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Chapter 81 Get Successfully Promoted (Part Two)

Thus, I intend to send two Elders and several stewards to investigate the matter again, he continued.

"The enemies hide in the dark while we are exposed in the light—if we don't find out what has been going on as soon as possible, we will continue to suffer great losses," he finished.

He looked among the six Elders, which meant that he was asking for their opinions about his plan.

They now knew that Theon was really determined to solve the problem, because the elders and stewards were the senior leaders of Sun Sect who had powerful martial art skills. Sending them to investigate could greatly benefit and speed up the investigation.

After a while, a female voice spoke.

"Since you have decided, your grace, I support your decision.

I volunteer for the investigation," the woman, Elder Li said flatly.

Another Elder who looked short, shrewd, and vigorous stood up as well.

"I'll join her too," he said as his eyes blazed with anger.

One more Elder chimed in as well.

"Me too," an old man in white who just sat there and never spoke a word until now suddenly said, his eyes narrowed into slits. There were now three elders who decided to join the investigation.

"Very well, there are three elders who volunteered to join the investigation. I believe that the cause of this issue will soon come to light," Theon said.

"I will also appoint several stewards to help the three Elders in the investigation," he added.

His eyes sparkled with hope as he ran through his plan.

After a moment, he continued, "The remaining three Elders will stay behind and preside over the work of our sect."

of

examination of grunt disciples will be carried out today, right?" he asked.

Theon nodded seriously.

have no other choice but to take such a measure to make up for the shortage of outer disciples," he said sadly. After few

go through two links of examination,"

then propose that anyone who can pass the first link of the promotion examination will be allowed to be promoted

for a bit, they all agreed. Although the quality of

hard to become a big sect without a certain number of disciples for its supporting

from the viewing platform of the Martial Arts

one among the stewards. He then cleared his throat to speak.

When they saw Steward Ouyang had something to say, they immediately

dear disciples, the first session of the examination

disciples who have successfully passed the first step of the examination will carry

voice was loud, then he paused

rushed inside the auditorium and

over the promotion examination and whispered something to them.

and they glanced bitterly at

and Ouyang directly announced the news.

first session of the examination won't have to take part in the second session, and they

or eighty disciples who had been waiting for the

them who had secretly worried if they could pass the second examination, excitedly joined in the cheers

meant that seventy to eighty grunt disciples

only twenty to thirty disciples were qualified to

the Merit Hall tomorrow for the exchange of a new Jade Badge for your identity. You may all leave the field

the last announcement, the disciples prepared to leave.

At last, the grunt disciple promotion selection trials were finally over.

"Tin, I finally become an outer disciple!" Evan excitedly said.

He was so overjoyed that when he laughed, his mouth was so wide open. Austin was worried that he would dislocate his chin if he laughed like that again.

Denali saw the two of them leaving, and she followed at once.

"Austin, we've finally all been promoted as outer disciples," she said happily.

On the other hand, Matias watched Austin and Denali leave side by side. He angrily gritted his teeth as jealousy raced in his veins.

"Austin, one day I'll be stronger than you, then I'll defeat you completely and step hard on your body," he murmured.

"Tin, now that I'm promoted, do we still go to Lotus Tavern?" Evan remembered and reminded Austin.

Austin nodded enthusiastically at him.

"Yes, we'll go now," he said.

Austin had previously absorbed all the vital energy crystals hidden in the dummies within the 50 to 150 meters distance. It added up to almost twelve thousand vital energy crystals which made him feel rich at that moment, so he said yes without a second thought.

Denali heard their conversation and joined in as well.

"Austin, you're going to Lotus Tavern for dinner? I want to come too!"

The Lotus Tavern was famous among Sun Sect's disciples, so Denali was interested.

However, Austin pouted his lips. 'Why is the girl so cheeky and even asked to come with us for free dinner?' he thought.

A single dinner at Lotus Tavern could easily cost a few hundred vital energy crystals. If one more person joined them, it meant that he might have to spend a hundred more vital energy crystals.

Then again, she was a girl anyway—and as a gentleman, Austin definitely wouldn't refuse her in public, so he just nodded in agreement to her request.

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Chapter 82 Giving Raymond A Thrashing

After the test for selection and assessment of talents was over, Austin, together with Evan and Denali, went to Peace Town.

At the town, it was full of hustle and bustle and the streets were packed with pedestrians.

Several pairs of gaudily dressed young men and women stood on the street while holding their horses. The couples looked happy and carefree as if they were matches made in heaven. They attracted the attention of the passers-by.

Austin kept a low profile while walking on the streets. He knew that members from other sects were present and that they might be keeping tabs on him.

Different sects often contended with each other overtly and covertly. The slightest disagreement in conversations or dissension over attire would lead to unnecessary troubles.

Short after, they turned and entered another street. A magnificent tavern came into his view. In the next instant, Austin lifted his chin, and sniffed the aroma of wine that filled the air. The horizontal board on the facade read, Lotus Tavern. Austin took a moment to admire the beautiful calligraphy.

"It smells so good!"

they hadn't reached the door of the tavern, yet Evan sniffed the air and cried out exaggeratedly, "Tin, my mouth is watering!"

"You are drooling! Wipe your mouth and try not to make a fool of yourself."

Evan stretched his hand and brushed his mouth. Indeed, the corners of his mouth were wet with saliva.

Denali chuckled at the sight.

Lotus Tavern was still some distance away. Yet, the delicious smell of food had already enticed them. Evan rushed in the front, eager to get to the tavern and see what it had to offer.

"You blind dog! Get away!"

Several arrogant young men shoved Austin and his fellows to the side rudely as they made way for a young man about sixteen or seventeen years old. He wore a yellowish garment and had handsome and refined features.

The teenage boy seemed to have applied makeup. His face had been plastered with powder, and his lips were covered in lipstick. A long sword hung on his waist. He looked handsome and elegant.

His charming appearance caught the eyes of young girls who passed by. They blushed and glanced at him from head to toes, openly.

Feeling the admiring eyes boring into him, the young man felt more proud of himself.

"Huh! You bastard. You dared to block my way! Weaver, break their legs and tell them who I am!"

Seeing that Austin and his companions were shabbily dressed, the young man assumed that they were low-grade disciples of some sect at best. So, he wanted to take this chance to impress the common folk with his authority.

The clothes that Austin and Evan wore were of the lowest quality. Anyone would take it for granted that they were poor men at the first sight of them.

Evan's clothes, but

How could he have extra time and

"Okay, Raymond!"

and joined Weaver. Weaver and his companions then approached Austin and his

overreact! You

young men was being unreasonable, Denali snapped. Her beautiful face was

is a beauty

Denali. He ogled her from head to toe, his eyes glued to her hot figure. He didn't intend lady. Keep your hands off her. Let's take her with us to the Lotus Tavern. I'll treat her with good wine and food. Then,

on Denali this whole time. He grew more excited as he stared at the soft contours of her breasts and curvaceous hips. If it were not for the fact that there were lots of people on the streets, he would

on, whatever you want, glory, wealth or rank, they will all come to you as long as you are with Raymond," Weaver said with a

I will

Austin snapped coldly.

visit the Lotus Tavern. However,

was a weakling. Now, someone was threatening to break his and Evan's legs and treating Denali with utter disrespect. If he didn't challenge these goons, he would truly be

not a merit for a person to be arrogant, but

lay loads on a willing

"What?"

Considering his grandparent's power and influence, he had grown to be an arrogant and domineering person. He was accustomed to people agreeing with him and getting his way. The three people in front of him

He felt humiliated.

of a bitch! What did

a cold tone. He walked toward Austin and then placed his

also followed. They cracked their fingers and looked fierce as if wanting to

"I said, go away!"

soared and kicked Raymond's face with his right foot.

Austin would dare to hurt

sudden attack. Moreover, they were very close, and he didn't have

handsome face. A footprint laced with mud was stamped on Raymond's powdered face. His graceful had

bitch! You dared to attack

embarrassment and humiliation were enough

the street passing by. He had been disgraced in public! How could he

waist. A ding sound was heard as he unsheathed a long sword. A white light flashed on its blades. It swinging it at Austin. He had lost his temper. There was only one thought in his

The moment Raymond displayed his swordsmanship, Austin recognized that his cultivation base was at the sixth-level of the Energy Gathering Realm.

Austin sneered. He moved his tiptoes and employed the Wind-commanding Skill. With that, he dodged Raymond's sword.

Then he released the Spiritual Sense Flying Needle, and suddenly Raymond felt a sharp pang in his head, which slowed his movements.

Before he could react, Austin smashed his face again.

This punch could not even be counted as a martial arts technique. But when he was in the passage where he fought dummies, this trick helped him beat several puppets. It had proven to be the simplest but the most effective means for an attack.

He could do it with high proficiency and bring its power to the fullest.

"Bang!"

Austin aimed for Raymond's nose!

In an instant, Raymond's face was covered with blood. His nose disappeared as it had been smashed into pieces by Austin's vital energy and dispersed into the air.

Raymond's body was like a kite that lost its string—it flew backward through the air and collided with the threshold of a store on the street. His head rolled to one side, and he lost consciousness.

A loud hiss was heard from the crowd.

The bystanders on the street gasped with surprise. They didn't expect that this ordinarily dressed young man who came from nowhere would be so ferocious and cruel.

Looking at Raymond's ruined face, Weaver was startled. Then he glared at Austin viciously.

"You're dead now. Don't you know who you have offended? You will not be able to make up for your mistake in a thousand lifetimes! Your life isn't worth a penny with your lowly position," Weaver said with gritted teeth.

Austin frowned upon hearing his threat.

He slid forward, and in a flash, he stood in front of Weaver.

Weaver was shocked by Austin's sudden movements. However, his cultivation base was higher than Raymond's. He soon pushed off the ground with his tiptoes and backed a few steps to keep a distance from Austin.

His cultivation base was at the seventh-level of the Energy Gathering Realm.

But Austin didn't care about any of this. He leaped and cornered Weaver. Then, in a flash, Austin swung his fist at him.

Weaver didn't have time to take out his sword. He deflected the attack with his fist.

He noticed from Austin's vital energy that he was at the sixth-level of the Energy Gathering Realm. He was confident that he could beat Austin.

"You brat! I will kill you in such a way that there will be nothing left to bury!"

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Chapter 83 A Villa With An Energy-gathering Array

Weaver felt a moment of panic when he faced Austin's violent attack, but he quickly regained his arrogance when he learned that Austin was only at the sixth-level of the Energy Gathering Realm.

He readied his fist and swung at Austin's fist with all his strength. He had expected to defeat Austin with his attack.

"Crack!"

Their fists traveled the short distance between the two men and met in the air.

To Weaver's surprise, he felt like he was punching solid stone. Several of Weaver's fingers fractured because of the strong energy wave.

As a sharp pain radiated from his arm, Weaver's face contorted.

He lost his balance and was knocked back a few steps.

Weaver shook his head in disbelief and wondered, 'Is he really at the sixth-level of the Energy Gathering Realm? How is it possible that his vital energy is stronger than mine?'

Before he could recover, Austin rushed toward him with an angry cry.

"Check this out!"

With that, he swung his fist and aimed at Weaver again.

"Wait! You..."

Angry and scared, Weaver didn't have the time to pull out his weapon. He had no other choice but to wield his fist in defense again.

"Crack!"

The sound of breaking bones filled the air. In the next instant, Weaver's arm twisted in a strange position.

Weaver's face paled when he felt overwhelming pain. Beads of sweat appeared on his forehead.

"Get out of my face!"

After venting his anger, Austin commanded in a cold voice.

Despite his resentment, Weaver understood that it was impossible for him to fight today.

Even though he was at the seventh-level of the Energy Gathering Realm, he lost to Austin in just two rounds.

Raymond's other followers had lower refining levels. None of them would be able to defeat Austin.

Since Raymond was still unconscious, they lifted him and left the alley with their heads hung in shame.

Before Weaver turned to leave, he glared at Austin with hatred.

"You son of a bitch! You'll regret this!" he said viciously.

Denali stood aside and watched Austin as he defeated the men.

was pleased to see Raymond pay for his impudence,

maybe you shouldn't have acted out against them. That young man might be an important

would have happened if I didn't? Do you think that they

flatly as he shot

with him and had threatened to break Austin's and Evan's legs. It

On the contrary, the weaker you act in front of others, the more you'll get bullied. Only by getting stronger

the Lotus Tavern with Evan, leaving Denali dumbfounded behind them.

Austin's back and thought, 'He's right. Maybe I should learn to

Denali found that Austin was already very far away. He showed no intention of

off and quickly caught up with the

Austin looked over the menu and felt worried—even the cheapest dish

fresh herbs. This kind of food was both beneficial to the martial cultivators' physical fitness

no less delicious than ordinary dishes.

cost, most people could

a sumptuous meal, which cost over 3000 vital energy crystals. Austin felt his heart break when he paid

tavern. On their way back, he kept

hours later, in a VIP room of an

reclined in bed. Two girls in revealing outfits applied ointment to his injured nose with great caution.

to time, the

was Raymond, the foolish man who had been punched on the

a while, Weaver pushed open the door and

three bastards. They were grunt disciples of Sun Sect, but they were promoted to outer

How is it possible that the lowly pleb

angrily, reluctant to believe Weaver's

had been knocked senseless by a grunt disciple—the lowest

no mistake, my young master. I ordered a disciple of Sun

is Austin, the other man is Evan, and the

Sect. Let me see... Contact Chaz and ask him to kill Austin. Tell him that I'll give him a befitting reward after he terminates

finished those words. His grudge against

I'll do it

respectfully before he

to Austin's house and woke him

be officially

longer grunt disciples of Sun

that I've passed the promotion test. She also asked me

He enjoyed being flattered by other grunt disciples, not to mention the female

as ogling. She is trying to pursue you. What are you going to do

need to work harder in my martial arts refinement. So, I'll concentrate on that at present. As for

that you've found your way,

laughed happily and kept chatting away.

new Jade Badges before heading

joined 70 to 80 disciples. All of them would

everyone arrived, an expressionless steward led them to a wide residential area. All the cottages had been built of timber and bricks. Over

Thousands of cottages had been built across the mountainside, crisscrossed by paths. The scenery was spectacular.

A board with a number hung over every cottage door, distinguishing them from each other.

"There are two kinds of living places for outer disciples. The sect provides the first kind for free. The cottages in front of you are the free accommodation provided by the sect."

The steward stopped and cleared his throat before continuing.

"The second kind is those villas over there."

As he pointed his finger in one direction, all the disciples turned and studied the villa area. Some of the buildings were elegant in appearance, while others looked magnificent.

"Those villas are separated from each other and have beautiful surroundings. They are ideal places for living and refining.

What's more, the leaders of our sect have ordered a group of array experts to arrange a small-sized Energy-gathering Array in every villa. For this reason, the air in that area contains much richer vital energy than the cottages here.

However, only inner disciples are allowed to live here for free. If you want to move to that area, you need to pay 1000 vital energy crystals annually."

"What?"

Everyone gasped in astonishment when they heard the figure.

As grunt disciples, they lived on the meager allowance provided by the sect.

For most of them, 50 vital energy crystals was a large amount of money.

"Don't worry. This is just your first day as outer disciples. If you apply for missions and work hard to earn money, you will soon be able to afford the rent of those villas."

Knowing what these cash-strapped disciples were thinking about, the steward comforted and encouraged them.

He gave each of them a paper with a number before he left. Once he had left, the disciples began finding their new houses according to the numbers on their papers.

"The Energy-gathering Array..."

Austin muttered as he pondered over the steward's words.

He had heard about the Energy-gathering Array in the past. When an array expert arranged an array in one place, the vital energy around would gather in the range of the array and create an environment with rich vital energy.

If a martial arts cultivator practiced in that kind of environment, he would improve dramatically due to the richness of the vital energy.

After studying the Golden Sun Scripture for some time, Austin realized that it required a large amount of vital energy to employ this martial arts method.

In his estimation, the amount of vital energy he needed now was 10 to 20 times more than when he learned about the Purple Yang Formula in the past.

Although he had restored the energy of the seven earth spirit fruits in his vital energy stone, he would soon run out of his energy reserve after a few days' usage.

In conclusion, Austin was now in urgent need of refining resources.

If he could move to the villa area, he would achieve greater progress when practicing the Golden Sun Scripture.

'Aside from that, I'm only at the sixth-level of the Energy Gathering Realm. I haven't even recovered my lost strength from several years ago.' He thought dejectedly.

After pondering over all these issues, Austin decided to move to the villa area. He was willing to spend his money to strengthen himself.

For now, he would stay the night in the cottage area and then rent a villa with an Energy-gathering Array the next day.

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Chapter 84 Protection Fee

After the steward just left, six men who had been standing under a tree not far away approached the new outer disciples. Wicked expressions reflected on their faces.

"Hi! Everybody! Since you are new here, let me tell you two things. First, I would like to extend a warm welcome. You are now members of the family of outer disciples."

A man who appeared to be around twenty years of age said loudly to the new outer disciples. He seemed high-spiritedly and enthusiastic.

In contrast, the six men standing beside him still wore sly smiles. They didn't seem to be as nice as the speaker.

Still, just to avoid trouble, the new outer disciples showed their gratitude.

"Ah," the speaker said, "You don't have to thank me. There's no need to be so formal. It is my pleasure to welcome all of you."

The young man continued talking.

"The second thing I wanted to share was that every new outer disciple is required to pay us ten vital energy crystals."

The young man paused and waited for his audience to react.

Hearing what he had said, the new outer disciples were stunned. After a moment's silence, they began whispering and discussing among themselves. As outrage grew, their voices soared. Soon, the residential area was filled with noise.

"What? What do you mean?"

"Is this a sect rule?"

They clamored to have their questions heard.

"The ten vital energy crystals are a sort of 'getting to know you' gift. You can also call it a protection fee or routine money. As long as you pay us the vital energy crystals, no one can harm you. If anyone tries, you can mention that you are under Billy Tan's protection!"

Protection fee!

The new disciples were not foolish. They understood at once that the six disciples were blackmailing them. It was the six disciples who were threatening the new disciples now!

"Be quick! Pay us the crystals. Only then can you leave. If you are not willing to... Hmmm!"

The young man paused, and his expression turned cold. He glared intimidatingly at all the new outer disciples.

"One thing you should know is that our leader, Billy Tang, is ranked fifteenth among the outer disciples. Whether you want to or not, you have to give us the crystals. And this is Mr. Billy Tang's brother, Barton Tang."

While the young man was speaking, he pointed to another young man who was dressed in purple. He looked arrogant and wore a cold smile on his face.

young man had said, the new outer disciples, who looked indignant a disciples. Of course, the new outer disciples could not be

outer disciples didn't want to

good relationship with Billy, and they might get help from him in

than one disciple started to

crystals with two hands to Barton Tang. Since they had lived on the meager salary of a grunt disciple, the amount was almost like a small

fortune for them. They cringed at having to pay, but they smiled while offering the money

gift and speak on my behalf to Mr. Billy Tang.

excellently. I will ask my brother

arrogant when he heard the new outer

his whole face. He felt as though it was totally worth his ten vital energy

to pay the

He didn't say anything. Instead, he considered his options carefully before

put them in Barton's hands. "Mr. Barton Tang, this is

pile of vital energy crystals and passed twenty to Barton,

of you. I hope you

demonstrated such generosity that it delighted Barton and the other five men.

Good. You are very good.

am Matias," Matias replied

member of our group. You can do anything,

glare. 'Now I have

minutes, two-thirds of the new outer disciples had

others, about one-third of the new disciples, stood still.

want to

the six young men shook his bag full of vital energy crystals as he asked

am telling you this for the last time. You are not in a position to refuse us. If a person is powerful enough to protect himself, he can do as he pleases. But if he is not, then hesitating makes him a fool! Apparently, you are the latter. To tell you the truth, I can kill you, all the newcomers, with one hand. Billy Tang is more powerful. Imagine what he could do

at the disciples who had not

one changed their minds, Seeing this, the young men turned furious.

you want to refuse us when

don't want to

the bulging bag full of vital energy crystals and stomped to the closest new outer disciple. He

of the Energy Gathering Realm while the disciple he had seized was only at the

power, the new outer disciple could not resist the young man. The young man began to throttle the new disciple. He gasped, and his

for a few seconds, he reached into his pocket and pulled out a few vital energy crystals

sorry. I didn't mean to offend you by not paying. It's just... I only have five vital energy crystals," the new outer disciple blurted.

The new disciple clawed at the young man's hand as he struggled to breathe.

Hearing the new disciple's explanation, the young man released his grip and took the five vital energy crystals.

"Hmmm! You poor wretch! I am going to be kind this time. You can write a note that you would give us another five in the future."

When the matter was settled, the young man pushed the new outer disciple aside.

Then he pointed to another one.

"You. Come here!"

Evan took a deep breath when he realized that the young man was pointing at him.

Austin saw the gang blackmailing the new disciples and didn't stop them or say anything. He had decided that if they let him go without asking for vital energy crystals, he would not get involved in this.

He knew that such practices existed at the sect. After all, he had seen this on several occasions. Three years ago, when he had been an outer disciple, he knew that the stronger outer disciples would resort to such blackmailing.

But now, since they wanted to bully Evan, Austin could not stand by this time.

Austin took Evan by the hand and pulled him behind himself.

"You can ask for protection fee from the others. But he and I will give you nothing," Austin said.

His expression was calm as usual.

Nothing?

Barton and the other five young men could not believe their ears. A new outer disciple dared to say that to them!

"Aren't you overconfident of your abilities?" Barton said with a cold smile.

"But I think you are insane!"

After he finished speaking, Barton squinted at three young men. All six men in the gang were at the fifth-level of the Energy Gathering Realm, while most of the new outer disciples were at the third level. At best, there were a few who might have reached the fourth level.

Sometimes, it was beneficial to pick a new outer disciple and make an example out of him. Since Austin had chosen to oppose them so publicly, the gang decided to use him to warn the others of the consequences of being arrogant.

Matias seemed to take pleasure in Austin's situation.

Even though Austin had once been the top-ranked disciple from among the other outer disciples, now he was only at the sixth-level of the Energy Gathering Realm. Austin had no fear of grunt disciples back then.

'But now, you are in the outer part of the sect. No longer are you surrounded by common grunt disciples. Although you have reached the sixth level, there will be many disciples who are much stronger than you. Now that you have offended Billy Tang's group, you will face great difficulties.' Matias thought as a smile grew on his face.

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Chapter 85 The Right Choice (Part One)

Austin felt helpless as he looked at the young disciples who were trying to fight him. Despite being promoted as an outer disciple, Austin kept a low profile so he could concentrate on his cultivation.

It was because fame had brought Austin great misfortune. Three years ago, he was famous for his strength and people envied him. Envy finally consumed them making them back stab Austin.

There was a saying that 'When people throw stones at you, it's because you are a good tree full of fruits. They see a lot of harvests in you.' Austin knew this well as he already lived two lives.

"Don't push me. I'm not in the mood to fight," Austin spoke reluctantly.

"I believe he is really a fool!"

The group of young disciples had burst into laughter as if they had heard a big joke.

"Are you seriously threatening us? Maybe you have forgotten that you're a newcomer. And maybe, you have also left your manners where you came from. You must be taught to respect your seniors. I, Tonny Tian, will teach you a lesson," said the youth who received the money. He sarcastically laughed as he spoke out his name.

"Leopard Punch!"

Tonny howled and strode up. His fists, covered with the vital energy, were vigorous and powerful like a leopard as they rushed towards Austin.

This was a grade two martial skill Tonny had learned. Although he hadn't mastered it yet, he thought it was more than enough to cope with a newcomer who was just promoted.

Fed up with Tonny's arrogance, Austin didn't restrain his strength as he fought back.

Austin stepped on his toes and the next thing Tonny knew, the adversary was already on his right. Austin suddenly appeared next to him like a ghost. Austin put the vital energy into his palm and then beat the opponent's right wrist at high speed.

Tonny threw his Leopard Punch but it missed Austin as the latter suddenly disappeared.

find that Austin appeared on his right. He knew he needed to change an attacking way, but it was already too late. The next thing he knew, he heard a cracking sound and felt a severe pain on his wrist. He turned deadly pale with sweat falling all

the Energy Gathering Realm but he was hit by

vital energy wave was also at level six of the Energy Gathering Realm. A disciple at the same level as him

Austin easily disabled a wrist of a senior at level six of the Energy Gathering Realm, Matias

realized that Austin was now more powerful

Before the promotion test,

reached level six of the Energy Gathering Realm which

I will prove that I am

fists and he stared at Austin's face with hatred in his eyes.

the Energy Gathering Realm. He showed his terrifying fighting power when

and then started

spread everywhere immediately. Some disciples standing close to them were forced to step back as they felt pain when the fierce vital

field and witnessed Austin's power looked at him

power, it was impossible to fight with five opponents at the same

he could

who freely gave vital energy crystals to the robbers chuckled at his discomfiture and thought, 'How dare you pretend to be powerful just because you've

to bow his head. Did he

moved his body and floated like a dead leaf dancing with the wind. He was like a single boat in the sea under the attack of the

young disciples couldn't even touch the

sounds of cracking bones

"Someone got killed! Help!"

The last young disciple quickly ran away instantly and shouted. He was scared that he wet himself as he looked at his fellows holding their wrists and crying miserably.

Austin strode out and followed him closely like a shadow. He cracked the opponent's wrist at a lightning speed. It caught the young disciple by surprise who didn't realize what happened. He just held his wrist and howled crazily.

Despite being outnumbered, Austin defeated all of them and was unharmed.

And anybody could see that Austin didn't even sweat after the battle. He hadn't exerted all his strength.

The people who witnessed the rumble were shocked at the unexpected result.

For a moment, there was silence on the field. Barton glared at Austin. Riding on his brother Billy's strength and fame, he was the tyrant among the outer disciples. But today, he was unexpectedly defeated by a newcomer who was just promoted into an outer disciple. How could he even vent his anger?

He also realized that even if they fought together, they wouldn't be enough to beat Austin. If they stayed here longer, they would be insulted more.

"Go!"

The other five young disciples glanced at Austin with enmity in their eyes and then left the field without saying a word. Apparently, Austin embarrassed them, and though they couldn't let him go, they also couldn't defeat him for now.

"Tin! You did it!"

Evan clapped his hands to praise Austin aloud after he had beaten the bullies who asked for protection fee among the outer disciples. Naturally, Evan would be the first one to support his friend.

After the rumble, the other disciples thought of another problem.

Although Austin kicked the six people away, there was still Billy—a powerful disciple who ranked fifteenth among the outer disciples.

He must be strong and powerful to be Number 15 among nearly five thousand outer disciples.

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Austin might be famous now, but he could not be for too long.

As soon as Billy found out about what happened to his brother, he would surely avenge him and beat the shit out of Austin.

Nobody believed that Austin could resist Billy's revenge. ...

... ..

However, Austin didn't think about it and just left the field with Evan immediately.

If it was up to him, he didn't want to fight. He even warned them about it. However, he didn't have a choice but to fight back when they attacked first. But the question was, would he apologize for it? Austin had no intention to apologize for what he had done. He just protected himself from the bullies.

It was against his will to let himself be bullied in consideration of the general interest.

Austin believed that it required a brave heart to reach the peak of martial skills as they pursued.

If he just wanted to stay alive without any ambitions, he could have just stayed as a leisurely and carefree grunt disciple. Why would he dream of being promoted?

That night...

Austin and Evan found the room arranged for them in the cottage area.

It was a small narrow wooden room.

Austin estimated that it was only about eight square meters. There was a wall with a moonstone inlay whose orange light spread and covered the whole room.

The only old furniture in the room was a table, a chair, and a bed.

was also a faint musty smell in

It is even smaller than

Austin sighed helplessly.

room didn't bother Austin. That night, he was absorbed in cultivating the Golden Sun

small light spot in his belly was a little bigger than a peanut, shining with a dazzling light and reflecting his belly

terrifying heat like the sun shining

Austin's body. On the contrary, Austin felt his body becoming warm. It seemed that his refined blood was vigorous,

the Golden Sun Scripture, the vital energy in

the ordinary. That feeling had never happened when he cultivated

...

woke

by the pavilions, terraces, towers, and high-class

area—a thin and

I right? How can

the middle-aged man didn't believe Austin had

the new disciples to have so much

buy more pills to promote their strength. Some of them would choose weapons, or exchange or purchase the

strength. But surely, none of them would waste a lot of money on energy, and the Energy-gathering Array would be undoubtedly to

man doubted about his

the road of martial skills but wanted to live in comfort. These idiots were obviously wasting the vital energy crystals. The money spent on renting a house

he could do than

it's up to you how to spend it. I

The cheapest house here costs one thousand vital energy crystals per year. It is the smallest, without any Energy-gathering Array.

The bigger one with the Energy-gathering Array, on the other hand, costs two thousand vital energy crystals per year. Of course, there are bigger ones with a higher rank Energy-gathering Array. The yearly rent will be three thousand," the middle-aged man explained.

"Tin, it's so expensive!" Evan said as he couldn't imagine the cost of the rooms per year.

Austin hinted Evan to calm down. Then Austin turned to the man with a smile.

"Steward, please get us a house for three thousand vital energy crystals per year."

"As you wish," the man said and blinked at Austin.

Austin understood that and handed the man three thousand vital energy crystals from his Space Ring.

Money did talk.

Soon enough, the man escorted Austin and Evan to a courtyard.

The courtyard had two bedrooms, one practicing room, and a small garden. There was even a small-sized practicing field. It was too spacious for the two of them. And unlike the room in the cottage, this one had all kinds of furniture.

"It is so nice here! I have never lived in such a big house before!"

Evan excitedly said as they entered the courtyard. He checked everywhere—the inside, outside, the front, and the back of the courtyard.

Austin was most satisfied with the practicing room where the Energy-gathering Array was set up. The whole practicing room was covered with the array.

He sensed the strong vital energy rushing to him as he entered the room and felt immediately comfortable. The vital energy penetrated his body, and the small light spot in his belly seemingly cheered and absorbed the vital energy with an irresistible impulse.

Austin couldn't help but highly praised the Energy-gathering Array. It lived up to its reputation. He felt that the three thousand vital energy crystals were well spent on this one. He made the right choice after all.

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Chapter 87 A Challenge

Soon enough, Austin and Evan moved into the house they had rented for 3, 000 vital energy crystals, and they were perfectly happy in their new home.

The house had one bedroom for each of them.

Since they had been poor, they didn't have many belongings except for a few sets of clothes, which made moving in a breeze.

After they had settled in, Austin took out a purple bead from his Space Ring.

"Violet, come out and look at our new home," Austin called.

A stream of green smoke then rose from the bead, and with a flash of pink light, a little fox appeared in front of Austin.

The fox lazily stretched its body on the floor as soon as she got out.

"Master, being stuck in the Illusion Bead all day long made me feel claustrophobic," Violet complained.

At the sight of Austin, she began to roll stubbornly on the floor.

"Have you recovered from your injury?" Austin asked worriedly.

"Yes, I'm completely fine now," the little fox answered.

He could tell that she had indeed recovered by the healthy flush of color on her face. The demonic beast had much better physical fitness than a human, so their injuries naturally healed faster than human beings.

"Master, I prefer to be in human form," the little fox said.

The little fox turned into a beautiful and charming human girl in a flash.

Her gentle features curved into an attractive smile. Her lithe, slender body walked gracefully, and she was irresistibly charming. It seemed that the whole house was filled with her charm.

"Tin!" Evan shouted excitedly.

He ran to Austin's room and was surprised to see a pretty girl when he got to the doorway.

The charming lady languidly stretched her body on the chair.

He just moved in with Austin and he was pretty sure that there were only the two of them.

'How did this pretty girl suddenly appear in Tin's room?' Evan wondered. 'This girl is really stunning and more charming than other girls I've seen. The people that Tin likes are very special, ' he thought again.

He stood dumbfounded by the doorway, embarrassed and didn't know what to do.

Then, Austin's voice broke his train of thought.

"Evan, come in and meet Violet, ' Austin urged.

Evan then shyly entered the room, but he looked down.

He didn't dare to look at the beautiful Violet.

"Evan, this is Violet. She will follow me from now on," Austin introduced.

amazed. 'Tin is so quick to get

it..." he said and respectfully bowed to Violet.

Nice to meet you. You must be Tin's girlfriend," he

It turned

Violet burst into laughs at Evan's words, her hand on her chest. She ogled Austin, and the room instantly felt awkward.

tried to explain the situation to Evan. "You misunderstood me. You may

but his

complicated relationship at the moment, but he wasn't going to ask further. It was Austin's business,

you shouldn't show yourself to anyone else except here, or else you'll expose yourself." Austin turned serious

nodded

started to count his properties in

still seven earth

three Energy-boosting Elixirs;

than six thousand vital

about how much

outer disciple, these things

wasn't nearly

be diligent and have a good understanding of martial arts—they also needed to have many resources to

had recently

because of the high quality of the Golden Sun Scripture. Unlike the common cultivation method, it took a great quantity

fruit to improve his practice and make

was too low—it was just in the third level of Energy Gathering

her to continue seducing boys and drink their blood like before. It

that they had far less wealth than all of them

wasn't only extremely important on earth in
crystals after they had settled down,

In another house.

a fit of rage in an elaborate, self-contained yard in the

"Bang!"

heavy wood was suddenly smashed into chips. The chips whirled in
the air like the table was struck by

stood a young man, his face dark and frightful like the

dark and

experienced, sharp, and

brilliance.

while, another voice spoke. "Billy, please avenge us. He broke my
wrist," the voice said.

name—he claimed that you didn't deserve your

boards that held the bones in place. It gave off a strong

had been bullied by a new outer disciple.

brother Billy, who ranked the fifteenth

from cultivating himself in the wilderness when Barton came

brother. When they came to

in the outer sect, his

a new outer disciple, who had recently been promoted from

lose

the new butt of

"What is his name?" Billy asked icily.

Barton fidgeted as he answered his brother's question.

"I asked those new disciples. His name is Austin Lin."

"And he's supposed to be the strongest new disciple in this promotion," he added.

"Austin Lin?"

A strange look suddenly spread across Billy's face when he heard the name.

"Wasn't he a fool before?"

"How did you know?" Barton asked in surprise.

"Yes, Billy. I heard he was a fool, and had a sudden recovery recently."

"It was him!" Billy exclaimed.

Billy was startled as he thought of the person who dominated the outer sect three years ago. If the enemy was Austin, it might not be easy for him to deal with things.

During that time, Billy was just a nobody in the outer sect. Later on, he got his current spear skill, acquired half level spear intent, and obtained his present strength and status.

"How's his cultivation base?" Billy asked.

"It's the sixth level of Energy Gathering Realm," Barton said. "But, Billy, he has a great bodily movement skill, or we wouldn't have been beaten by him."

"He's in the sixth level of Energy Gathering Realm?" Billy asked incredulously.

He paused for a moment before asking again, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I'm sure. He's indeed in the sixth level of Energy Gathering Realm," Barton said firmly. "I've confirmed it with the new disciples."

"Ha ha ha!" Billy began to laugh.

He laughed so heartily that the pressure he felt vanished.

"Good... this is wonderful! The former number one outer disciple is now just in the sixth level of Energy Gathering Realm.

Austin, you were truly respected when you dominated the outer sect.

But, now that you've fallen, you ought to behave yourself. You shouldn't be so arrogant the minute you got promoted.

Now that you've picked on me, Austin—I'm going to do something that will shock the outer sect. I will trample on you in front of all the outer disciples. I will show all the people how the former number one outer disciple groans under my feet," Billy declared.

"This is your consequence for offending me. I'll make you look bad and they'll spat on you forever!" he added.

Billy was high-spirited now, and his awe-inducing spear intent sliced the leaves of a Chinese rose beside him, its branches flying away.

With his goal in mind, Billy planned to challenge Austin. "Somebody arranges a challenge. I, Billy Tang, am going to challenge the new outer disciple Austin Lin," he announced.

What?

Billy wanted to challenge Austin?

Everyone present in the yard froze.

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Chapter 88 The Twin Shadow Blades (Part One)

Inside Austin's mansion...

After careful thought, Austin divided his fortune into three.

Turning to his friend, he said, "Evan, this Energy-boosting Elixir and these earth spirit fruits are now yours. And take 1, 000 vital energy crystals as well. Buy as many weapons, martial arts books or elixirs as you want," Austin told his friend.

Since he and Austin were now close friends, Evan was no longer shy about accepting the generous offer. As soon as Austin said he could have the treasures, he quickly stuffed them in his pockets.

Turning to Violet Austin said, "You can have these two earth spirit fruits. The Energy-boosting Elixir is of no use to you considering you're at the Earth Realm phase now. I'll carry the vital energy crystals, so if you need anything, I'll buy them for you."

With profuse thanks, Violet accepted the earth spirit fruits.

She knew she was practically a servant to Austin because her spiritual soul was under his control. So it came as a complete surprise to Violet that Austin was willing to share those precious resources with her. Such a gesture made her more cordial towards him.

"Evan, I'd like to head to the Task Hall and perhaps, take on some tasks to earn some more vital energy crystals. I might also take a walk in the market nearby to check if there are any elixirs worth buying," Austin said.

Although Sun Sect carried a variety of elixirs in its Medicine Hall, the quantity allowed for each disciple is quite limited. On the other hand, extracts sold to ordinary disciples were not very high-classed. If a

disciple wanted to purchase those more advanced ones like the Energy-boosting Elixir from Medicine Hall, it would be very difficult.

Elixirs of that quality and effect were a precious resource for a sect with several thousand disciples. Supply couldn't cope with the demand. The good and rare kinds were only kept for key and inner disciples.

However, there exist secret markets organized by local martial arts practitioners, and a disciple can easily find assorted elixirs at a fair price. If he is lucky, he may even discover other suitable medicines, martial arts books, and weapons.

So whenever Austin was free, he liked going to these markets and searching for objects he might need.

"Tin, I'd rather not accompany you to the market this time. My cultivation is still very low. With everything you just gave me, I believe I don't need to buy anything more for a long time," Evan suggested.

the guy already had a clear view of himself.

Mountain by himself. Since he had visited the nearby secret markets several times, he was already quite

dozen miles for half a day, the young cultivator arrived at a secret market

and Mindy visited the last time. The market already occupied the

he saw that every part of it

boisterous, and the wide main road stretched far ahead until it was out of sight. That road was around ten

market. Some were busy hawking wares. Some sat behind their stalls with a smile,

roaming the street were equally many.

of the stall owners and even shoppers had a steady and intense aura. Their cultivation bases were relatively high, and Austin even

was obvious that business in the Dark

dazzling array of treasures, Austin strolled down

Over here! I have a few Body-Strengthening Elixirs concocted with cores of sixth-level

these elixirs, or use it to purify your

stall owner in his thirties called

elixir refined with sixth-level diabolic beasts cores? You have

deeply, Austin was astounded by what he

even top-level practitioners never dared provoke

hard to obtain. However, the stall owner in the

on a piece of flannelette. They were black, just slightly bigger than duck eggs, and were now giving off a very pungent smell.

is quite big. So that's really a bargain for you.

only one thousand vital energy crystals each. I'm basically giving them away. Based on your unique physique and the halo hovering over your head, I can tell you're destined

knew

'One elixir with cores of sixth-level diabolic beasts for only one thousand vital energy

How is that even possible?'

He nearly laughed aloud, but quickly turned away instead.

"Come on, man! Have a look. Those are real Body-Strengthening Elixirs with cores of sixth-level diabolic beasts. I'm willing to sell them for only a thousand vital energy crystals. They're genuine goods at a fair price. You know I deal honestly with my customers."

He continued to persuade Austin to buy his ware.

As he turned to leave, the middle-aged merchant called out, "Hey, don't go! We were just having a nice conversation here. The price is negotiable."

"I can't afford them," Austin answered.

And unwilling to argue with the seller, he simply turned and walked away from the stall.

Shortly after Austin left the stall, a woman at the next stall began to taunt the middle-aged seller.

"Mr. Wang, are you trying to fool some innocent customer with potion-soaked hawthorn berries again? Hahaha! You really have nothing else to do but kill time, don't you?"

The man shushed the female seller.

It annoyed him that she was trying to block his attempts at selling.

"You have no idea what you're saying! I'm doing business with no cost. Last month, I tricked an idiot and made a lot of money from that deal, didn't I?" the man hissed.

He had no idea that Austin caught his remarks with a spiritual sense that could pick up these things within a radius of four hundred meters. The young disciple was amused after hearing the truth.

Muttering to himself, he said, "It seems this Dark Market is full of unscrupulous merchants. Perhaps, most of these stall owners are frauds. I need to be careful. Otherwise, I might be fooled and lose a fortune!"

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Chapter 89 The Twin Shadow Blades (Part Two)

Continuing down the road, Austin observed the merchants and inspected their wares. Some stalls sold furs, bones, and organs of a variety of beasts, while others peddled medicine and weapons, as well as special elixirs.

There were also several that offered books on martial arts techniques.

After strolling for several minutes, Austin caught sight of two stalls selling books on martial arts.

One of them only displayed two manuals. The disciple came up to the stall and inquired how much the manual on a first-level offensive technique called Wild Bull Broadsword Skills cost.

He was told it was five thousand vital energy crystals.

He then asked about the other book, one on the second-level body-refining technique titled Iron Armor. This one was priced ten thousand.

What was disappointing was that the stall owner didn't allow Austin to look through the books before paying for them.

Cunning as he was, Austin would never agree to such a risky deal. One thing very clear to him was that almost half of the stall owners in that street were swindlers. So, it was highly probable that he would regret paying for either of the two books.

"Sixth-level cultivation method on sale! Come, have a look!"

Raising his brow, Austin thought, 'Sixth-level cultivation method?'

Any cultivation method in that level was extremely precious. Only key disciples of super large sects with a long history could get a hold of these books.

'Well here you go, another fraud, ' Austin sighed.

in no hurry to leave, he decided to take a look

a stall. In front of him was a

Austin's heart

in Rafat's Space Ring. The only difference was their color. This one was scarlet. But set aside this detail, the two daggers appeared as if they

so special with that dagger?" he asked with great

out under the weight of the

kept his expression passive, so

wares. But very few were interested in them, primarily because no one believed the stall carried a

do everything to keep it for themselves. So how could a man in a small secret market allege that what he was selling

people loitering near his stall, they were all busy chatting and laughing, eager to learn how that man's trick could

a set. The red one is the Positive Shadow Blade, the other, the Negative Shadow Blade. Together, they are called the Twin Shadow Blades. They can only be used with the sixth-level cultivation method that you

these two objects out from an

selling these rare objects. But when my father was seriously injured in a fight against his foe, I had to reconsider. And since we now badly need money for his medical expenses, I decided to sell

asked, "And how much will

the disciple it could be

since no one believed me, I think I'll accept five thousand vital energy crystals for now. That amount

are lucky enough to find it, you will be able to practice this amazing cultivation

he could finish his sentence, the crowd of onlookers burst

a dumb sixth-level cultivation method! You're going to need luck before you can practice it!" someone

up

sympathy. See? The

"Ancient Relic? For heaven's sake, those are not tales you can find everywhere. He was just bluffing."

"That's right. Last time I ran into a fraud who tried selling elixirs. He insisted his goods were refined with cores of sixth-level diabolic beasts. But I turned him down. Later, I asked another merchant about it, and was told those elixirs were in fact hawthorn berries cooked in some potion."

More laughter sounded. "Hawthorn berries will do you good as well. They can whet your appetite and help in digestion."

People continued to mock, tease, and curse the sturdy man. It seemed all of them regarded him as a fraud.

The insults, however, made the man turn livid. He was now breathing heavily, his chest heaving, obviously from rage.

Gazing down at him, Austin saw his eyes were sincere and anxious, and not the eyes of a liar. Besides, he did have a black dagger that was exactly the same as the red one being offered. So that verified the man's tale.

If it was truly a sixth-grade cultivation method, the deal of five thousand vital energy crystals was definitely a bargain!

After thinking things over, Austin finally made a decision.

"I believe in you.

So, here you are. Five thousand vital energy crystals," he said.

The young disciple fumbled while extracting the vital energy crystals inside the Space Ring he carried inside his chest pocket. Once he had what he needed, Austin tossed these to the ground in front of the man. Then, he stuck out his hand and grabbed the manual and scarlet dagger.

The man was in near tears, so thrilled by Austin's words and gesture. He kept thanking the young man as he got busy collecting the crystals.

An uproar ensued when bystanders saw that Austin had indeed paid for the goods. There were snide remarks while others shook their heads dismissively. And then there were good-natured spectators, who attempted to talk Austin out of the sale.

But Austin ignored every one of them. Instead, he squeezed his way through the crowd and took off.

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Chapter 90 Hard Mission Hall (Part One)

After spending 5, 000 vital energy crystals in the Dark Market, Austin left with his pocket empty. He went back to Sun Sect with a long face.

At this point, the desire to make money was stronger than ever.

As soon as he arrived at Sun Sect, he headed straight to the Mission Hall.

It was a two-storey building. Normal missions came from the first floor, while the second floor was for hard missions.

Generally, normal missions were suitable for outer disciples, while hard missions were for inner and core disciples.

From the market, Austin headed directly to the mission hall on the building's first floor, ready to take an assignment. Built into one wall of the hall was a wide crystal screen made with special materials. A list of missions was flashing on screen for disciples to choose.

Several disciples, who were either seated, their arms crossed or leaning against pillars, were engrossed in reading the various missions displayed onscreen.

Slay 15 level-one demon dogs and get their beast cores and teeth to receive a reward of 300 vital energy crystals.

Slay 5 level-one demon pangolins and take their beast cores to be awarded 500 vital energy crystals.

Slay a level-2 magic fox and get its beast core to receive a reward of 800 vital energy crystals.

Pick three refreshing flowers to be rewarded with 400 vital energy crystals.

The list went on and on and disciples read them carefully. It was also with serious thought that Austin studied the available missions.

After a while of going over the missions, he realized each one was only rewarded with a few hundred vital energy crystals.

Among the missions with the highest reward of 1,500 vital energy crystals was to kill a level-3 one-horned demon wolf.

were nothing to Austin at this point after his previous

the screen for a long time but still couldn't find a mission that

Austin quietly headed up to

inner disciples or those with a

disciples taking on missions from the second

get missions from this floor. Austin once received hard missions when

wanted to take a look at the available missions from that floor.

Anyway, he

of the hard mission hall on the second floor was similar to that of the

was also scrolling with missions.

on the scrolling screen. Keeping a low profile, Austin walked in, careful

a level-3 purple fire python around the Great Desolation Mountain to be rewarded 1,800 vital

Mountain for a reward of

year with full-board to get a reward of 15,000

the normal mission hall, the list went on.

unusual. But the rewards were generous, at least over a thousand vital energy crystals, and

vital energy crystals. But while

cultivation base of the Evil Dragon is the initial stage of the Earth Realm. Crazy was the typical description for independent cultivators. They often committed crimes like murder, arson, and robbery, so they gained a lot of experience from actual combat.

and moving from place to place. So, it was quite difficult

equipped with the skill and

three missions, all of which were located around the

wanted to experience going around the Great Desolation Mountain. And actual combat was one of

rushed back

a surprise

At the moment, there was a commotion in front of Austin's house.

A couple of boys ganged up on Evan and punched him endlessly. His nose was swollen, and blood spurted from his mouth.

Depleted of strength, Evan could not fight back. The boys who beat him up were all at the fifth or sixth level in the Energy Gathering Realm, while Evan was only at the third level.

"Come on, where is that coward Austin hiding?"

One arrogant teen said aloud. As he was speaking, he would punch Evan in the stomach after each question. He was in the fifth level of the Energy Gathering Realm, and always bullied people by borrowing power from brothers Billy and Barton.

As Evan clenched his teeth in pain, he glared at his oppressors.

"Oh, you really have a backbone. Well, now I'll see how tough those bones are."

The boy said as he punched and kicked Evan again. There was a tingling pain all over Evan's body, and he felt internal organs being displaced. But he kept his mouth shut and just continued to glare at them.

"Well, I'll let you have a taste of my punches!"

Evan's insolence angered the boy more.

"Austin! Come out quickly! You have offended our older brother, Billy. Now you're done!"

"If you don't come out, I will peel off Evan's skin and fry him," the boy threatened.

Snorting in fury, he added, "A newcomer is not allowed to be so cocky. What gives you the right to offend Billy? You don't know how to spell the word death, do you?"

"You better come out now, and kneel before Billy to beg his mercy. He just might spare you," one of them said.

Another spoke up, "It's too late for him to kneel down for mercy. He's already upset Billy. This time, he's done!"

