Lu Song said impatiently.

"Duan Ling Tian promised a grade one spirit weapon and ten grade one Life Recovery Pills as a reward for that grass!" The old man enunciated each word carefully.

His eyes sparkled and with greed when he mentioned the grade one spirit weapon.

Although he was a Martial Monarch powerhouse, the best spirit weapon he possessed was merely a grade two spirit weapon.

Although the Lu Clan had several grade one spirit weapons, he did not get one due to his current status and position.

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He might have a chance to obtain a grade one spirit weapon if the Young Master he served became the Clan Leader of Lu Clan.

"Grade one spirit weapon?!"

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Lu Song accidentally snapped the wooden sword in his hand after he heard the old man's words. However, he did not seem to notice what he had done.

His gaze was fixed on the old man before him. "Are you sure it's a grade one spirit weapon?"

"Yes." The old man nodded with certainty. "I've already verified it."

"There are only four grade one spirit weapons in our clan... Our Clan Leader would go so far as to give up one of them?" A hint of jealousy appeared in Lu Song's eyes and on his face.

"The grade one spirit weapon that's offered as a reward isn't from our clan," the old man said and shook his head.

"Not a grade one spirit weapon from our clan?" Lu Song was stunned. He asked, "Duan Ling Tian is going to provide the grade one spirit weapon for the reward? I believe he's capable of refining grade one Life Recovering Pills... However, the Guild Master of the Weapons Craftsmen Guild's Main Guild is the only person able to craft grade one spirit weapons in the entire Southern Outer Land."

"A grade one spirit weapon is an extremely rare item in Southern Outer Land... Many Martial Monarchs from second-rate forces do not even have a grade one spirit weapons," Lu Song said.

Based on the way he spoke, it was obvious Lu Song did not believe Duan Ling Tian was capable of crafting grade one spirit weapons.

"Young Master, don't forget that Duan Ling Tian is a grade one alchemist. As long as he's willing, he can always use grade one medicinal pills to exchange for a grade one spirit weapon," the old man said.

"Now that you mentioned it, this is highly possible... It seems like there's a lot of treasure on Duan Ling Tian." Lu Song nodded as his eyes flashed. Greed filled his face.

"This might be a chance for us..." Lu Song murmured to himself. He smiled slyly as if he was thinking of something sinister.

"A chance?" The old man was puzzled

"Yes, a chance... A chance to kill Duan Ling Tian!" Lu Song's eyes gleamed coldly as his gaze fell on the broken wooden sword.

"Little Huai, rest assured big brother will avenge you! I'm not qualified to be your big brother if I don't shred Duan Ling Tian into a million pieces," Lu Song said as he looked at the wooden sword. The old man's eyes brightened suddenly after he heard Lu Song's words. He knew his Young Master would not have confidently said that if he was not certain. He looked forward to seeing how things would unfold.

"Young Master, how do you plan on killing Duan Ling Tian?" The old man could not resist asking.

Lu Song explained the plan that he had just came up with a moment ago without any hesitation.

After that, Lu Song looked at the old man and asked, "What are your thoughts on this plan?"

"You are wise, Young Master!"

A wide grin could be seen on the old man's face after he listened to the plan. "It seems like this time around, we'll also be making a small fortune apart from avenging little Young Master."

Lu Song could not help but feel smug after he listened to the old man's praise.

"Duan Ling Tian, just wait for it!" Lu Song's eyes were filled with killing intent when he thought of the purple figure.

A huge web of conspiracy was approaching Duan Ling Tian with him being unaware. Those people were waiting for him to fall into the trap they set up.

All the injuries on Duan Ling Tian that was caused by Feng Tian Wu finally healed after he consumed the Life Recovering Pill and rested for a few days. All that remained was a scar on his chest.

The Life Recovering Pill could have completely healed the scar, but Duan Ling Tian left it there on purpose.

'Let it be. It's a reminder of an unforgettable memory,' Duan Ling Tian thought as he touched the scar on his chest while he was showering. A faint smile hung on his face.

After showering, he freshened up and then sat on his bed to cultivate.

The room was empty apart from him and the empty ice coffin. As for Tian Wu, he had gotten a maid to move her into a neighboring room.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Roving Dragon Form!

Duan Ling Tian fell deep into his cultivation. He was holding two different Concept Fragments in his hands as he comprehended the Concepts and cultivated at the same time.

"En? Why do I feel like something's not right?"

Shortly after, Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes. There was a puzzled expression on his face as though a question had stumped him.

"This is not the first time... Previously when I was comprehending two different Concepts, it didn't feel like this." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and shut his eyes again to continue his cultivation and comprehending the two different Concepts.

Soon after, he opened his eyes again.

"What's the problem?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. He did not understand what went wrong.

He felt something was wrong every time he tried to comprehend two different Concepts through two Concept Fragments since the time he left the Crimson Sky Kingdom. Duan Ling Tian always felt distracted whenever he attempted to comprehend the Concepts.

The distraction occasionally occurred when he was trying to comprehend one concept. Then the frequency increased when he tried to comprehend another Concept.

"I must find out the cause this time." Duan Ling Tian was confounded. It had greatly affected his efficiency in comprehending Concepts.

As time passed, Duan Ling Tian experimented over and over again as he tried to find the cause of the distraction when he was comprehending Concepts.

After an hour of experimenting, he finally found the cause.

"This can't be right?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned when he figured out the answer.

If there was another person in the room observing Duan Ling Tian, they would have noticed a total of three different Concept Fragments in Duan Ling Tian's hands.

Just a moment ago, he discovered he could simultaneously comprehend three different Concepts through three corresponding Concept Fragments. Moreover, the speed of Duan Ling Tian's comprehending the three Concepts was quite fast.

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More importantly, the feeling of being distracted was gone.

"Ah, I see. I'm distracted due to my consciousness splitting... It should be the side effect from that time in the Crimson Sky Kingdom when I was devilified by Devilseal Tablet for the second time."

It was not hard for Duan Ling Tian to figure this out.

He still remembered the reason why he could comprehend two different Concepts simultaneously through two different Concept Fragments. It was the side effect of being devilified by the Devilseal Tablet.

At that time, his consciousness was forcefully split into two.

This time his consciousness was forcefully split into three. That was what allowed him to simultaneously comprehend three different Concepts.

"In conclusion, this side effect is beneficial to me... It's the total opposite of the other side effect where I can't control my emotion. The latter only caused me problems while the former is helping me." Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief after he discovered the cause of the distraction.

It was always better to be aware of something than to stumble blindly in the dark.

"I didn't expect the problem that had been plaguing me for so long is due to my consciousness being split into three." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled bitterly.

"My consciousness has split into three... I'm able to comprehend three different Concepts at the same time! The speed of my comprehension is almost double compared to before."

Duan Ling Tian felt extremely satisfied when he thought about this. At the same time, he shut his eyes and continued to focus on his cultivation

In his hands, there were three Concept Fragments to assist him in comprehending the three types of Concepts.

Chapter 1082: Success Rate of Forming the Pill

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was totally immersed in his cultivation and comprehending the Concepts.

Comprehending three different Concepts at once gave him a whole new feeling. It was extremely satisfying and not something he had ever experienced before.

After cultivating for one night, Duan Ling Tian was very happy even though there was no substantial improvement in his strength. He was glad his consciousness was split into three, and he could comprehend three different concepts at once.

"Elder Duan!"

Duan Ling Tian who had just finished freshening up when the sun was high in the sky heard a servant calling out to him outside his door.

"Yes?" When Duan Ling Tian opened his door, the servant outside passed him a Spatial Ring and said, "Elder Duan, the Clan Leader asked me to hand this over to you."

"The Clan Leader was here?" Duan Ling Tian was a little surprised when he heard the servant's words. He took the Spatial Ring from the servant.

"Yes." The servant nodded. "Clan Leader came early this morning. He left this Spatial Ring to me before he left because he didn't want to disturb your rest, Elder Duan."

Duan Ling Tian nodded and twirled the Spatial Ring in his hand for a while before returning to his room. After he closed the door, he pricked his finger to establish a Blood Ownership Claim with the Spatial Ring.

"It seems like the Clan Leader is quite anxious."

He shook his head and smiled before he looked inside the Spatial Ring.

He knew what the Clan Leader wanted him to do.

Just like he had expected, there were many medicinal materials in the Spatial Ring. Additionally, there was a list that listed several types of grade one pills that the Lu Clan wanted him to refine.

However, the requested number of pills made Duan Ling Tian speechless.

"Are they looking down on me?"

Duan Ling Tian could not help but smile bitterly after glancing at the pile of medicinal materials in the Spatial Ring and the amount of grade one pills jotted down on the list.

Based on the requested number of grade one pills on the list, only 30% of the medicinal materials in the Spatial Ring was needed.

"I would only use 30% of the medicinal materials at the most to form the number of requested grade one pills on the list... Well, since the Clan Leader wants to gift me the medicinal materials, I can only accept it," Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as a bright smile appeared on his face.

If the Lu Clan's Clan Leader, Lu Rui was around to hear what Duan Ling Tian said, he would have been rendered speechless.

In Lu Rui's opinion, the number of medicinal materials he provided was a little insufficient considering the number of grade one pills requested on the list.

Ordinarily, a grade one alchemist would find it difficult to form the number of grade one pills requested on the list even if he depleted all the medicinal materials in the Spatial Ring.

That was because the success rate of a grade one alchemist in forming pills was usually between 20% to 30%. In fact, they rarely exceeded 30%.

Even the Guild Master of Alchemist Guild's Main Guild in the Southern Outer Land had a success rate of around 25% when it comes to refining pills.

In the Lu Clan's 10,000 years of history, the only one who had more than 30% of success rate in forming grade one pills was the founder of Lu Clan.

Among the tens of grade one alchemists in the later generation, the highest success rate they had was at 28%.

The task he gave Duan Ling Tian needed a success rate of 30% to fulfill it.

Naturally, he was not trying to find fault with Duan Ling Tian.

He would not be unhappy even if Duan Ling Tian depleted all the medicinal materials in the Spatial Ring and still failed to form the requested number of grade one pills on the list.

He did this to test Duan Ling Tian's medicine refinement level.

After all, all he knew about that Duan Ling Tian was that he could manifest grade one Pill Fire, and he was a grade one alchemist with a profound insight on the Medicine Refinement Dao.

As for Duan Ling Tian's actual medicine refinement level, he knew nothing about it.

Fortunately, Duan Ling Tian was not aware of Lu Rui's thoughts. Otherwise, he would have scoffed at him.

The Clan Leader wanted to test if his success rate of forming grade one pills would exceed 30%?

They looked down on him too much!

It should be noted that he had the Rebirth Martial Emperor's techniques and life-long experience in refining medicine. In terms of refining medicine, there was no difference between him and the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

As long as he was not distracted, his success rate was 100%.

"These medicinal materials are necessary to refine grade one pills. They're all extraordinarily valuable... However, more than 70% of it will belong to me after today."

Before Duan Ling Tian began to refine the pills, he glanced at the pile of medicinal materials in the Spatial Ring again. The smile on his face became wider and wider.

He took a moment to calm him down before he prepared to refine the grade one pills requested on the list.

Grade one Life Recovery Pills were obviously on the list.

As for the others, there were grade one pills similar in difficulty to refine as grade one Life Recovery Pills. However, the effects were not as potent. That was why it was not as widely used as the grade one Life Recovery Pills.

Obviously, since grade one Life Recovery Pills were healing pills. It would be useful if anyone was injured.

As for the other pills, the effects were not potent as well.

"How much should the purity be at?"

After Duan Ling Tian retrieved his cauldron and prepared to refine the requested grade one pills, he suddenly thought of this. He was at a loss as to what to do next.

With his medicine refinement level, it was undoubtedly very simple for him to refine grade one pills with more than 90% purity.

"If I refine grade one pills with more than 90% purity... Will it scare the Clan Leader?" Duan Ling Tian had to consider this issue.

"Oh, well... I'll hold back my strength a little and refine pills with purity around 90%." Duan Ling Tian made a decision after he considered the help Lu Clan had provided him.

Naturally, he did not want to stand out. In fact, it was not difficult for him to refine pills with more than 95% purity.

The pills on the list were all very basic and ordinary grade one pills in Duan Ling Tian's eyes.

If he was willing, he certainly could refine the pill with more than 95% purity.

"I think pills with 90% purity are sufficient to give the Clan Leader a scare... If I refine a pill with more than 95% purity, the Clan Leader might get a heart attack."

Because Duan Ling Tian did not want to stand out, he decided not to refine the requested grade one pills with more than 95% purity for the Clan Leader of Lu Clan, Lu Rui.

90% purity would have to be enough.

Duan Ling Tian was finally done thinking things through, and he began to refine the grade one pills.

Meanwhile, the spacious central main hall in the Lu Clan was crowded with people.

The Lu Clan's Clan Leader, Lu Rui, sat on the main seat. Beneath him, a fat old man and a thin old man sat on each of his sides. Apart from the size difference, their height difference was also quite significant.

The fat one was short and looked like a ball.

The thin one was tall and looked like a bamboo.

They were among the three strongest Guardian Elders in the Lu Clan, Lu Yuan and Lu Gui.

Both were Martial Monarch powerhouses!

A group of Lu Clan's elders including Lu Sou stood beneath them. The Lu Clan's elders all had one thing in common. They were all focused on the Medicine Refinement Dao.

Almost all of the elders were grade three alchemists apart from a few who were grade two alchemists. None of them were grade four alchemists.

In the Lu Clan, there were two ways of becoming an elder.

First, non-alchemist who focused on the Martial Dao must attain cultivation at the Ninth Level Void Transformation or above.

Second, alchemists must be grade three alchemists or better.

Due to that reason, ordinary grade four alchemists in the Lu Clan were not qualified to be Lu Clan's elders unless their cultivation was at the Ninth Level Void Transformation or above.

Among those who were present, only Lu Yuan and Lu Gui were not alchemists.

In other words, they simply came just to join in the fun!

"Clan Leader, what pills did you request Elder Duan to refine?" Lu Yuan asked as he narrowed his eyes to look at Lu Rui.

After Lu Yuan said that, all the Lu Clan's elders shifted their eyes to Lu Rui. They were also curious about the matter.

Lu Rui smiled faintly as he listed the grade one pills he requested.

Initially, nobody thought anything was amiss.

However, when Lu Rui disclosed the number of grade one pills he had requested and the number of medicinal materials he gave Duan Ling Tian in the Spatial Ring, Lou Sou gasped and asked, "Clan Leader, with the number of medicinal materials you prepared for Elder Duan, he'll need at least a 30% success rate of forming pills to produce the amount of pills you requested, right?"

"30% success rate in forming pills... In our Lu Clan's history, only the founder of Lu Clan could do something like this!"

"Clan Leader, you're making things difficult for Elder Duan."

"Elder Duan won't feel dissatisfied and leave in a huff, will he?"

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The group of Lu Clan's elders discussed among themselves. Most of them were worried Duan Ling Tian would leave Lu Clan in anger due to Lu Rui's provocation.

At that time, the party that would suffer a loss would be the Lu Clan.

"Clan Leader, although I'm not an alchemist, after being in the family for such a long time, even I know that most grade one alchemists rarely achieve a 30% success rate when forming the pills," Lu Gui said with a frown.

"Clan Leader, what if Elder Duan really get angry because of this and leave the Lu Clan. It'll be a huge loss for us... Why don't I send some more medicinal materials over?" Lu Yuan added.

"Elders, please don't worry. I'm doing it to test Elder Duan's skills. I'm not trying to provoke him."

Lu Rui smiled when he saw how worried the elders were. However, he did not take them seriously. He only said, "Besides, based on my interaction with Elder Duan, he's definitely not so petty..."

"Clan Leader!"

Before Lu Rui finished speaking, he was suddenly interrupted by a loud voice from outside.

"Elder Duan asked me to hand you the pills you requested him to refine."

Chapter 1083: Not Your Ordinary Grade One Alchemist

"What?!" Lu Rui's smile froze on his face as a hint of shock and incredulity appeared in his eyes when he heard the message from outside.

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A faint sound reverberated in the air. Lu Rui had involuntarily broken the armrest. He did not seem to have noticed it as he sat there with a blank expression.

Both Lu Yuan and Lu Gui who sat beneath Lu Rui simultaneously gulped before they turned to look at Lu Rui.

"Clan Leader... You said you've just sent the medicinal materials and the list over to Elder Duan this morning?" Lu Yuan asked with a startled expression.

"Yes... How can Elder Duan finished refining the pills in one morning?" Lu Gui asked.

After the rest of the Lu Clan's elders recovered from the shock, they looked at Lu Rui with a puzzled expression. They too wanted to know what was going on.

"I don't know as well." Lu Rui shook his head as he frowned.

After a moment of silence, Lu Rui unfurrowed his brows as if he had thought of something. He muttered, "Maybe Elder Duan already has some of the pills I requested... That's why he asked someone to hand me those first." Lu Rui's voice was not loud but it was clearly heard by the Lu Clan's elders.

"That should be it."

"That's the only possibility... The types of grade one pill requested by the Clan Leader would need at least ten days to half a month to complete."

"Elder Duan is a grade one alchemist, He probably has grade one Life Recovery Pills on hand... Maybe, he sent those grade one Life Recovery Pills to the Clan Leader first."

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The group of Lu Clan's elders discussed among themselves. Each of them had their own opinion.

"Come in!" Lu Rui summoned the Lu Clan's disciple who had brought the pills over.

"Clan Leader." The Lu Clan disciple entered the hall and handed over the Spatial Ring respectfully before he turned to leave.

After the Lu Clan's disciple left, everyone's eyes shifted to Lu Rui, the Clan Leader of Lu Clan.

More accurately, their eyes landed on the Spatial Ring in Lu Rui's hands.

"Elder Duan is a knowledgeable grade one alchemist... But we don't know what's the purity of the grade one pills he refined."

"He should be stronger than Guild Master Cheng from the Alchemist Guild's Main Guild in the Southern Outer Land.

"That's not necessarily true... You should know that grade one pills refined by Guild Master Cheng sometimes have more than 70% purity."

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The group of Lu Clan's elders began to whisper among themselves. However, their eyes did not leave the Spatial Ring in Lu Rui's hands.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Lu Rui pricked a finger and dripped a drop of blood to establish a Blood Ownership Claim with the Spatial Ring.

In the next moment, he checked the space in the Spatial Ring with his mind.

When he saw the Spatial Ring was densely packed with neatly placed pill bottles, his eyes widened. "How come there are so many pill bottles? Does Elder Duan has the habit of using one pill bottle to store one pill?" On the Cloud Continent, there were many alchemists with weird temperament who liked to store one pill in one pill bottle.

He had heard of them before.

"It's too wasteful." Although Lu Rui felt that storing one pill in one pill bottle was wasteful, he still took one of the pill bottles and opened it to take a look.

He was mentally prepared to see one pill inside the pill bottle. However, his eyes widened again when he saw inside the bottle.

"Ten grade one Life Recovery Pills?" Lu Rui realized the pill bottle contained ten pills. The rich medicinal aroma wafted out. The smell invaded his nostrils and relaxed him.

In ordinary circumstances, he would have immediately discovered the difference in the grade one pills in this pill bottle from the rich medicinal aroma.

However, he was not paying attention to it.

"What about the rest of the pill bottles..." He hurriedly closed the pill bottle in his hand and check on the others. Eventually, he discovered that every pill bottle contained ten pills.

More importantly, these pills were the pills he requested on the list.

The exact types of grade one pills with the correct quantity that he requested.

"This..." Lu Rui was dumbstruck after he confirmed it.

Both Lu Yuan and Lu Gui, who sat beneath him, were puzzled. The group of Lu Clan's elders in the main hall was getting antsy. They were curious about what could make the Clan Leader lose his composure.

"Clan Leader, what's wrong?" Lu Yuan and Lu Gui asked simultaneously.

Lu Rui finally recovered after he heard their question. He took a deep breath before looking at everyone present as they all stared at him.

"The types of grade one pill I requested on the list... Elder Duan completed it. Regardless of the type or quantity, he fulfilled the request perfectly!" Lu Rui said as he looked at the group of Lu Clan's elders solemnly. His gaze was complicated.

Boom!

When Lu Rui finished his sentence, it was as though thunder had struck. Every elder, including Lu Yuan and Lu Gui the Guardian Elders of Lu clan, was stunned.

The Clan Leader's request was completed perfectly by Elder Duan?

Regardless of the type or quantity, he fulfilled it without any deviation?

It took a while for the group of Lu Clan's elders to regain their senses.

When they recovered from the shock, they began to discuss among themselves. The main hall became as noisy as a market.

"Elder Duan managed to refine all the pills requested by the Clan Leader?"

"That's impossible! How can he refine so many pills in one morning?"

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"I think he probably already has some of the pills, so he just handed them over." The statement sparked another discussion.

"Apart from that, I can't think of any other possibilities."

"Even if someone asks Guild Master Cheng of the Alchemist Guild's Main Guild in the Southern Outer Land to personally refine those pills, he probably needs ten days to half a month to fulfill it. And that's if he doesn't sleep and rest."

"Completing it in one morning? That's impossible!"

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The Lu Clan's elders quickly reached a conclusion.

Elder Duan had a sufficient number of grade one pills that the Clan Leader had requested so he just handed them over.

"If Elder Duan is asked to refine the pills with the medicinal materials given by the Clan Leader, he won't be able to refine enough pills as requested," one Lu Clan's elder said.

The others were deeply convinced by his words.

After all, that request required a 30% success rate of forming pills.

"No!" A voice filled with shock reverberated in the air and drowned out the voices of the Lu Clan's elders.

All the elders immediately looked toward the source of the voice.

It was the Clan Leader of Lu Clan, Lu Rui, who was sitting on the main seat at the very top!

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Lu Rui's hands moved as fast as lightning.

Following that, one after another pill bottles appeared in his hands. He opened them and retrieved several pills.

At the same time, a rich medicinal aroma wafted through the entire main hall. All the Lu Clan's elders immediately felt soothed and relaxed. Some of them even took a deep breath and closed their eyes in enjoyment. They all enjoyed the smell of the medicinal aroma.

Soon after, some of the Lu Clan's elders regained their senses. The shock was apparent on their faces.

"Such strong medicinal aroma... Only freshly refined pills that have not been left in the cauldron for more than a day have that aroma!" One of the Lu Clan's elders could not help chiming in.

He was one of the grade two alchemists in Lu Clan. He understood the characteristics of pills very well.

The medicinal aroma of freshly refined pills was completely different from the medicinal aroma of pills that had been refined for more than a day. Nothing could affect it, and that included pill bottles and Spatial Rings.

"All the pills have this medicinal aroma," Lu Rui said solemnly. His face still carried a blank expression. He still did not completely recover from the shock.

"How's this possible?!"

"These pills have been refined for less than a day?"

"Medicinal aroma won't lie!"

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Soon after, the main hall erupted in a clamor. All the Lu Clan's elders had a blank expression on their faces. They found this hard to believe.

In their opinion, this was almost impossible!

"This means... These pills are refined by Elder Duan within a day?" Lu Yuan asked in a daze after he gulped.

"Although I find it hard to believe, I have to believe the facts before my eyes... Elder Duan is not your ordinary grade one alchemist!" Lu Rui gasped and said after he recovered from his shock.

Lu Rui's words echoed in the ears of the stunned Lu Clan's elders.

All of them agreed with the Clan Leader.

"Does this mean... apart from being able to refine grade one pills at an unbelievable speed, his success rate is more than 30%?!"

"That seems to be the case."

"Monstrous!"

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There was another uproar among the Lu Clan's elders.

It was still acceptable if he merely refined it quickly! If even his success rate was so high, how could the others compete?

"More importantly, Elder Duan is merely a young man around the age of twenty... I thought my innate talent in refining medicine is pretty good since I managed to become a grade two alchemist at my age. However, I've wasted all those years living like a dog compared to him!" One Lu Clan's elder said before he sighed.

He was one of the few grade two alchemists in the Lu Clan.

His words brought shame to the other Lu Clan's elders. All of them lowered their heads. They felt like burying their heads in the sand.

"How's that possible?!" Shortly after, there was another shout. It shocked all the Lu Clan's elders.

They could tell it was the Clan Leader again.

Their hearts jolted before they lifted their heads to look at Lu Rui.

"Did the Clan Leader discover something else?"

Chapter 1084: The Ultimate Freak of Freaks

'Bang!'

Just as the Lu Clan elders shot their gazes at the Clan Leader Lu Rui, a loud bang was heard, jolting their hearts from fear.

All they saw was Lu Rui standing from where he was sitting as if he had lost himself, breaking the chair before it fell to the ground.

"What happened exactly? What could make Clan Leader lose himself like that!"

"It's definitely not something ordinary since the Clan Leader lost himself like that... We've to be mentally prepared."

"I thought so too."

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The Lu Clan elders whispered among themselves as they continued looking at Lu Rui and prepared to the best of their abilities to mentally prepare themselves.

Lu Rui stood at the front of the Main Hall holding a pill that dazzled in a faint glow in his hand. He had put other pills away, and Lu Rui's eyes were fixed on the pill in his hand as if he was possessed.

"What's wrong with the pill?" All of a sudden, doubt arose in the hearts of many of the Lu Clan elders.

Following that, the elders turned their attention to the pill Lu Rui was holding in his hand. The pill dazzled with a faint glow as it gave off a pleasant medicinal fragrance.

"A grade one Life Recovery Pill!" They recognized the pill at first glance.

"How... How is that possible?!" Soon, the pupils of one of the older Lu Clan elders shrunk. The shock on his face was as if he had seen something beyond belief.

The Lu Clan elder was one of the few grade two alchemists in the clan.

He was the old man who mocked himself to have wasted most of his life. "I'm afraid... the purity of this Life Recovery Pill's is only slightly above 85%?" the other Lu Clan elder who was also a grade two alchemist wore a shocked expression on his face and mumbled.

"No... It's not just 85%! The purity of this Life Recovery Pill is probably more than 90%!" Apart from the two old men and the Clan Leader, the clan's last grade two alchemist spoke as well, looking extremely serious.

#### 90%!

"A grade one Life Recovery Pill with a purity beyond... 90%?" The entire Lu Clan's Main Hall fell into dead silence as soon as the elder spoke. The jaws of the elders dropped as a look of disbelief appeared on their faces.

However, this excluded Guardian Elders Lu Yuan and Lu Gui who majored in Martial Dao.

The rest of the elders were all grade three alchemists, and although they could tell that the purity of the pill the Clan Leader was holding onto was rather high, they dared not say how high the purity was.

After all, it was a grade one pill!

They were shocked to hear what the grade two alchemist elders were saying.

"Please take a look, three elders." At that moment, Lu Rui snapped back to his senses as he stood before them. He lifted his arm and tossed the grade one Life Recovery Pill in his hand to one of the grade two alchemist elders.

All of a sudden, the other two grade two alchemist elders surrounded him.

"The purity... It's almost 91%!" Almost instantly, the three grade two alchemist elders confirmed the purity of the grade one Life Recovery Pill in their hand after a closer observation.

# 91%!

The remaining grade three alchemist elders took a cold breath with eyes and faces filled with disbelief.

"Never would I have expected that Elder Duan would not only be able to refine medicine that quickly, with that kind of success rate and an unprecedented pill purity!" Lu Yuan said in shock.

"Is Elder Duan really human?" Lu Gui mumbled as his pupils shrunk.

"If he's not even human, could he be a demon? It's almost impossible for a demon to become an alchemist, let alone that freak of a grade one alchemist!" Lu Yuan said.

"Clan Leader, how about the purity of the other pills?" The three grade two alchemist elders looked at Lu Rui with a burning desire in their eyes.

"Take a look for yourselves." Lu Rui took a deep breath and took out three medicinal pill bottles as he lifted his arm to throw the three bottles toward the three grade two alchemist elders.

The three grade-two alchemist elders took over the medicinal pill bottles and could not wait to open them.

As they poured out the pills out of the bottles, their eyes were fixated on the pills that came pouring out.

"These pills seem to be guite pure as well."

"Yeah, the purity doesn't feel like it's any lower than the grade one Life Recovery Pill."

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The bunch of grade three alchemist elders whispered among themselves.

"These pills... Their purity is 91% as well! How is this possible?!" Soon, one of the grade two alchemist elders said in disbelief after examining ten of the grade one pills in his hand.

'They're all 91% pure?'

The grade three alchemist elders around were stunned.

"The ten grade one pills in this medicinal pill bottle are all 91% pure as well!" the other grade two alchemist elder said before the crowd snapped back to their senses.

"This bottle too..." the last grade two alchemist elder proceeded to say.

'Woah!'

An uproar was heard as if thousands of voices were reverberating through the air as the three grade two alchemist elders spoke.

"How is that possible?"

Even Lu Yuan and Lu Gui who were considered outsiders could not help but feel shocked, "Isn't the pill purity in medicine refinement very difficult to control for an alchemist?"

"Yes, that's right," a grade two alchemist elder nodded. "When we alchemists refine medicine, there would always be unforeseen circumstances... Therefore, it would be very difficult to refine medicine with a precise purity figure."

"We can usually maintain it within a certain range," another grade two alchemist elder chimed in.

"He's capable of maintaining the pill's purity at 91%... This Elder Duan... He's the ultimate freak among all freaks!" the last grade two alchemist elder said after putting the ten pills on his hand away into the medicinal pill bottle. "According to the recordings in the Lu Clan's handbook that have been passed down for generations, even the ancestor who founded our clan could only refine grade one pills with 82% purity during his peak."

"The high purity aside... The problem is, it's completely unbelievable to be able to maintain every single grade one pill at a purity of 91%! If I didn't witness it with my own eyes, I would never believe that

anyone had the capabilities to achieve something like this," Lu Rui took a deep breath and said with a deep voice.

At this very moment, even him, the Lu Clan Leader who was was from the Alchemist Family could barely keep his cool. He had completely lost himself because this incident was too shocking!

"In the entire Cloud Continent, I'm afraid it would be difficult to find another grade one alchemist that's on the same level as Elder Duan... Other grade one alchemists... Even the Guild Master of the Alchemist Guild in the Southern Outer Land is nothing compared to him!" Lu Rui's breathing hastened as his face was filled with excitement.

"I thought Elder Duan's just an ordinary grade one alchemist... I never would've guessed that he's such a terrifying grade one alchemist!" Lu Yuan said, looking stunned.

From what the alchemists present were saying, Lu Yuan noticed how terrifying this shockingly young grade one alchemist was.

"We have Elder Duan in the Lu Clan. What else is there to worry about?" Lu Gui's eyes lit up.

"Perhaps it's time that we discuss this with the honorable Elder Duan about that thing," Lu Rui mumbled as he calmed his stirred emotion.

'Bang!'

A tower of flames majestically rose into the sky behind a spacious mansion eastward of the Lu Clan

It was from a red-clad lady who hovered in mid-air. As the flames rose from her body, the red clothes on her body flapped, making her look like an elf on fire.

'Woah!'

As flames rose from her body, Heaven and Earth Energy was rumbling above her head and formed Heaven and Earth Phenomenon eventually.

It was then that the silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared one after the other.

In a blink of an eye, the amount of ancient horned dragon silhouettes increased to 1,000. However, it was very unstable as it would fluctuate to 800 before elevating to 900. It was as if it was being restricted.

"You still can't do it?" A young, purple-clad man stood at one side and asked as he watched the red-clad lady with every ounce of his attention.

The lady merely nodded with her drop-dead gorgeous but cold.

If looked closely, one would notice there was sweat dripping down from her forehead.

The droplets that were continuously dripping formed a flowing stream down her beautiful face.

'Drip! Drip!!'

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"Get some rest," the young purple-clad man said to the red-clad lady hovering in mid-air. He was Duan Tian Lang and the red-clad lady was Feng Tian Wu.

To be exact, she was the Feng Tian Wu who lost her memory.

However, Feng Tian Wu did not rest although Duan Ling Tian asked her to. She stubbornly increased the intensity of the flame burning around her body, allowing her fragrant sweat to continue dripping.

'Bang!'

Flames shot up to the sky, and the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon above her head increased to more than 1,000 ancient horned dragon silhouettes.

However, the number of ancient horned dragon silhouettes dropped and fluctuated between 800 to 900.

"Sigh." Duan Ling Tian could not help to let out a sigh as he watched. "I never expected Tian Wu who lost her memory to lose control of her Origin Energy and Profundity... To her, it's terribly unfamiliar territory to master control over energy that she once had."

'I'm afraid... She might need some time to take full control of her energy,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

The current Feng Tian Wu no longer had a Fire Spirit Body. More precisely, she was reborn from the past Fire Spirit Body although the energy from the Fire Spirit Body that imploded in her body back then almost killed her.

During a critical moment, Duan Ling Tian who was devilized by the Devilseal Tablet inserted a mysterious black energy into her body to suppress the Fire Spirit Body's energy in her body.

The energy from the Fire Spirit Body collapsed completely after being suppressed and eventually merged into her body for her own use.

However, the Origin Energy in her body was activated by the energy from the Fire Spirit Body, causing her body to go through a drastic change.

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First Level Void Transformation Stage!

That was Feng Tian Wu's current cultivation base.

Back then, after the collapsed energy from the Fire Spirit Body merged with her Origin Energy, it helped her Origin Energy to elevate itself all the way to the First Level Void Transformation Stage.

Apart from First Level Void Transformation Stage's Origin Energy, the Concept Fragments in Feng Tian Wu's body had transformed completely into Profundity Fragments.

Now, she was a First Level Void Transformation martial artist who had mastered Fire Profundity!

Unfortunately, she had yet to fully master her power ever since she lost her memory.

However, it was something fortunate as well or the sword that was directed at Duan Ling Tian when she had just woken up from her slumber would have been much faster than before.

If that was really the case, Duan Ling Tian would be too slow to dodge it, and she might not be able to recall the sword in time, causing it to pierce Duan Ling Tian's heart.

It was quite fortunate that Feng Tian Wu had yet to fully control her strength after losing her memory or it would have been a sure death for Duan Ling Tian!

'Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!'

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Apart from Feng Tian Wu getting used to her strength, there were gushes of ear-piercing whistles coming from a sword nearby. It was Xiong Quan practicing with the sword.

"Perhaps, it's time to look for the Clan Leader... The Spirit Fruit and Profound Assimilation Formation are the 'things' that I and Xiong Quan desperately need right now!" Duan Ling Tian glanced at Xiong Quan and mumbled.

"Elder Duan!" Right at that moment, a bird-like voice not unlike an oriole came from afar but began getting closer.

"Xiao Yun?" Duan Ling Tian was doubtful as he looked at servant Xiao Yun who walked into the backyard anxiously. "What happened? Why do you look so anxious?"

"Elder Duan, the Clan Leader is here. He's waiting for you at the main hall," Xiao Yun said respectfully.

"The Clan Leader?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up and he began smiling. "Speak of the devil! I was just talking about Cao Cao and here he comes."

"Who is Cao Cao?" Servant Xiao Yun could not help but be stunned at what Duan Ling Tian said.

"Uhh..." Duan Ling Tian was stunned and realized that there was no Cao Cao in this world.

An idea flashed through his head. Duan Ling Tian, who had no idea how to explain decided to lie. "Cao Cao... is how the people in our hometown addresses the Clan Leader. Cao Cao is the Clan Leader."

"Really?" The servant Xiao Yun was a little surprised and said, "Elder Duan, please hurry... It's not good to let Cao Cao wait for too long."

Duan Ling Tian's lips twitched without him realizing after hearing what she said. The girl learned fast and applied what she learned right away.

There was a main hall in the middle of the mansion Duan Ling Tian was living in. However, he had never been here as the place was only used to welcome guests, which he never had.

"Clan Leader." Arriving outside the main hall, Duan Ling Tian noticed the familiar silhouette standing there. It was the Clan Leader of the Lu Clan, Lu Rui.

"Elder Duan." Lu Rui's eyes lit up and he stepped forward to welcome Duan Ling Tian into the main hall himself.

"Is there anything that I can do now that Clan Leader is here?" Although he figured that Lu Rui had to be here for the grade one pills that he asked someone to send to him this afternoon, Duan Ling Tian pretended to be clueless.

"Elder Duan, I've never expected your medicine refinement level to be this powerful! You've gotten to a heaven-defying level!" Lu Rui exclaimed as he looked at Duan Ling Tian with mixed feelings.

The terrifyingly young grade one alchemist before his eyes did not only have stunning medicine refining speed, his success rate was rather high as well.

The high success rate aside, its purity was ridiculously high as well! It was so heaven-defying that the purity was above 90%.

In his memory, he only knew of someone in the Cloud Continent's history who was able to refine pills with a purity beyond 90%, and that person existed 10,000 years ago.

He knew of such a person because of the ancestor who founded the Lu Clan.

The Lu Clan's ancestor left behind a handbook that was passed down to this day.

Only the Clan Leader of the Lu Clan could read the handbook while the rest did not even have the right to look at it.

According to the recordings in the handbook, their ancestor was helped and advised by this person in the past, and that was their ancestor became an outstanding grade one alchemist.

'Following what our ancestor said, the powerhouse whom he treated as his master had a comprehension far beyond a grade one alchemist in the Medicine Refinement Dao!' It was hard for Lu Rui to imagine how powerful that person was.

'From the handbook that ancestor left behind, I think that person was a Martial Emperor powerhouse! He was also the top Martial Emperor powerhouse on the Cloud Continent... Everyone called him a Rebirth Martial Emperor!' Lu Rui's heart jolted as he thought about this.

'I remember our ancestor noting in the handbook that... 'Rebirth' was the Martial Emperor powerhouse's appellation! The reason why the Martial Emperor powerhouse was given the title Rebirth was that he cultivated a powerful method.'

'As opposed to ordinary people who could only live one life... That Rebirth Martial Emperor could live three lives through that method! He was living his second life when our ancestor met him,' Lu Rui seemed to recall something when he thought at this point and completely snapped back to his senses. His eyes opened wide and were fixated on the young purple-clad man before his eyes.

It was then that his body began to shudder without him noticing. It was the shudder of his stirred emotion.

'According to the recordings in the handbook that our ancestor left behind... That Rebirth Martial Emperor would require 10,000 years to rebirth! Looking at the time, the Rebirth Martial Emperor should

be reincarnated into his third life now!' Lu Rui's became short of breath as he looked at the young purple-clad man before his eyes, 'C-could he be the Rebirth Martial Emperor?'

'If he is... His being an ultimate freak makes complete sense... The Rebirth Martial Emperor was a powerful alchemist who had knowledge of various powerful medicine refinement methods, and he should possess immense medicine refinement experiences in his blood since he was reborn!' Lu Rui became excited as he continued thinking in his mind.

# A Martial Emperor powerhouse!

The young man who was standing before him was most probably a reincarnation of a Martial Emperor powerhouse. That being said, the young man before him would most possibly become a Martial Emperor powerhouse in the future!

"Clan Leader, a-are you alright?" noticing how Lu Rui was looking at him, Duan Ling Tian got goosebumps and could not help but ask.

"Elder Duan!" After Lu Rui was snapped back to his senses by Duan Ling Tian, he took a deep breath and tried his best to suppress his stirred emotions. Then, he looked into Duan Ling Tian's eyes and asked, "Do you know... about the Rebirth Martial Emperor?"

# 'Rebirth Martial Emperor!'

What Lu Rui said was like thunder to Duan Ling Tian. He was shocked and those words jolted his heart.

'Rebirth Martial Emperor?! How does he know about the Rebirth Martial Emperor? And why did he mention about the Rebirth Martial Emperor in front of me?' Questions began to pop out as Duan Ling Tian began to experience shock.

Nevertheless, he maintained his composure and did not show a thing in his expression.

Who would know if the Lu Rui standing before him could be a descendant of the Rebirth Martial Emperor's enemy?

'The Lu Clan has existed for 10,000 years... That means the ancestor who founded the Lu Clan existed 10,000 years ago! He might really have something to do with the Rebirth Martial Emperor.'

'Moreover, he must've left some notes or handbook... Otherwise, it's impossible for Lu Rui who's the Clan Leader 10,000 years later to know of the Rebirth Martial Emperor!'

Duan Ling Tian thought of many things in the blink of an eye but as he thought this over thoroughly, he did not show any emotions on his face.

10,000 years ago, the name Rebirth Martial Emperor was heard throughout the entire Cloud Continent's Inner and Outer Lands as he was the top powerhouse in the continent.

In that era, even a three year old child would cry if he heard the name Rebirth Martial Emperor.

One could only guess how powerful the name Rebirth Martial Emperor back in the day.

"Rebirth Martial Emperor? Martial Emperor powerhouse?" Duan Ling Tian pretended to look lost. "I've never heard of that." Although Duan Ling Tian did not show any emotion on his face, Lu Rui was not one to be underestimated, especially since he was the Clan Leader of the Lu Clan. He did not believe the show that Duan Ling Tian put up, not one bit.

"Lu Zheng!" Lu Rui continued to stare into Duan Ling Tian's eyes and enunciated the two words slowly. He seemed to be confirming if Duan Ling Tian was the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

Lu Zheng was the ancestor who founded the Lu Clan 10,000 years ago. He was also an outstanding grade one alchemist.

Lu Rui believed that as long as the young man before him was the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, he would definitely know of the Lu Clan's ancestor.

"Lu Zheng?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned by instinct after hearing what Lu Rui said. He had never heard of that name.

Lu Rui was a little disappointed after seeing how Duan Ling Tian was lost in his eyes. 'Seems like I got it wrong... Elder Duan probably isn't the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor."

'Lu Zheng!' Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted as he found memories related to that name as he browsed through the memories of both lives the Rebirth Martial Emperor lived by instinct.

The Rebirth Martial Emperor loved traveling when he was living his second life. He had helped and advised many from his hobby.

Among the people he had a greater impression on was a person named Lu Zheng!

In the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, Lu Zheng had great talent in the Medicine Refinement Dao so he spent some time advising him, which made them master and disciple for a little while.

Although the Rebirth Martial Emperor did not officially take Lu Zheng as his disciple, he called the Rebirth Martial Emperor master anyway.

'10,000 years ago, not many people knew about the Three Lives Rebirth Technique that the Rebirth Martial Emperor cultivated and the cultivation method of the technique... However, Lu Zheng was among the ones who knew!' Duan Ling Tian managed to guess quite a number of things by then, including why Lu Rui asked him if he knew about the Rebirth Martial Emperor out of the blue.

Lu Rui undoubtedly would have guessed that he was the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

'Seems like this Lu Zheng was the person who founded this Alchemist Family that has been passed down for 10,000 years... Also, Lu Zheng probably left behind some notes or a handbook that mentions the Rebirth Martial Emperor for the Lu Clan descendants.' It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to figure these things out.

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'Otherwise, it's unlikely Lu Rui would know about the Rebirth Martial Emperor's existence! Moreover, he even suspects that I'm the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

'Whoosh!'

The sound of the wind whistling reverberated by his head, and he immediately lifted his head to look at the sky.

He saw a drop of fresh blood ascending into the sky from the Main Hall before it vanished in front of his eyes.

At the same time, a voice entered his ears.

"I, Lu Rui, am taking this blood oath. I'll be killed by the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation if I've any bad intention toward the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor!" Lu Rui took the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation oath.

'Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!'

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Nine claps of thunder sounded in response to Lu Rui's oath.

"Clan Leader, what're you doing?" Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

Did Lu Rui manage to confirm that Duan Ling Tian was the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor? 'It can't be.'

He had been careful since the beginning. He knew he did not let anything slip.

"Nothing... I just wanted to prove something. It's just that I thought you might be someone else," Lu Rui answered Duan Ling Tian as he shook his head.

He took such an oath because he was holding on to the last thread of hope. He wanted to confirm if Duan Ling Tian was the Rebirth Martial Emperor's reincarnation or not.

Lu Rui had no regrets even if Duan Ling Tian was not the Rebirth Martial Emperor. He had already done everything he could.

"How do you know I'm not him?" Duan Ling Tian asked as soon as Lu Rui spoke.

"Hmm?" Lu Rui was initially stunned before his eyes lit up, and his breath quickened. "Elder Duan... Do... Do you mean... You're really the Rebirth Martial Emperor?"

"I supposed." Duan Ling Tian nodded lightly. "I reincarnated through the Three Lives Rebirth Technique. I'll only be qualified to be called the Rebirth Martial Emperor if I can cultivate to the Martial Emperor Stage and rank first on Cloud Continent."

Three Lives Rebirth Technique!

When Duan Ling Tian mentioned the Three Lives Rebirth Technique, Lu Rui no longer had any doubts about Duan Ling Tian's identity. He was certain Duan Ling Tian was the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

It had been 10,000 years. The number of people on Cloud Continent who knew about the Rebirth Martial Emperor was undoubtedly small, let alone people who knew about the technique the Rebirth Martial Emperor had cultivated.

If he did not read the handbook that the Lu Clan's ancestor left behind, it was unlikely he would know about the Rebirth Martial Emperor and that the technique he cultivated would let him reincarnate three times.

"It's an honor to meet you! Please forgive me for not knowing your identity earlier." Lu Rui tried his best to suppress his chaotic emotion and bowed respectfully at Duan Ling Tian.

"Please... Call me Elder Duan like you usually do," Duan Ling Tian said softly.

"Yes." Lu Rui obediently followed Duan Ling Tian's instruction now that he knew Duan Ling Tian was the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor.

This was because he knew Duan Ling Tian was going to be a Martial Emperor in the future!

As long as he treated the young man before him well, Lu Clan would have the protection from a Martial Emperor in the future. Moreover, he might even gain some other benefits.

He had a long-term vision as the Clan Leader.

"Also... Do many people in the Lu Clan know about the Rebirth Martial Emperor?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Not many," Lu Rui responded to Duan Ling Tian's question immediately. "Everything about Elder Duan's past was recorded in the handbook left behind by our clan's ancestor, Lu Zheng. Only the Clan Leader has the right to look at it."

"Hmm." Duan Ling Tian nodded and warned, "You're the only one who knows the truth regarding my identity... Don't tell anyone about this."

"Yes," Lu Rui responded respectfully.

"Also, there's something that I need your help with," Duan Ling Tian bluntly said when he recalled the thing that he needed to talk to Lu Rui about.

"Elder Duan, please do tell! As long as it's something that I and Lu Clan are capable of doing, we'll fulfill it for you even if we have to go through hell!" Lu Rui said solemnly.

Judging from his attitude, it seemed as though he would not frown even if he had to climb mountains and go through hell.

"Well, you don't have to go through hell for this." Duan Ling Tian looked at Lu Rui and asked, "I supposed Lu Clan has a Profound Assimilation Formation?"

"Yes, we do." Lu Rui nodded.

"That's great." Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed, and he bluntly said, "I need you to activate the Profound Assimilation Formation with a huge number of Concept Fragments. I need it to elevate my Concepts!"

"That's not a problem!" Lu Rui responded immediately without thinking twice.

Concept Fragments were nothing to the Lu Clan. The clan was a second-rate force that was on the cusp of becoming a first-rate force. They basically had all the Concept Fragments they needed within reach.

They had so many Concept Fragments to the point that any Lu Clan's disciples with outstanding talent in Martial Dao and comprehension were eligible to use to the Profound Assimilation Formation to elevate their Concepts.

"I'll also need some Spirit Fruits... I want all Spirit Fruits as long as they're consumable by Void martial artists," Duan Ling Tian continued to say.

"Void Stage?" Lu Rui was stunned and proceeded to remind him, "Elder Duan, Void Stage is divided into..."

"I know there are four levels in the Void Stage... I want Spirit Fruits that are consumable by martial artists at the Void Prying Stage, Void Initiation Stage, Void Interpretation Stage, and Void Transformation Stage," Duan Ling Tian interrupted Lu Rui and said, "I need one Spirit Fruit each for the Void Prying Stage, Void Initiation Stage, and Void Interpretation Stage... Meanwhile, I need as many Spirit Fruits as you can find for the Void Transformation Stage!"

The Spirit Fruits for the Void Prying Stage, Void Initiation Stage, and Void Interpretation Stage were meant for Xiong Quan while the Spirit Fruits for the Void Transformation Stage were for him and Feng Tian Wu.

Naturally, Xiong Quan would be able to consume the other Spirit Fruits once his cultivation base rose to the Void Transformation Stage.

Xiong Quan had comprehended the Advanced Level Sword Concept. As long as he had sufficient Spirit Fruits, he would be able to break through to the Void Transformation Stage in a short period of time and become a Void Transformation martial artist.

"Yes." Although Lu Rui had no idea why Duan Ling Tian wanted the low-grade Spirit Fruits, he agreed anyway.

Put aside the fact that Duan Ling Tian was the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, he would not decline his request even if he was not due to his medicine refinement techniques.

"Go prepare it then... Also, don't forget about the Soul Stabilizing Grass," Duan Ling Tian added.

"Sure," Lu Rui replied before he turned around to leave.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed as he watched Lu Rui leave. There was a smirk on his face. "The identity of the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor is not bad."

Although he knew Lu Rui would not decline his request even if he did not pretend to be the reincarnation of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, he put on a disguise so that Lu Rui would put in all his effort.

"In Lu Rui's opinion, I'm a future Martial Emperor... Pleasing me doesn't only gain the Lu Clan my protection, he'll benefit from me as well." It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to figure out what Lu Rui was thinking.

He would think the same if he was in Lu Rui's shoes.

'Who wouldn't try to please a Martial Emperor powerhouse?'

One must admit that Lu Rui was efficient. He visited again after merely an hour.

"Elder Duan, these are the Spirit Fruits that are currently in the Lu Clan's possession... They're mainly Spirit Fruits for the Void Prying Stage, Void Initiation Stage, and Void Interpretation Stage. We only have one Spirit Fruit for a Void Transformation martial artist."

"Also, I'm planning to reward those who find Spirit Fruits for Void Transformation martial artist," Lu Rui said respectfully to Duan Ling Tian as he passed him a Spatial Ring.

"Reward? That's a good idea." Duan Ling Tian took the Spatial Ring and nodded. He proceeded to ask, "What do you plan to give as a reward to those who find the Spirit Fruits for Void Transformation martial artists? You must know that Spirit Fruits are expensive."

The higher a Spirit Fruit's grade, the more expensive it was.

The price of Spirit Fruits for Void Transformation martial artists was exorbitant.

"I'm planning to use the grade one Life Recovery Pills that Elder Duan refined as the reward... The purity and stunning medicinal efficacy of the grade one Life Recovery Pills that Elder Duan refined is enough to cause people to fight for it." Lu Rui revealed his plan. "However, I might need Elder Duan to refine more grade one Life Recovery Pills."

"That's not a problem." Duan Ling Tian was optimistic about Lu Rui's plan.

The grade one Life Recovery Pills were undoubtedly something that all martial artists needed. During critical times, it could act as a life-saving talisman to save a martial artist's life.

Especially when the grade one Life Recovery Pills that he refined had more than 90% purity, and its medicinal efficacy was many times more effective than ordinary grade one Life Recovery Pills!

Such stunning medicinal efficacy was almost as miraculous as reviving a dead person and growing flesh on bones.

"Elder Duan, when do you plan to enter the Profound Assimilation Formation? I've already prepared the Concept Fragments needed for the Formation," Lu Rui added.

"Hmm." Duan Ling Tian nodded and proceeded to perform the Blood Ownership Claim on the Spatial Ring that Lu Rui had just given him. Soon after, he saw the Spirit Fruit for Void Transformation martial artists in the Spatial Ring.

He did not consume the Spirit Fruit in the past so he was not concerned that the medicinal efficacy would drop.

"I'm planning to cultivate after consuming this Spirit Fruit... I'll look for you when it's time to enter the Profound Assimilation Formation after I'm done cultivating," Duan Ling Tian told Lu Rui his plan.

Naturally, he took Xiong Quan into consideration in his plan.

After all, Xiong Quan's current cultivation base was too weak.

If he entered the Profound Assimilation Formation with Xiong Quan, it would be difficult for Xiong Quan's current cultivation base to handle the Concept Energy in the Formation, let alone elevating his Sword Concept.

"Sure." Currently, Lu Rui would do whatever Duan Ling Tian asked of him.

"If that's the case, I won't disturb Elder Duan's cultivation." Subsequently, Lu Rui left after taking the hint.

After Lu Rui left, Duan Ling Tian went to the backyard.

He removed the Blood Ownership Claim on the Spatial Ring that Lu Rui gave him and tossed it to Xiong Quan. "Xiong Quan, I've separated the Spirit Fruits in there from left to right... Those are Spirit Fruits for the Void Prying Stage, Void Initiation Stage, and Void Interpretation Stage."

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"Spirit fruits?" Xiong Quan was stunned when he took the Spatial Ring. When he performed Blood Ownership Claim on the Spatial Ring and saw the spirit fruits, his eyes immediately brightened like a hunter who had spotted his prey.

"Y-Young Master, all these spirit fruits are for me?" Xiong Quan turned to look at Duan Ling Tian and asked as his breath quickened.

It was his first time seeing so many spirit fruits.

"Who should I give these to if not you? Tian Wu and I can't use these spirit fruits anyway," Duan Ling Tian said rhetorically.

Although Xiong Quan knew Duan Ling Tian would say something like that, he still felt inexplicably excited when he heard the confirmation from Duan Ling Tian's mouth. He hastily expressed his gratitude to Duan Ling Tian, "Thank you, Young Master! Thank you!"

"Take the spirit fruits, and go back to your room to cultivate," Duan Ling Tian said.

Xiong Quan could not wait to go back to his room to cultivate. When he heard Duan Ling Tian's reply, he immediately left after he said respectfully, "Yes."

Now that he had these spirit fruits, his cultivation base would be able to progress quickly.

"I'll be able to help Young Master when my strength grows." Xiong Quan's heart was filled with excitement the entire time he was walking back to his room.

If he did not want to be a burden to his Young Master by staying by his side, he must quickly raise his cultivation base.

After Xiong Quan left, Duan Ling Tian looked at Feng Tian Wu who was still trying to control her own energy. "Tian Wu, I'll be going into closed-door cultivation for a few days. Just stay inside the residence these few days."

The moment Feng Tian Wu heard Duan Ling Tian's words, the coldness on her face dissipated a little as she nodded.

"Tian Wu doesn't know how to control her own strength at all after she lost her memory. I think she'll have to spend quite some time to master the strength that she possessed at her peak." After Feng Tian Wu acceded to Duan Ling Tian's request, he took another glance at the flame that soared up from her body before turning to leave.

After he arrived in his room, he took out a crystal-clear spirit fruit.

This spirit fruit was the only one spirit fruit suitable for consumption by Void Transformation Stage martial artists among all the spirit fruits that Lu Rui gave him.

"I think this spirit fruit is called the Red Phosphorus Fruit." After ransacking the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, Duan Ling Tian quickly identified the spirit fruit that was gleaming with crimson luster as though it was lit from within.

"Among the various spirit fruits that are suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists' consumption, the Red Phosphorus Fruits are only ranked in the middle. It's hard for an ordinary Sixth Level Void Transformation Stage martial artist to break through to the Seventh Level Void Transformation Stage by consuming it." Duan Ling Tian raised his brow as he muttered to himself, "After all, the gap between the Sixth and Seventh Level Void Transformation Stage is like a wide dividing crest that's extremely hard to cross. However, this only applies to ordinary Sixth Level Void Transformation Stage martial artists. In my case, although I'm a Sixth Level Void Transformation Stage martial artist as well, I can trigger the tyrannical medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill to aid me in breaking through to the Seventh Level Void Transformation Stage after I consume the Red Phosphorous Fruit."

Duan Ling Tian had no doubts about this at all.

'Moreover, I don't think it'll take long for me to get my hands on more spirit fruits to raise my cultivation base to the Ninth Level Void Transformation Stage with the rewards that the Lu Clan is offering! As for Concepts... Well, as long as there's the Profound Assimilation Formation and a huge number of Concept Fragments, I can just comprehend them one by one until they reach the Ninth Level Advance Stage.' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought of this, his eyes brightened. It was as though he could already see his cultivation base being raised to the peak of the Void.

'As long as my cultivation base makes a breakthrough to the Ninth Level Void Transformation Stage, and one of my Concepts reaches the Ninth Level Advance Stage, I'll be able to transform it into Profundity

through the Profundity Fragment! At that time, my cultivation base will be able to make a breakthrough to the Martial Monarch Stage as long as I continue to consume spirit fruits! Once I've made a breakthrough to the Martial Monarch Stage and become a Martial Monarch powerhouse, the Rebirth Pill's medicinal efficacy will also be fully displayed! Then, my cultivation base will enter a period of rapid improvement!' The more Duan Ling Tian thought about it, the brighter his eyes became.

Up until now, the medicinal efficacy that the Rebirth Pill exerted was still limited. Majority of it remained dormant in his body. Sometimes it released a wave of medicinal efficacy to aid him in raising his cultivation base.

Although his advancement was greater than other ordinary Void Transformation Stage martial artists, it was still awfully slow. However, once his cultivation base made a breakthrough to the Martial Monarch Stage, the medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill would also enter a new explosive stage.

At that time, the difference between him and other Martial Monarch powerhouses would be quite distinct!

"It's time to begin my cultivation." Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath to calm his excitement. He swallowed the Red Phosphorus Fruit in his hand in a go and allowed it to merge with his body as it turned into medicinal efficacy.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tin could clearly feel the medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill hidden deep inside his Dantian begin to react.

Soon after, the medicinal efficacies of the Rebirth Pill and the Red Phosphorus Fruit convened and catalyzed the Origin Energy to move as fast as lightning as it circled around his meridians.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Roving Dragon Form!

Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian used the mental cultivation method and closed his eyes to cultivate in total tranquility.

Somehow, three Concept Fragments appeared in his hand.

If there was another person in the room, he would definitely be surprised to see the three Concept Fragments in Duan Ling Tian's hand were three different types of Concept Fragments. Moreover, he was holding the three different Concept Fragments and comprehending three different Concepts simultaneously without feeling any pressure.

If this story spread out, it would take all the martial artists on Cloud Continent by surprise. This was because, in the long history of Cloud Continent, there had not been such humans or demons before.

Let alone comprehending three different Concepts with the help of three different Concept Fragments, a person who could comprehend two different Concepts with the two different Concept Fragments did not even appear in the history of Cloud Continent before.

"Three types of Concepts..." Duan Ling Tian was fully engrossed in comprehending the three different Concepts. He enjoyed himself as he sensed their profoundness. He wanted to master them so he could raise the Concepts he was comprehending.

Meanwhile, the Origin Energy in his body did not remain idle. Under the urging of the medicinal efficacies of the Rebirth Pill and the Red Phosphorus Fruit, it was rising quickly.

When Duan Ling Tian was cultivating, the entire Lu Clan was in an uproar.

It was not just the Lu Clan!

In the vast land that was owned by the Lu Clan with the Lu Clan's residence as the center, the shocking news traveled quickly. It took everyone who heard it by surprise.

The Lu Clan had previously announced a shocking reward, and it continued to announce another shocking reward.

There was a small village situated 500 kilometers north of the Lu Clan's land. Although the village was small, it was extremely lively. This was because it was the only place within 5000 kilometers north of the Lu Clan's land that housed a restaurant.

Due to the fact that it was the only restaurant there, it was always crowded.

"Hey, did you all hear about it? The Lu Clan just announced another shocking reward!" A sturdy man who had just entered the restaurant and sat down on a wine table grinned.

"Lu Clan? Reward?" His words immediately attracted the attention of many people. The gazes were mostly filled with curiosity.

"What reward? What reward?" Somebody could not help but ask.

"Hurmph!" Before the sturdy man had time to respond, somebody snorted in disdain. "Since the reward that the Lu Clan is offering this time is shocking as well, I'm sure the difficulty of the task is certainly not any easier than the previous task!"

"I also heard that the reward the Lu Clan offered previously was for the sake of finding some grass or something. However, the characteristics of the grass are extremely rare. I've never heard of anyone who has seen that kind of grass before."

"For the sake of this grass, the Lu Clan even promised a grade one spirit weapon and ten grade one Life Recovery Pills. Many people in our Northern Mountain Land were shocked and went crazy in search of that grass."

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Many people began to chime in.

"I wonder if the Lu Clan deliberately announced such rewards to toy with us... I know quite a number of people... Some of them have even traveled the length and breadth of the country, but none of them have seen such grass before," a middle-aged man suddenly chimed in.

"Hurmph! The Lu Clan is one of the two strongest clans in our Northern Mountain Land. Moreover, they're a distinguished family of alchemists! Do you think they're so free that they would toy with us?" Someone retorted soon after.

"The Lu Clan has always had a good name in the 10,000 years they existed in our Northern Mountain Land. There's no way they're toying with us!" Many people echoed.

"What's the reward that the Lu Clan offered this time?" Somebody asked the sturdy man who brought them the news.

"Ha! Speaking of that, the task for the reward this time is simpler than the one they announced previously," the sturdy man said as he drank his wine.

"Oh?" Many people became interested when they heard the sturdy man's words. They remembered the sturdy man said that the reward the Lu Clan offered this time was pretty shocking too. The reward had to be very good for it to be called shocking.

"This time, the Lu Clan has publicly announced that they're searching for spirit fruits suitable for Void Transformation martial artists. It's not limited to amount or type," the sturdy man said without beating around the bush.

"That's all?" Everyone present was surprised by the sturdy man's words. All of them found it unbelievable.

In their opinion, spirit fruits suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists were not rare even though they were valuable. In fact, some of the people present had even consumed some not too long ago.

"That's right. That's all!" The sturdy man nodded.

"What's the reward that the Lu Clan offered?" This was what everyone was most concerned about.

"The Lu Clan announced that martial artists who present them with a spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists will be able to receive a grade one Life Recovery Pill," the sturdy man said.

Silence descended the moment the words left his mouth.

A few moments later, everyone regained their senses and began to sneer.

Chapter 1088: Narrow-Mindedness

"One Life Recovery Pill?" Some people asked with a sneer, "How's Lu Clan reputable? This is just wishful thinking on their part! They wish to exchange for a spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists with a mere grade one Life Recovery Pill?"

Although a grade one Life Recovery Pill was valuable, its value was far less than that of a spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists. This was something everybody knew.

"The Lu Clan actually came up with such a reward? Do they really think we're all idiots?"

"I think only an idiot would take a spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists and exchange it for a mere grade one Life Recovery Pill!"

"If I take a spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists to barter in the Northern Mountain City's black market, I can get at least three grade one Life Recovery Pills in return!"

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The restaurant was in a clamor. Everyone felt the reward that the Lu Clan offered was lacking.

"Big guy, the shocking reward you spoke of is just a mere grade one Life Recovery Pill?" Somebody looked at the sturdy man and sneered.

"Although a grade one Life Recovery Pill is valuable, I wouldn't call it shocking!" Another person chimed in as he looked at the sturdy man.

For a moment, the sturdy man became the target of public criticism.

"Hurmph!" The sturdy man snorted in disdain when faced with everyone's ridicule. "What do you all know? Would I say it's shocking if it's just an ordinary grade one Life Recovery Pill?" The sturdy man's voice drowned out the people's mockery and took them by surprise.

"What do you mean?"

"Exactly! What do you mean by 'just an ordinary grade one Life Recovery Pill'? Don't tell me the grade one Life Recovery Pill the Northern Mountain's Lu Clan is offering is not an ordinary grade one Life Recovery Pill?"

"Hurmph! Aren't all the grade one Life Recovery Pills that are circulating in our Southern Outer Land — including the ones the Northern Mountain's Lu Clan possessed — come from Guild Master Cheng of the Alchemist Guild's Main Guild of the Southern Outer Land?"

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Many people voiced out their opinion to refute the sturdy man's words.

"All of the grade one Life Recovery Pills circulating in the Southern Outer Land came from the hands of the Guild Master of the Alchemist Guild's Main Guild of the Southern Outer Land?" The sturdy man smiled a dazzling smile.

"Guys, aren't your news a little too outdated? Don't tell me that none of you heard the news about a grade one alchemist elder joining the Lu Clan?"

Soon after, somebody returned to their senses and remembered that the Lu Clan already had their own grade one alchemist.

"Oh, yeah! I remember that! The rumored Lu Clan's First Interim Elder that caused a storm of discussion is a grade one alchemist!!"

"Now that Lu Clan has their own grade one alchemist, they no longer need Guild Master Cheng to refine grade one pills for them anymore!"

"The Lu Clan has a grade one alchemist already?" Some people who had only recently left their houses were stunned. This was their first time hearing this news.

"Hurmph! So what if the Lu Clan has their own grade one alchemist now? Don't tell me the grade one Life Recovery Pills he refined are better than the one refined by our Guild Master Cheng of the Alchemist Guild's Main Guild of the Southern Outer Land?"

"The grade one Life Recovery Pills that Guild Master Cheng refined often has purity above 70%. It's not easy to refine pills better than the ones he refines!"

"Exactly! Even if the Lu Clan already has a grade one alchemist of their own, how could he possibly be compared to Guild Master Cheng?! Let alone refining a pill that's superior to the pill Guild Master Cheng refines!"

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Many people chimed in again. Judging from their words, one could hear the respect they had for Guild Master Cheng of the Alchemist Guild's Main Guild of the Southern Outer Land.

"How ignorant!" The sturdy man enunciated each of his words clearly as he coldly glanced at the group of people who looked down on the grade one alchemist from the Lu Clan.

His loud voice easily drowned out the din in the restaurant.

Everyone's attention immediately shifted to him again.

Many of their eyes looked as though they were about to shoot out fire.

"Ignorant? Fine! Please do enlighten us on how ignorant we are." One middle-aged man was so angry that he immediately stood up. He glared at the sturdy man and barked, "If you can't come out with a plausible explanation, I'll make sure to spill your blood until it's three feet high today!"

The moment the words left his mouth, the middle-aged man's sharp aura swept out from his body and pressured the group of people around him.

"A-A powerhouse at the peak o-of the Void!" Somebody exclaimed.

For a moment, everybody stared at the middle-aged man in fear as though he was a beast that might swallow them whole.

However, their attention soon shifted away from the middle-aged man at the peak of the Void to the sturdy man.

"Looks like this guy is going to meet his doom soon!"

"If he can't give a proper explanation today, this powerhouse at the peak of the Void won't let him go!'

"How dare he call us ignorant! Just one word and he offended all of us! He's simply looking for death!"

"I'd like to see what he's going to say next."

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The crowd buried their heads together in discussion. All of them felt the sturdy man was doomed.

The sturdy man's eyes were filled with dread the moment he realized the middle-aged man was a powerhouse at the peak of the Void.

However, the dread in his eyes soon disappeared since he felt secure knowing he had a proper explanation.

"All of you keep saying that the Lu Clan's Elder Duan is not as good as Guild Master Cheng... However, I wonder if any of you have witnessed Elder Duan refine pills with your own eyes before? Or maybe compare the grade one Life Recovery Pills that Elder Duan refined to the ones that Guild Master Cheng refined?" The sturdy man asked after sweeping a glance at the group of people.

The crowd of people immediately looked at each other, but none of them spoke up.

Although this was the first time many of them heard about Elder Duan in the Lu Clan, they immediately associated this Elder Duan with the Lu Clan. Due to this reason, they felt as though they knew him as well.

However, they could only stay silent when questioned by the sturdy man.

None of them had seen the Lu Clan's grade one alchemist elder before, let alone witnessing him refine pills with their own eyes.

Naturally, they also have not seen the grade one pills that he refined before so it was impossible for them to compare it as well.

"What? You have nothing to say now?" The sturdy man snorted before he continued to mock them, "All of you don't know anything yet you keep insulting the Lu Clan's Elder Duan! What a joke!"

The sturdy man's words caused the faces of the crowd to turn green and pale.

"Hurmph! Since you put it this way, the pill refining level of the Lu Clan's grade one alchemist elder must be high then! I'd like to hear how remarkable is the grade one Life Recovery Pills that he refines since you respect him so much!"

"That's right! It's easy for you to say he's amazing. But if he's really that amazing, tell us the purity of the grade one Life Recovery Pills that the Lu Clan's elder refined!"

"Since the Lu Clan dares to use it to exchange for spirit fruits suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists, could it be that the grade one Life Recovery Pills' purity is at 75% or above?"

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Soon after, the crowd regained their senses and questioned the sturdy man since they were unwilling to let the matter go.

In their opinion, only grade one Life Recovery Pills with purity at 75% and above were worthy to be exchanged for a spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists. This was because a grade one Life Recovery Pill with 75% or more purity had medicinal efficacy that was a whole level higher than a grade one Life Recovery Pills with purity at 70% and below.

Only that kind of grade one Life Recovery Pills had the same value with a spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists.

Moreover, since the beginning, they did not believe the grade one alchemist elder in Lu Clan could actually refine a grade one Life Recovery Pill with purity above 75%.

In the entire Cloud Continent, not just in the Outer Land, it was as rare as a phoenix's feather for a grade one alchemist to purify a grade one pill with purity more than 75% even in the Inner Land.

"Purity above 75%?" The moment the sturdy man heard the crowd's words, he was momentarily stunned before he burst out in a fit of laughter. His laughter did not stop even after a long time. It was as though he could not control himself at all.

"Hahahaha..."

"Hahahaha... Hahahahahahahaha...."

Laughter filled the air in the restaurant. It caused everyone's faces to darken.

"Are you done laughing?" Finally, the middle-aged man at peak of the Void asked coldly. His thunderous voice drowned out the sturdy man's laughter.

At this moment, the sturdy man finally stopped laughing.

"What are you laughing at?" The middle-aged man asked in a deep voice as his eyes gleamed coldly.

"Of course, I'm laughing at how ignorant they are!" The sturdy man replied bluntly. He glanced at the middle-aged man once before he turned to look at the others.

"Please do enlighten me then on how ignorant they are." The middle-aged man's attention was firmly fixed on the sturdy man as he enunciated each word slowly while the people began to get angry.

"Do you really think it'll be our loss to exchange a spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artist for a grade one Life Recovery Pill that the Lu Clan offered? Do all of you really think that only grade one Life Recovery Pills with purity at 75% and above are worthy to be compared to spirit fruits suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists in terms of value?" The sturdy man asked as he looked at the people in the restaurant.

Although none of them verbally confirmed it, the looks in their eyes undoubtedly confirmed it.

"Very good!" When the sturdy man saw how no one denied this, he narrowed his eyes and recounted the news he heard without leaving a single detail out. "Let me enlighten all of you then... According to the news that Lu Clan spread out, the grade one Life Recovery Pills that the Lu Clan offers in exchange for a spirit fruit that's suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists has more than 90% purity!"

90%!

The moment the words left the sturdy man's mouth, silence immediately descended in the restaurant.

Even the powerhouse at the peak of the Void who was glaring at the sturdy man was shocked. He was in a daze for a very long time.

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90%! 90%!

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The sturdy man's words kept replaying in everyone's minds. They were in shock for a long time.

"A grade one Life Recovery Pill? With 90% purity?"

Soon after, someone regained their senses first. He snorted as he looked at the sturdy man. "You're not fooling us, are you?"

"A grade one Life Recovery Pill with 90% purity? Even those grade one alchemists in the Inner Land might not be able to refine such pills!"

"90% purity? What a joke!"

"I don't care if all of you believe it, but there's no way I'll believe this!"

"I don't believe it either!"

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The people in the restaurant regained their senses one by one and chimed in at the same time.

Judging from their words, it was apparent they did not believe the sturdy man's words.

At this moment, the powerhouse at the peak of the Void glared at the sturdy man who was standing before him. His imposing aura swept out again and pressured the sturdy man.

"Barf!" The sturdy man was not prepared for the wave of aura that made his vital blood and energy run amok in his body. His face turned pale immediately as he threw up a mouthful of blood.

However, he did not dare to show any anger at all even though he was injured. Who knew if he would offend this powerhouse at the peak of the Void again. Who would avenge him if he was really killed by this man?

"Are you telling the truth?" The powerhouse at the peak of the Void asked in a deep voice.

"Of course!" Although the sturdy man was injured by the other party, he did not dare to ignore his question. He quickly replied, "That reward is really announced by the Lu Clan. They said they'll give anyone a grade one Life Recovery Pill with 90% purity in exchange for a spirit fruit that's suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists!"

The moment these words left the sturdy man's mouth, the people in the restaurant fell silent again.

It was apparent the sturdy man was not lying to them.

"The Lu Clan is an ancient family with 10,000 years of legacy in our Northern Mountain Land. Logically, it's unlikely for them to make a false promise to deceive us," someone muttered a moment later.

"That's right! The most important thing for an ancient family like the Lu Clan is their reputation... They would never offer such a reward unless they really have grade one Life Recovery Pills with 90% or more purity." Many people nodded their heads in agreement.

In the Northern Mountain Land, be it the Lu Clan the alchemy clan or the Ou Clan the weapons crafting clan, both of them were ancient families that had a 10,000 years legacy.

All this while, these two great clans valued their reputation a lot and had a good reputation in the Northern Mountain Land.

"Well, you have a point there... B-But, a grade one Life Recovery Pill with 90% or more purity? Isn't that a little too unbelievable?" Somebody smiled wryly.

"Indeed! It's too unbelievable!"

"From my understanding, even the grade one alchemist who founded the Lu Clan 10,000 years ago — the person recognized as the best alchemist in our Northern Mountain Land in 10,000 years — could only refine a grade one Life Recovery Pills with 80% purity at the most!"

"I've also heard of this before. The rumor is indeed like this."

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The people in the restaurant buried their heads together in discussions. Many of them still felt this was too good to be true.

"If the Lu Clan could really produce a grade one Life Recovery Pill with 90% or more purity... then the one who refined such grade one Life Recovery Pills must be the grade one alchemist elder who recently joined the Lu Clan," someone voiced out his speculation.

"I heard that the grade one alchemist is a young man who's not even thirty years old yet!" Another person added.

However, the words that left his mouth was similar to a stone that stirred up a thousand ripples.

"WHAT?!"

"Not even thirty years old?!"

"A grade one alchemist who's not even thirty years old yet?!"

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The entire restaurant was in an uproar.

Most of the people present only knew that a grade one alchemist elder recently joined the Lu Clan, but they did not know the grade one alchemist elder was a young man who was not even thirty years old yet.

Similar to the grade one Life Recovery Pills with 90% or more purity, a grade one alchemist who was not even thirty years old yet shocked them to the core.

Soon after, somebody suggested, "If you want to see if this is true, just bring a spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists to the Lu Clan, and you'll get your answer immediately."

"That's right!" The others nodded their heads in agreement one by one.

Whether it was a donkey or a horse, one would only find out after one had brought it out for a walk.

Lu Clan's Residence.

"Crack... rrack..." In the master bedroom in a spacious residence to the east, the sound of bone cracking suddenly reverberated in the air. The sound was particularly pleasant to the ear.

The sound came from a young man who was stretching his limbs after he had just gotten out of bed.

The purple-clad young man had a pair of dashing eyebrows and bright eyes. He looked extremely handsome and dazzling.

At this moment, he had a smile on his handsome face.

If there was a second person here, that person would feel as though he was bathed in a spring wind if he saw the smile on his face.

"The bottleneck heading to the Eighth Level Void Transformation Stage has appeared! I just need one more spirit fruit suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists, and I'll be able to successfully break through to the Eighth Level Void Transformation Stage! After making a breakthrough to the Eighth Level Void Transformation Stage, I'll also need another spirit fruit to break through to the Ninth Level Void Transformation Stage!" The purple-clad young man muttered to himself.

The purple-clad young man was none other than Duan Ling Tian who had successfully made a breakthrough in his cultivation base after consuming the Red Phosphorus Fruit.

"However, my Concepts have not made any progress at all in these few days," he murmured as he extended both his arms out and opened his palms.

Without warning, Duan Ling Tian's hands trembled as he clenched his hands.

# Bam!

At this moment, milky white flame suddenly rose from his body. The flame violently skyrocketed into the sky as though it was trying to pierce through the ceiling above his head.

As the milky white flame soared up, rolling airwaves swept out and caused the tables and cabinets in the room to shake. It was as though an earthquake had occurred.

Whoosh!

At the same time, the Heaven and Earth Energy whirled above Duan Ling Tian's head and continued to gather into the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon.

In the next moment, 1,000 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared. They writhed as they descended, looking very lifelike.

Just his Origin Energy alone was equivalent to the strength of 1,000 ancient horned dragons.

This was the norm for a Seventh Level Void Transformation Stage martial artist.

"Previously, my full strength was equivalent to 3,500 ancient horned dragons with the help from the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword!" Duan Ling Tian recalled.

"Not long ago, my Sword Concept was raised from the Fifth Level to the Eighth Level Advance Stage. Due to that, my strength was also raised and was equivalent to the strength of 3,800 ancient horned dragons! Right now, my cultivation base has made a breakthrough to the Seventh Level from the Sixth Level Void Transformation Stage. Because there's a gap between the two of them, my strength has increased with an additional 200 ancient horned dragons after my Origin Energy has transformed! Along with the double boost granted by the Quasi Royal Grade Spirit Sword, my full strength now — after I cast all my techniques — is equivalent to 4,200 ancient horned dragons." Duan Ling Tian had a brand new understanding of his own strength.

"Currently, I can even defeat a powerhouse at the peak of the Void!"

A confident and dazzling smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face.

"I wonder if Tian Wu managed to harness her own strength now?" His heart jolted, and he quickly left the room for the backyard.

"Eh? Tian Wu's not here?!" When Duan Ling Tian arrived in the backyard, he did not see Feng Tian Wu at all. After asking the servants, he found out that Feng Tian Wu had stopped coming to the backyard since two days ago. Instead, she had been staying in her room.

"Elder Duan." Just as Duan Ling Tian was about to leave the backyard, he noticed servant Xiao Yun rushing toward him.

"Yes?" Duan Ling Tian looked at servant Xian Yun in confusion.

"Elder Duan, C-Cao Cao i-is waiting for you in the main hall," servant Xiao Yun replied breathlessly when she arrived before Duan Ling Tian.

"Cao Cao?"

Duan Ling Tian was stunned for a moment before he regained his senses. He realized the 'Cao Cao' servant Xiao Yun was referring to was actually Lu Rui, the Clan Leader of Lu Clan.

The corner of his mouth twitched slightly.

"Don't tell me the Clan Leader has already gotten the spirit fruits suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened. He left the backyard in a haste as he rushed to the main hall.

'I wonder how many spirit fruits suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists he managed to obtain? It would be great if he managed to obtain two types of spirit fruits that I've never consumed

before! With just a little time, my cultivation base would make a breakthrough to the Ninth Level Void Transformation Stage!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he made his way to the main hall.

Soon after, he arrived at the main hall and saw Lu Rui, the Clan Leader of Lu Clan.

"Elder Duan." Lu Rui bowed respectfully to Duan Ling Tian.

He knew very well that as long as this young man did not meet with any mishaps, he would eventually become a Martial Emperor. Due to this reason, he did not dare to be disrespectful.

"Clan Leader, did you ask for me because there's news about the reward?" Duan Ling Tian asked as he suppressed the excitement in his heart.

"Yes." Lu Rui nodded.

"How many?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up. A hint of excitement could be seen on his face. He could no longer suppress it.

"What do you mean by how many?" Lu Rui was stunned when he heard Duan Ling Tian's question. He looked at Duan Ling Tian blankly. He did not understand why Duan Ling Tian would ask such a question.

"I thought the reward for the spirit fruits that we offered has yielded some results?" Duan Ling Tian was confused as well.

When Lu Rui heard Duan Ling Tian's question, a pang of realization hit Lu Rui. He finally understood why Duan Ling Tian would ask such a question. "Elder Duan, I asked to speak to you not because I've obtained the spirit fruits. It's because I have some news regarding the first task that you had me post up."

"The earlier task?" Duan Ling Tian did not understand initially. However, he quickly remembered. His face was filled with excitement as he asked urgently, "Clan Leader, you mean... you have news about t-the Soul Stabilizing Grass?"

The Soul Stabilizing Grass!

It was none other than the rare treasure that would help Feng Tian Wu restore her memory.

In Duan Ling Tian's opinion, the Soul Stabilizing Grass was undoubtedly much more important than the spirit fruits suitable for Void Transformation Stage martial artists.

There was an abundance of the latter on Cloud Continent, and it was not difficult to search for them. However, the former was extremely rare and precious.

Chapter 1090: Let's Go

"Yes." Lu Rui nodded. "Today, a man visited the Lu Clan. He said he came across the Soul Stabilizing Grass in a remote mountain range."

"Did that man bring the Soul Stabilizing Grass with him? Where's he now?" The moment Duan Ling Tian heard Lu Rui's words, his eyes lit up and his breathing quickened.

"That man didn't bring the Soul Stabilizing Grass with him." Lu Rui shook his head. He had expected Duan Ling Tian to ask those questions.

His words were like a splash of cold water on Duan Ling Tian's head. It woke him up instantly.

"He didn't bring the Soul Stabilizing Grass with him?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. A confused expression was clearly written on his face.

"No." Lu Rui shook his head. "According to him, a demon that could transform into a human being is guarding the Soul Stabilizing Grass in the remote mountain range. He's no match for that demon so there's no way for him to get his hands on the Soul Stabilizing Grass at all."

"A demon?" Duan Ling Tan's frowned deepened. "That demon is so strong?"

The Soul Stabilizing Grass was an extremely rare treasure on Cloud Continent. It was not unusual for a strong demon to guard the place where it grew.

"According to that man, that demon's strength is at the peak of the Void." Lu Rui continued saying indifferently, "A demon's strength at the peak of the Void is nothing... I'm planning to ask Elder Zhi to follow him into the mountain range to obtain the Soul Stabilizing Grass."

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian knew the Elder Zhi that Lu Rui spoke of.

Lu Zhi was one of the three great Guardian Elders of the Lu Clan.

Previously, he had encountered Lu Zhi once when he had just joined the Lu Clan. However, they did not meet again after that.

"However, I haven't asked Elder Zhi to follow that man to harvest the Soul Stabilizing Grass yet. As far as I know, in the case of grass-type medicinal materials, it's best to refine them into medicine as soon as they're harvested so that their medicinal nature will remain at its optimum," Lu Rui voiced out his own concerns. "Elder Duan, does the Soul Stabilizing Grass have this kind of particular requirement? If not, I'll find Elder Zhi immediately and ask him to go with that man to bring the Soul Stabilizing Grass back."

"That's true, but it's only applicable to other ordinary grass-type medicinal materials. The Soul Stabilizing Grass cannot be grouped together with the other ordinary grass-type medicinal materials," Duan Ling Tian said.

The Soul Stabilizing Grass and the Immortal Spirit Herb that he obtained from the Martial Emperor's secret treasure were no ordinary grass-type herbs.

Naturally, the Immortal Spirit Herb was even more valuable compared to the Soul Stabilizing Grass. After all, the Immortal Spirit Herb was a legendary herb that even the Rebirth Martial Emperor did not encounter in his two lives.

On the other hand, the Rebirth Martial Emperor had seen the Soul Stabilizing Grass a few times before.

"In that case, I'll look for Elder Zhi now." Once Lu Rui was done speaking, he immediately turned to leave.

"Clan Leader!" Duan Ling Tian called out to Lu Rui.

"Is there anything else, Elder Duan? If it's about the Soul Stabilizing Grass, please be rest assured, Elder Duan. With Elder Zhi personally going on the trip, it's not difficult to obtain the Soul Stabilizing Grass." Lu Rui looked at Duan Ling Tian in confusion before he reassured him.

"Clan Leader, I'm not doubting Elder Zhi's strength, but I just want to harvest the Soul Stabilizing Grass together with him," Duan Ling Tian voiced out his intention.

Recently, he had been staying in the Lu Clan's residence and cultivating for the past few days. Due to this reason, he wanted to go out and get some fresh air.

Naturally, the main reason was he wanted to see if the place where the Soul Stabilizing Grass grew had other rare treasures or not.

"According to the Rebirth Martial Emperor's memory, the Soul Stabilizing Grass is an extremely valuable and rare herb. The place where the Soul Stabilizing Grass grows must have a good environment. Such an environment would be suitable for the growth of many rare treasures." Duan Ling Tian's heart jolted as his eyes lit up in anticipation.

In his opinion, his luck had been quite good ever since he came to the Lu Clan. First, he had obtained the Soul Fixing Root from the Lu Clan, and now, he had obtained some news about the Soul Stabilizing Grass. This time, he might obtain other rare treasures as well on this trip to harvest the Soul Stabilizing Grass with Elder Zhi.

"Elder Duan, you want to go as well?" Lu Rui was stunned.

"Yes. Is there any problem?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Well, there's no problem but... I'm just thinking about your safety, Elder Duan. Unfortunately, Elder Yuan and Gui have just left the house a few days ago. It'll take them two weeks before they return." Lu Rui's face was filled with concern when he finished his sentence.

"Isn't Elder Zhi coming along?" A warm feeling rose up in Duan Ling Tian's heart. He shook his head and smiled. "With Elder Zhi there, why are you still worried that something will happen to me? Don't tell me there are people who dare to offend the Lu Clan here in the Northern Mountain Land?"

Duan Ling Tian felt that Lu Rui was being overly protective of him regarding this matter.

However, he could empathize a little.

After all, he was not just a mere grade one alchemist who could refine grade one Pills with more than 90% purity to Lu Rui. He would also be a Martial Monarch in the future.

He could not afford to make even the smallest mistake.

"You have a point." The moment Lu Rui heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he nodded his head in embarrassment. He also noticed that he had been a little too overprotective.

In the Northern Mountain Land, only the Ou Clan was qualified to be compared to their Lu Clan. The other few second-rate forces were not even enough for Lu Clan to scratch their itch. Each of those

second-rate forces had their own Martial Monarch, but their strength was no match for any of the Lu Clan's three great Guardian Elders.

"I'm going with you." When Duan Ling Tian and Lu Rui were walking out of the main hall, a cold voice that sent shivers running their spines entered their ears.

When they turned their heads over to look, they saw a fiery elf-like figure standing nearby.

It was a woman dressed in red who looked so beautiful that her beauty could topple a country. The only flaw she had was the coldness on her face. Even her body exuded an icy aura that was extremely arrogant and unapproachable.

The few words she had spoken seemed as though it was enough to condense the air into ice.

"Tian Wu!" Duan Ling Tian recognized the red-clad woman with just a glance. He was slightly astonished as he asked, "Why are you here?"

"I'm going with you," Feng Tian Wu repeated her words from earlier and ignored his question. Her tone remained indifferent, but it was not as cold as before.

"Just come if you want to go together." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

"Alright." After hearing Duan Ling Tian's reply, Feng Tian Wu who radiated a chilly aura flew out and followed Duan Ling Tian like a shadow.

"You're Miss Tian Wu? I'm Lu Rui, the Clan Leader of Lu Clan," Lu Rui greeted Feng Tian Wu with a smile.

Although he had seen her before, she was lying in the ice coffin then and did not have any interaction with him.

He did not dare to be negligent now that he finally met Feng Tian Wu in person. This was because he had learned some things about her from the servants serving Duan Ling Tian. He knew the reason Elder Duan was looking for the Soul Fixing Root and the Soul Stabilizing Grass was for her.

From this matter alone, he could see how Elder Duan treasured this woman. Due to this reason, he did not dare to be negligent at all.

This woman might also become a Martial Emperor in the future. She was not somebody he could afford to offend.

However, Feng Tian Wu did not bother with Lu Rui's perfunctory greeting at all. She did not even raise a brow, she completely ignored Lu Rui.

Lu Rui was left feeling awkward for a moment.

"Elder Duan, let's look for Elder Zhi." In an attempt to cover up his awkwardness, Lu Rui quickly gestured to Duan Ling Tian before he led the way out.

"Tian Wu, let's go." Duan Ling Tian motioned to Feng Tian Wu and followed Lu Rui's lead.

Feng Tian Wu did not respond but silently followed Duan Ling Tian like his shadow.

Soon after, under Lu Rui's guidance, Duan Ling Tian met Lu Zhi, one of the three great Guardian Elders of the Lu Clan, again.

"Elder Duan," Lu Zhi greeted Duan Ling Tian enthusiastically when he saw him again. A hint of respect for Duan Ling Tian could be seen in the depth of the old man's eyes.

A few days ago, he found out that Elder Duan could refine grade one pills with more than 90% purity. He really admired him from the bottom of his heart.

"Elder Zhi," Duan Ling Tian also greeted Lu Zhi with a smile.

"This must be Miss Tian Wu I suppose?" Lu Zhi's gaze quickly landed on Feng Tian Wu who was by Duan Ling Tian's side. He greeted her with a faint smile.

The corner of Lu Rui's mouth twitched a little as an evil smirk slowly formed on his face when he saw this.

In his opinion, Feng Tuan Wu would definitely ignore Elder Zhi similar to how she had ignored him earlier. Elder Zhi would definitely be embarrassed!

However, the smile on the corner of his mouth froze immediately.

"You're very strong." He realized that Feng Tian Wu had spoken! She actually spoke to Lu Zhi!

The scene before his eyes completely crushed his inner fantasy.

"Thank you, Miss Tian Wu. You flatter me," Lu Zhi politely replied upon hearing Feng Tian Wu's words. It was apparent he knew the relationship between Duan Ling Tian and her was not simple.

"Elder Zhi, you'll go with Elder Duan and Miss Tian Wu this time..." At this time, Lu Rui looked at Lu Zhi and explained the situation to him without missing any details.

"No problem!" Lu Zhi agreed straightforwardly before he looked at Duan Ling Tian again.

"Congratulations, Elder Duan, for finding the thing you've been looking for."

"I've still yet to get my hands on it." Duan Ling Tian shook his head gently before saying, "Let us depart as early as possible. I fear things might change if we depart any later."

"I can leave now," Lu Zhi responded.

"I'll bring all of you to meet that person, and let him bring all of you to search for the Soul Stabilizing Grass." Upon hearing the eagerness in Duan Ling Tian's words, Lu Rui dove right into the topic without any hesitation and brought Duan Ling Tian and the other two to the place where he temporarily put up the man who brought them the news.

Soon after, a short and foolish-looking middle-aged man with a missing front tooth appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian.

"Third Level Void Transformation Stage." Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Energy immediately probed the cultivation base of this foolish-looking middle-aged man.

After the foolish-looking middle-aged man's gaze swept pass Duan Ling Tian, Lu Rui, and Lu Zhi, it landed on Feng Tian Wu. His gaze remained fixed on her as he yelled, "Whoaa! A beauty!"

"I'll dig your eyes out if you keep looking!" Feng Tian Wu warned with the slightest movement of her lips. Her voice was so cold. It was as though it originated from an extremely cold thaw hole.