

Chapter 39- Fortune at work

Li Yuan pushed her into the bed, and before she could say anything, he was upon her, his lips crashing against hers, making her moan as his hand roughly squeezed and groped her breasts, while his other hand wrapped around her thin waist, pulling her close enough that she could feel the heat of his throbbing pressing against her thigh, pulsing with each heartbeat.

They broke the kiss long enough to breath and Li Yuan gave her a look of pure lust and desire. "Lay down," he ordered.

Had any other man dared to talk to her that way, they would've met a rather painful death. But this was Li Yuan, the man she had chosen for herself. So of course she obliged, though not without giving him the necessary show to make him realise just what he was about to receive.

She turned around and went on her hand and knees, leaving both her holes exposed for his viewing pleasure. Being a virgin did not mean she was completely unaware of what coupling with someone entailed, or how to best entice a young man.

Once she'd reached the other end of the bed, she turned and laid down on her back, spreading her legs before she placed two fingers

on her peach and opened its lips to show the hot, and pink flesh inside.

“Well. What are you waiting for?” She asked, using her other hand to grope her own breast, letting out a delicious moan as her fingers pinched her engorged nipple.

Li Yuan’s eyes were wide now, his pupils dilated, and his heart beat racing fast as he tore off the robe from his body, his thick and hard member already at full length, looking ready to tear her open. And for the first time, she felt a slight apprehension. Not at the pain she might get from the act, as she lost her hymen to a combat long ago, but at the fact that she might very well lose her Yin Physique.

It was a painful price, but one she was more than willing to give if it bound her to Li Yuan.

Li Yuan was atop her the very next moment, pressing her on the bed as he lined his throbbing Yang member with her wet Yin palace.



No words were necessary and no words were said as Li Yuan simply thrust forward, and the next moment, he was inside her, filling her up completely in a way she'd never been filled before.

A throaty moan escaped her from the pleasure along with the pain as she felt something within her being torn through her body before it started to transfer over to Li Yuan via his Yang rod.

“Aanh~” She cried out as she starting losing her Yin Physique.
“Yuan, be gentle please!”



Li Yuan was not gentle as he took her by the hair and pulling her into a rough kiss, all the while he dragged his member out from within her, her fleshy insides unwilling to let go of him as they tightened around him. And then, he gave another thrust, filling her up completely once again. And then another and another as he climbed atop her and started to take her roughly.

Pa! Pa! Pa! Pa!

The sound of flesh slapping against flesh rang out throughout the room, intermingled with her pleased and pained cries. As his hot, throbbing member drilled into her.

Then, she felt a change come inside her, as the same energy from her Yin Physique that had just left her body now entered her once again, leaving her confused. Did... did her physique get rejected by Yuan's body, or was he deliberately sending the energy back to ensure that she won't lose her Yin Physique.

'This is not how it works.' She wanted to say, but all that escaped her was another throaty moan, after which she gave up on speaking and did her best to return the energy to him, only for him to send it with the next thrust.

And thus, without either of them being aware of it, as they passed around the energy that constituted her Yin Physique from her Yin to

his Yang, creating a cycle through which it started to absorb energy from both sides and slowly grew larger with each cycle, while above Li Yuan's head, unknown to either of them, his Halo begin to dim rapidly.

And while Li Yuan was mostly absorbed in the act of fucking her, she still had some presence of mind left, and started to slowly realise what was happening. Something that she'd only ever heard about in myths and legends.

Special Physique resonance.

The very next moment, she wrapped her legs around Li Yuan and pulled him into her, letting out another moan as he went even deeper into her in this position.



“Oh heavens!” She cried out before Li Yuan silenced her with a hungry kiss, forcing her open with his thick member with each hard thrust.

Then, Li Yan gave one last thrust, pushing himself deep inside her Yin palace, and with a loud grunt, release his Yang essence inside her along with all the energy he had accumulated so far.

As soon as that ball of energy entered her, it crossed all her boundaries and went inside her Dantian where it burst open with a loud bang that only she could hear. Filling her Dantian and meridians with an energy that she'd never felt before, replacing what she'd lost earlier with something far greater and stronger.

Her eyes flew wide open as Stellar Energy descended atop her from over half the Redleaf prefecture and filled her with more energy than a thousand Top Grade Spirit Stones.

Her terror increased as she realised that if she did not use this energy, it would detonate within her body, killing her and destroying the entire Li family lands with it. So, she began to circulate her dantian and started to cultivate frantically.

A task that became harder as Li Yuan turned her around on her knees and arms before he thrust inside her once again, fucking her

into the bed, his hips thrusting into hers and sending her ass rippling with each rough slap.



Her mind reeled as he went somewhere deep inside and she erupted from the pleasure, almost losing control over her circulation and needing to force part of the energy in Li Yuan's direction lest she die from Qi Deviation.

In the very next thrust, Li Yuan returned that energy back into her, the energy having diminished slightly while also turning more stable and pliable.

Her eyes widened at this realisation as she grunted in pleasure from another thrust and then sent another ball of energy into Li Yuan's

body via their connection. And Li Yuan sent it back into her with another thrust, with her quickly absorbing and assimilating the now, far more pliable energy.

Realising the benefits of this, she started repeating this again and again, forcing the rough fucking into a Yin-Yang cycle. And then, with a loud boom, a vast amount of energy was released from within her as she broke through, shattered both the bed, and the glasses at the window.

She opened her eyes wide in disbelief at her own breakthrough, realising that Li Yuan had similarly broken through with her, going from 7th to 8th stage of Qi Condensation realm. But, as if the heavens were still not satisfied, they continued sending more stellar energy into her newly formed Special Physique.

She quickly adjusted her mindset and started the Yin-Yang cultivation as Li Yuan adjusted the position and fucked her once again, tearing cries out of her throat that were heard by the entire building.

Li Yuan fucked her on the



broken bed, then pushed her against the wall and continued copulating before they somehow ended up in the table until that too broke under their assault as Li Yuan forced her into position after position, taking her for all she was worth however he wanted.

They fucked for hours, and in the end, all she could do was moan helplessly like a wanton whore as she bounced up and down on his thick rod, her heavy breast jiggling up and down with each jump until finally, Li Yuan emptied his balls within her once again, and with one last boom... she broke through to the 9th Stage of Golden Core.

Finally, the energy that was pouring upon her from the heavens slowed to a steady stop and she let out ragged breaths, thoroughly exhausted from having broken through five minor stages in a single night, as well as the harsh fucking she'd received for the past few hours.

She panted, her breasts heaving up and with each breath as she looked down at Li Yuan who had fallen into a deep slumber as soon as she stopped sending energy into his body.

She unconsciously clenched her fists and felt the immense power boost she had received. Not only from the five minor realms of Golden Core she'd leapt through (something which was completely unheard of in the Nine Peak Sect) but also from the upgrade she'd gained from her Special Physique.

A low chuckle left her lips as she leaned down until she was only an inch away from Li Yuan's peaceful sleeping face.

The main reason why she desired to be with him was her belief that she might gain the opportunity to rise beside her. It was for this reason that she had been more than willing to gamble her Special Physique away, something she knew might've displeased her teacher.

But she never received that her gamble would pay off so successfully and so quickly at that.

“You're really my lucky charm Yuan'er. Or should I call you husband from now on.” She said, giggling at the mere thought as she place a soft kiss upon Li Yuan's lips, feeling grateful to him for this immense gift.

After all, had Li Yuan been greedy and not returned the Yin Physique energy back to her, then this entire process would've never started in the first place.

‘To think there are people like this in the world. Caring for me even when he lost in his own lust.’ She thought, being more than aware that no other cultivator would've done the same for her. Not even those known for their great and benevolent reputations. ‘Maybe his kindness is not such a bad think after all.’

She kissed him once again, giggling childishly until, the exhaustion finally caught up with her and she fell atop Li Yuan, passing out as well.

Li Yuan POV. He woke up slowly and found his face laying in between Zi Mo's large and soft breasts. He inhaled and grimaced as he took in the scent of sex and sweat before he gently pushed Zi Mo off of him, blinking in confusion as he realised that they had been sleeping on the ground for some reason.

Looking around the room, he found it completely unrecognisable. The bed was broken. The table was broken. The chair had met a similar end. The stone wall looked like it had gone a dozen rounds with a boulder, and lost. Even the windows had been destroyed.

Li Yuan's face twitched as he watched all this, only vaguely recalling taking part in all that destruction. A sweet smile formed on his face as he remembered the sex. He didn't know how but he had somehow managed to last for hours.

If he had any qualms about being a cultivator before this, then that simple fact erased any and all such doubts from his heart. After all, what man would not desire to last that long in bed.

He released a sigh and pulled Zi Mo back to himself, cuddling with her sleeping form as he cupped her breast and idly played with it, idly wondering how she was still asleep when he had already woken up. After all, shouldn't a Golden Core cultivator have far more stamina than a mere 7th Stage Qi Condensation Realm cultivator like—

He paused as he suddenly realised that the energy within his body had somehow increased greatly since last night. No, he was not at the 7th Stage anymore but had somehow broken through to the 10th Stage of Qi Condensation Realm. And he was at the peak as well, his cultivation completely stable and ready to break through to the next major realm at any moment.

Not only that, but his physique seemed to have gone through a leap, multiplying his strength by well over a few times.

He knew that just going up three minor realm at Qi Condensation would not be enough for such a major leap in strength, so something else was definitely afoot.

'Is this the result of me gaining Zi Mo's physique?' He wondered as he tried to recall how this has happened but try as he might, he only gained vague images of the two of them having deep, passionate sex. Well, Zi Mo looked a bit distracted in some of those images, which felt like a dagger to his heart.

‘Did I not perform so badly that she became distracted during her first time sex?’ He thought with a wince before his gaze went wide as he noticed the Halo above his head.

Gone was the pristine shine it had gathered over the past few months. Now, it looked dull white as it drifted atop his head listlessly. Looking like it would fall down at any moment.

“What the fuck happened last night?” He wondered once again, gaping at the sight of his immense fortune having turned to dust in one night for absolutely no fucking reason.

He then glanced at Zi Mo sleeping peacefully on his side and wondered if it had been the case of someone with superhuman strength having sex with a normal woman. Or man in this case. Did he almost die from having sex with Zi Mo, only surviving due to his Fortune stepping in to save his ass.

‘Did I... almost die from Snu Snu?’ He wondered and he nodded to himself in respect. ‘That’s one death that I would not have minded at all. Being buried in the woman I love.’

That thought gave him pause. Love. Did he love Zi Mo. He turned and looked at Zi Mo’s face deeply. He couldn’t lie that he had gained great affection for her recently. Even more so after they fucked, which likely ended in her giving up her physique to him, hence his sudden jump in strength.

He was not sure if he loved her, but he couldn't deny that he had grown to deeply care for her. Something that might eventually change into love. Especially if she became pregnant from all this.

The thought froze his brain. Pregnant.

'She wouldn't become pregnant from just one night of sex, would she?' He wondered. From what he'd heard, the higher your cultivation level, the longer it takes you to get pregnant. 'Oh god. Is that where all my fortune went? Please tell me that's not the case. I'm so not ready to become a father just yet.'

It was as he was going through the panic attack that the woman beside him finally stirred away. Her eyes blinked a few times and then she gazed up to look at him. Their eyes met, and look she gave him was so tender that it almost melted his heart.

But it did not make him forget his primary fear.

"Please tell me you're not pregnant." He blurted out, and Zi Mo blinked a few times before a look of concentration took over her face. A moment later, she met his gaze once again.

"No, I'm not." She said, and his entire body shuddered at the disappointment in her voice.

'Oi, woman. Are you trying to baby trap me or what? Do you fear I'm like those other xianxia protagonists who'll pump and then dump their women, chasing waifus with ever higher cultivation levels.' He thought, and did his best not to show any of his thoughts in his expression.

But something must've shown through because Zi Mo's eyes suddenly narrowed. "Did you... not want to get me pregnant?" She asked and he shook his head.

"I... I don't think I'm ready to become a dad." He said.

Zi Mo tilted her head cutely. "Pretty sure you told me multiple times to get pregnant last night." She said, as she leaned down and placed a soft kiss on his chest. "Especially as you filled me up with your seed." She said with an amused giggle.

'Wait... giggle? Since when did this ice jade beauty start to giggle. Did fucking her really change her entire brain chemistry and turn her into a young girl full of love?' He wondered.

"Are you thinking something rude once again, husband?" Zi Mo asked and as he was about to give her a reply, his brain finally registered that last word and froze all over again.

“H...husband?” He asked, trying his best not to gape.

“Yes. Are you going to tell me that you’re not ready to be a husband either?” She asked, and then put on a mock pitiful expression. “Would you really not take responsibility after sullyng me last night?”

“I... *sigh*. I know you’re acting. But if you actually want to get married, then just say so. I am not someone who runs from his responsibilities.” He said, giving her a serious look.

Zi Mo stared into his eyes for a long moment, as if judging his sincerity, then she leaned forward and placed a gentle kiss on his lips. “Then, my answer is yes. Marry me, and make me yours once and for all, husband.”

“I will.” He promised. “Just tell me when you want to get married. We could do it tomorrow if you want.”

Zi Mo thought about it for a moment before shaking her head. “I would like to get my teacher’s blessing before we do that. She’s... like a mother to me.”

“I understand.” He said and then suddenly pushed her on her back before climbing atop her. “But I hope you don’t mind us fucking till then. Because I don’t intend to wait.”

“Fufufu. Of course not, husband~” Zi Mo said as she took hold of his hardened cock and guided him inside her hot depths once again, her back arching in pleasure as a soft moan left her throat.

And before long, the sound of flesh slapping against flesh rang out out of the room once again.

Chapter 40- Meridian Awakening Ceremony

Li Yuan shot through the mountain valley like a bullet, wind screaming past his ears as he used Shadow Cloud Steps constantly in order to blur through his surroundings.

Ahead of him, Zi Mo floated calmly in the air, her long black hair flowing behind her while her robes fluttered gently as though she were strolling through a garden rather than racing across the mountains even faster than him.

And no matter how hard he pushed himself, the gap between them continued to widen. His eyes narrowed.

‘Let’s see how casually you handle this.’

His arm snapped forward. And sword in his hand hummed as Boundless sword intent surged into the blade and a moment later... Slash! A crescent of compressed sword intent tore through the sky.

The attack streaked forward like an arrow launched from a bow as it headed toward Zi Mo. Only for her to sidestep the attack with ease. The attack then headed for the mountains behind her and went through a dozen mountains, before it finally ran out.

If he had not intentionally kept his Sword slash small in size, then all those mountains would've been severed in half by now, falling to the valleys and causing a small, localised earthquake across all of Redleaf Prefecture.

Li Yuan's lips twitched at how easily Zi Mo had dodged his attack, so he raised his sword and launched more attacks against her, his arm moving faster as he sent smaller but more numerous sword slashes at her this time.

A dozen mountain-cleaving arcs erupted from his blade and tore through the valley with enough power to slice apart the surrounding peaks.

Zi Mo finally turned her head and looked at the approaching sword slashes. But there was no worry or panic in her eyes as her gaze remained calm as before. Then, she raised one hand, and formed a protective Qi barrier.

His attacks hit the barrier with immense force... and then vanished without leaving so much as a ripple.

Li Yuan almost gaped. Those attacks were each strong enough to cut an entire mountain in half after all. To see them neutralised like that...

A Late Stage Golden Core expert was truly on an entirely different league after all.

Before he could launch another strike... Zi Mo suddenly vanished. And Li Yuan's pupils shrank as his instincts screamed at him.

He turned quickly... but was still too slow as Zi Mo had already appeared beside him, her fist heading toward his torso. There was no technique in that attack, just a simple punch. But he felt like Genos at that moment as death approached him.

Li Yuan barely managed to raise his sword in time before the fist collided with the blade—

Crack.

The Peak 2nd Tier weapon he took from the Qin family treasury didn't last for a single moment and was shattered like glass before the punch finally arrived and slammed into Li Yuan's body, making his world go white with pain. The next instant—

Boom.

His body smashed into the side of a distant mountain.

Stone erupted outward as the impact carved a deep crater into the cliff face. Cracks spread across the rock like a spiderweb while fragments of shattered stone rained down the slope below.

Li Yuan groaned as he simply hung there, half-embedded in the cliff, pain erupting through his entire body. Then, he finally glanced down.

His right arm was twisted into a grotesque shape, the bones beneath the skin completely shattered and poking out of the flesh here and there. Several ribs had collapsed inward, and blood trickled from the corner of his mouth as they punctured his inner organs.

“Damn...” He rasped as he coughed blood.

Then a bright flame ignited across his arm.



The fire spread quickly through his entire body, golden light flowing along his form like liquid warmth. A moment later, his mangled arm began to shift.

Bones cracked and slid back into place, torn muscle fibers reknit themselves, and bruised or torn apart flesh regenerated at a visible pace. Li Yuan grimaced slightly as the bones aligned again and finally, half an entire minute later, he flexed his fingers.

Good as new.

Yes, he had recently managed to learn the **Yang Flame Restoration Technique** in recent days, and even took it to Major Mastery. Alas, he'd finally run out of points and couldn't raise the skill any further until he gain access to more powerful corpses.

Li Yuan pushed himself free from the mountain and dropped down toward the valley floor. The ground crunched beneath his boots as he landed, and he looked up to see that Zi Mo was already waiting for him.

She stood calmly on a flat stretch of stone near the base of the cliff, her arms folded lightly beneath her massive breasts as she studied him with a complicated expression. Li Yuan wiped the last traces of blood beneath his lips and walked toward her.

“So,” he asked, “how did I do?”

Zi Mo remained silent for a moment. Then she sighed softly. “Before... last night,” she said, “I would’ve rated you as having the strength of a pseudo–Golden Core cultivator.”

Li Yuan tilted his head slightly. “Meaning?”

“You were strong enough that you could defeat Peak Foundation Establishment cultivators easily,” she explained. “But a true Golden Core expert would still overwhelm you. But now...”

She paused and eyes studied him carefully.

“Now... you might be able to fight a First Stage Golden Core cultivator,” she said slowly. “Possibly even defeat one.”

Li Yuan blinked. “Really?” Like... he knew he was strong. But to think that he’s already reached such a level of strength while still being a Qi Condensation Realm cultivator.

Zi Mo nodded.

“You have access to so many terrifying techniques that fighting you is a nightmare. And your sword intent is even more terrifying. Even I might get injured should I take such an attack head on,” she

said. “Not to mention the Special Physique benefits you gained from our dual cultivation has improved your physique to that of a Mid-Late Stage Foundation Establishment cultivator.”

Then, her expression hardened slightly. “But this doesn’t mean you’re truly ready to challenge Golden Core Cultivators. Everyone who reaches that level of power does so after surviving countless life and death situations and has decades of battle experience.” She warned. “Not to mention the countless defensive and offensive artefacts in their body that even your sword intent would struggle to break.”

Li Yuan nodded as he had no desire to face Golden Core cultivators either. “I understand,” he said.

He then removed his damaged robe and tossed it aside before pulling a fresh robe from his storage ring. As he was about to wear it, he noticed Zi Mo watching his body intently.

Li Yuan smirked faintly. “See something you like?”

Zi Mo nodded. “To heal your body so completely in such a short time. Your healing technique is not normal either.”

He rolled his eyes at her words. “You keep praising my skill and abilities. But you defeated me so easily back there. You didn’t even take me seriously.”

Zi Mo raised an eyebrow. “Are you really comparing yourself to me right now?”

He nodded. “Didn’t you say that my strength is akin to a 1st Stage Golden core cultivator? And you’re in the same realm, so shouldn’t I pose at least some challenge to you?”

Zi Mo chuckled faintly. “I keep forgetting how young you are.”

His eyes twitched at those words. “What’s that supposed to mean?”

“Maybe some rare genius might be able to defeat a 9th Stage Qi Condensation while being at the 1st Stage of Qi Condensation Realm himself.” She said. “But I’ve never heard of a Foundation Establishment cultivator accomplishing the same. And to even think that a 1st Stage Golden core could pose a challenge to a 9th Stage Golden Core cultivator would be considered utter foolishness in the sect.”

“Why?” He asked. “I mean, I’ve always known that the gap between the realm increases the further you advance in cultivation. But is the gap really that vast?”

“It is.” Zi Mo replied immediately. “At Qi Condensation realm, each minor realm increases strength, speed, vitality, Qi reserves and such by roughly ten percent.”

Li Yuan rubbed his chin and nodded. “That sounds about right.”

And while 10% might not seem like much, just imagine fighting someone who’s 10% taller than you. That’s the difference between a man at 5’5”, vs another man standing at 6’1”. Provided both men of those heights are similarly skilled, there’s no way the 5’5” guy would ever win.

Of course, it’s not a perfect comparison but it’s close enough to show what a 10% difference could mean. And from what he knew, the difference in strength doesn’t improve leniently but instead compounds over each minor realm.

“What about those at higher realms?” He asked.

“Well, for a star, when someone at 10th stage of Qi Condensation breaks through to Foundation Establishment, their abilities in all vectors doubles immediately. Strength, speed, vitality, Qi reserves... and all that.” She said. “Not only that, but their Qi also compresses and gains a denser form, which naturally suppresses the Qi of lower level cultivators. This is why fighting across levels is considered a nigh impossible feat except for rare geniuses.”

“I see...” he said, finally gaining a better understanding of his own situation.

“Once you enter Foundation Establishment, each minor realm gives around a twenty percent increase.” She said. “And when you cross from Peak Foundation Establishment into Golden Core, your strength increases roughly threefold.”

Li Yuan whistled softly. “Damn! And you’re telling me that this kind of thing continues to happen across higher realms?”

Zi Mo nodded. “Yes. The higher the realm, the more dramatic the difference becomes. Of course, at such realms, the cultivators had lived for centuries. So, the skills they have, as well as the artefacts they possess play an equally important part in the battle. Not to mention other things like Special Physiques.”

She glanced at him again. “Which is why what happened to us last night is something I still have trouble believing.”

Li Yuan smiled faintly. “Yeah. I suppose no one expects to jump from 4th Stage to 9th Stage of Golden Core in a single night.”

“Yes.” Zi Mo said with a disbelieving chuckle. “Before this, crossing so many Golden Core minor realms might’ve taken me an entire century. Maybe longer. And unless I found some special

treasure, reaching Nascent Soul would've been... incredibly difficult. No, it would've been outright impossible.”

“I see.” He said and Zi Mo surprised him as she moved forward and pulled him into a gentle embrace.

“Of course, if that was all there was to it, it would've already been pretty miraculous. But there's more.” She said.

“Your Special Physique.” He said, knowing that it had changed as well Though he didn't know the details.

“Indeed. My Stellar Yin Physique has now evolved.” Zi Mo said as she looked him in the eyes tenderly, “Before, it only gave me a faint connection with the stars, allowing me to study them for divination. Now, that connection has deepened, and would allow to me to make far precise divinations regarding people and events.”

“That sounds pretty impressive.” He said. And being a user of a similar, if higher level cheat, he knew well enough of just how bullshit such an ability could be.

“That's not all.” Zi Mo and suddenly, the world around them darkened and brightened at the same time, leaving him confused by this impossibility until he finally looked up, and saw that the sky had gone from day to night in an instant. And the stars in the sky were

each shining with hundreds of times more brightness than their usual self.

“This...” He trailed off, at a loss for words at witnessing such a beautiful sight for the first time in his life.

“With my Stellar Yin Physique evolving, I can finally use the energy of the stars to not only aid in my cultivation, but also to draw energy from during combat, giving me nigh endless Qi reserves.” She revealed, and he blinked in shock.

And here he'd thought that his Lakeheart Gu giving him unlimited Qi reserves in the future would be a trump card the likes of which he wouldn't see in anyone else. Except, he already found someone who had a similarly bullshit ability.

“Because of all this, I'm far stronger than before.” Zi Mo said proudly. “Far stronger than an ordinary 9th Stage Golden Core cultivator.”

“Oh. How strong are we talking about?” Li Yuan asked curiously.



Zi Mo hesitated slightly, then spoke up. “Honestly? If it’s night time, I could probably hold my own against a First Stage Nascent Soul cultivator.”

Li Yuan paused at those words. After all, according to her calculation, a Nascent Soul Realm expert should be 4 times greater than a Peak stage Golden Core expert in every aspect. Not to mention the Qi suppression of someone at a higher realm.

“Are you serious?” He asked.

“Only for a while,” she said quickly. “But yes.”

Li Yuan stared at her for a moment before laughing softly. “Well... that’s very impressive. Doesn’t this mean that you’re now the second strongest person in the Snow Peak?”

Zi Mo sighed and then shook her head. “You’re forgetting that all the disciples taken by Teacher Wu Yuechan have special Yin physiques of their own. And some of them are over a century older than me, with two having reached the Peak of Golden Core Realm. So, no, that’s probably not the case.”

“Damn. Your Snow Peak is bullshit.” He said, and Zi Mo chuckled.

“That it is.” She said before her expression suddenly turned serious. “The entire Snow Peak has grown rapidly under Teacher Wu Yuechan’s leadership. But she has also ordered us to lay low and focus on our own growth, lest one of us make the same mistake as her and draw the attention of unsavoury individuals. For that reason, you should understand why I would need to hide my strength when we return to the sect.”

“I do.” Li Yuan said with a nod. After all, he would’ve done the same were he in her position. “Well... what now? Should we head back?”

Zi Mo raised an eyebrow. “You really think I dragged you all the way out here just for the spar?”

Li Yuan blinked. “...No?”

Zi Mo smiled faintly and then untied the sash around her waist, letting her robes slip from her shoulders and fall softly to the ground, showing her once more in all her naked glory.

She turned around then bent against a tree before jutting her ass in his direction. Then, with one hand, she pulled apart her cheeks and revealed her pussy and puckered asshole in all their naked glory. “Well...?” She asked with an amused smile. “What are you waiting for, husband? Come and claim your right.”

Li Yuan stared for a moment before rubbing the back of his neck “Well,” he muttered. “I suppose the clan’s affairs can wait a little longer.”



Li Yuan sat beneath the shade of a large pavilion overlooking the main courtyard of the Li clan estate. From his seat, he could see nearly the entire awakening ground spread out before him, as well as the sea of bodies moving within.

The Awakening ground was... crowded. Far more crowded than he had ever seen in his life.

Rows upon rows of mortals stretched across the courtyard and spilled beyond the gates of the estate. Parents stood with their kids. Fathers standing around with nervous expressions while mothers whispered soft prayers. The prepubescent teens themselves stared around with wide, uncertain eyes.

The line seemed endless.

Never in the Li clan’s history had this many people come for the Meridian Awakening Ceremony.



Part of that was due to the clan's sudden expansion. After absorbing nearly two-thirds of the Qin family's territory, the Li clan's lands had almost doubled in size. Dozens of towns and hundreds of villages had now fallen under their authority, bringing with them a massive increase in mortal population.

But even that wasn't the primary reason for this crowd. The real reason stood far simpler. Money. Up until last year, the Li clan had charged one gold coin to awaken a mortal child's meridians.

For a cultivator, such an amount was practically meaningless. For a mortal family, however, it could represent several years of savings.

The justification had always been simple enough. Awakening meridians required cultivators to travel long distances between towns and villages. That took time. And the Qi used to awaken the children's meridians could've been instead used to increase one's own cultivation.

Time and Qi were two of the most valuable resources for a cultivator. So, in order to make those cultivators do this, they needed to be compensated.

Except the clan had never paid for that compensation themselves. Instead, they had passed the cost onto the mortals.

It might seem like a malicious practice. But Li Yuan knew that the Li clan was far from unique in this practice. In fact, from what he'd seen from his memories, this was the norm everywhere.

Nearly every cultivation family he had encountered did the same. In fact, some were far worse, charging dozens of gold coins, so that only the wealthiest of mortals may get the chance to check whether their children would get to walk the path of cultivation or not.

The cheapest Li Yuan had seen the ceremony offered was within lands directly controlled by the empire. In those territories, the price was only a dozen silver coins. Redleaf City was one such place.

But that system came with its own limitations. As only those who already lived within directly within imperial territory could benefit from it. For the countless mortals scattered across distant villages and remote countryside, traveling such a distance on their own was practically suicide.

Bandits, wild beasts, spirit beasts, rogue cultivators... the roads were filled with dangers. And because of this, even within the lands ruled by the Empire, the number of children awakened each year remained small.

Up until last year, the Li clan had only awakened a few hundred mortal children per year. At least those not related directly or indirectly with the clan.

Now... Li Yuan's gaze swept across the lines stretching far beyond the estate gates and he saw tens of thousands of children.

And the main Li clan estate wasn't even the only place performing the ceremony. Several nearby towns were conducting the same event simultaneously. All because of one decision.

A decision made by him.

Li Yuan leaned back slightly in his chair as he watched the long procession of children moving slowly toward the awakening platforms.

When he had first proposed the idea to Clan Head Li Tian, his uncle had been extremely hesitant. The loss of income alone wasn't significant but it would still hurt.

Plus, not all the kids who awaken today would join the Li clan. Some would remain independent while others might even turn into rogue cultivators, increasing the over all danger and competition within the Li clan territory for cultivation resources.

In other words, the Li clan would be spending its own resources creating potential competitors and hidden dangers.

But in the end, Li Tian had agreed. Mostly because Li Yuan had insisted. And Li Yuan had done so much for the clan that refusing him had become difficult.

Even now, Li Yuan himself wasn't entirely certain the decision wouldn't come back to bite him in the future. Still...

He hoped that this good deed would help his clan in the future. As well as give opportunity to the countless mortals living within their territory to go higher in their lives.

After all, from what he'd seen in Zi Mo's Special Physique, the concept of Fortune and destiny truly existed in this world and wasn't a

unique concept to him. With that in mind, was it so hard to believe that Karma could exist as well? And if it did, wouldn't it be best for his clan to accumulate as much good karma as possible?

Now all he had to do was make sure the future Li clan members didn't turn into the arrogant young masters that seemed to plague every cultivation world.

That... might be harder. Because as Li clan grows in strength and size, such malignant tumours were bound to emerge.

...he decided to talk with his uncle after this ceremony. Maybe creating laws to severely punish bullying or infighting in the clan could stymie such existences for a while. And he would also ask his grandfather to watch from the shadows and ensure such a situation doesn't occur in their clan.

He would have to think more about this later.

Then, a loud voice suddenly echoed across the courtyard. The clan crier had stepped forward onto the main platform and started giving his speech.

“In his great magnanimity,” the man shouted proudly, his voice amplified by qi, “Young Lord Li Yuan has removed all fees from the Meridian Awakening Ceremony! From this day forward, all mortals

within Li clan territory may awaken their meridians without paying a single coin!”

For a moment, the crowd was silent. Then the courtyard exploded with cheers as their hopes and dreams were finally made true.

Parents bowed repeatedly toward the clan elders. Some even dropped to their knees in gratitude. Children looked around in confusion as their families celebrated like they had just won a great battle.

Unknown to Li Yuan or anyone else, as tens of thousands of people thanked him in their hearts, a strange energy began to coalesce in the air and enter his body. While this energy emanating from only those people was still too thin to be noticeable or show any impact, that may change in the future.

Li Yuan watched quietly as the ceremony officially began. And what followed was a long and exhausting affair.

Every Foundation Establishment cultivator, as well as every late and Peak stage Qi Condensation expert in the Li clan had been mobilised for the task.

Dozens of awakening platforms had been erected across the courtyard, each glowing faintly as cultivators channeled their qi into the bodies of waiting children.

The process repeated endlessly as one child after another stepped forward. Most showing nothing while some revealed thin, fragile meridians barely capable of supporting cultivation. Only a few displayed slightly better talent.

Whenever such a child appeared, they were quietly escorted to a separate area where clan representatives would speak with their families, giving them a simple offer. Join the Li clan in exchange for cultivation resources.

Children accepted into the clan would receive half the cultivation resources of true Li family members until adulthood. Once they matured, they would marry into the clan and fully integrate into the family.

It was a compromise, one designed carefully by Li Yuan and Li Tian. It allowed the clan to absorb new talent while still prioritising the descendants of the Li bloodline.

Hours passed as the morning slowly turned into afternoon and then evening.

Li Yuan remained seated quietly, his gaze drifting from child to child. But unlike others, he wasn't observing their meridians. He was watching their halos.

Hundreds passed. Then thousands. Then tens of thousands. But none stood out. Not a single one displayed a halo that would mark them as someone extraordinary. Li Yuan leaned back slightly, disappointed as the number of children dwindled to a few dozen.

His eyes drifted upward toward the faint halo hovering above his own head. It was still dim as the night when he fucked Zi Mo so hard her Special Physique evolved.

Jokes aside, after learning of Zi Mo's evolved physique, he finally understood where his Immense Fortune went. And he didn't regret it in the least, even if it meant he won't be having any fortunate encounters until he returned to the sect and got to his usual shenanigans of stealing others' fortunes.

After all, having Zi Mo as a shield protecting both him and the Li clan was worth far more than a bit of lost fortune.

His gaze returned to the ceremony just as another child finished the awakening process. The boy's meridians were slightly thicker than average but nothing extraordinary. But still good enough for the child and his family to be escorted aside for the offer.

Li Yuan watched quietly. Then... a sudden surge of qi erupted from deep within the clan estate. The entire courtyard fell silent and several heads turned.

Moments later, three figures stormed out of the inner compound. These were the Bai clan representatives. The three Foundation Establishment cultivators who had come to his grandfather's 'funeral'.

Their expressions were dark with anger as they strode across the courtyard without acknowledging anyone, their robes snapping in the wind as they mounted their spirit beast horses and rode off at full speed.



Li Yuan's eyes narrowed slightly as he glanced at their halos. Then a faint smile appeared on his lips.

So they had failed. It seems his uncle has grown a spine and has finally become more reliable and didn't need him to handle such matters anymore.

Good. With his uncle acting so decisively, he won't have to worry about the clan's future for when he returns back to the sect. A day that was now closer than ever before.