A confident smile appeared on Sara's face. "You must not underestimate the Anonymous Thousand Appearances technique. Not only can it transfigure one's facial appearance, but it can also change one's voice."

Change one's voice?

Sara was stunned when she heard that!

At that moment, Fang Mao did not hesitate. He activated the Anonymous Thousand Appearance technique and appeared as Sara's clone. Then he said, "Do you believe me now?"

When he said that, Fang Mao looked exactly like Sara; even his voice sounded similar to hers.

That was the essence of the Anonymous Thousand Appearance technique.

Wow!

At that moment, Sara's body trembled when she saw her master turned into herself; he even sounded like her. She was utterly stunned!

'That Anonymous Thousand Appearance technique is really magical!'

'If I activate the Anonymous Thousand Appearance technique to transform into a person close to Zhang Jue, wouldn't that be much easier to handle? Who would expect the person around him to be another person in disguise?'

Finally, Sara snapped back to her senses. She could not hide the excitement in her heart as she smiled at Fang Mao. "Master, you are so powerful. I want to learn that."

Fang Mao smiled gently and said thoughtfully, "You must think that you can transfigure into someone after you learn the Anonymous Thousand Appearance technique. However, you will need to pay a great price each time you activate the technique.

"That technique consumes a substantial amount of internal energy. Each time you activate, it will use a month's worth of your cultivation energy. So, do not activate it simply, understand?"

What?

Sara was stunned. 'Each activation will consume one month of cultivation energy? That is a high price to pay.'

However, she had another thought. If one could activate it without any consequences, one would already be invincible.

After that, Fang Mao gave her further reminders. Then, he started to pass the Anonymous Thousand Appearance technique to Sara. Sara was a smart and intelligent woman. She learned it and remembered the formula without a mistake in her heart.

A few hours passed, and the sky brightened.

"You stay here and comprehend the technique properly. I will go prepare some food and then get some news from the outside." Fang Mao stood up; his eyes were filled with compliments.

'This apprentice of mine is extremely talented; she is perfect for taking over the Thousand Appearance Figure title.'

'Alright!'

Sara nodded obediently as she sat cross-legged and started to cultivate.

Half an hour later, Fang Mao returned with food. He had a few types of exquisite breakfast. He had always lived alone. With the sudden appearance of a female apprentice, he had to take great care of her.

However, Sara was not eager to eat. She focused all her thoughts on cultivation.

"Master, I might have understood some of it. Let me try," Sara said.

"Fine, fine!" Fang Mao laughed and said, "Let me take a look."

Sara nodded and started to dictate the method silently. Then, she activated her energy. There was a particular sensation on her face in an instant, then her skin and facial features started to change slowly.

A dozen seconds later, Sara smiled and looked at Fang Mao. "Master, how did I do?"

Fang Mao laughed; he was delighted. He laughed and complimented her. "I never imagined your comprehension level is so strong. Not bad..."

At that moment, Sara had turned into Fang Mao, but her voice still did not sound like him. However, it was rare for someone who had just started cultivating the Anonymous Thousand Appearance technique to achieve such results.

Fang Mao remembered when he first started cultivating the technique; it took him half a month to change his appearance. However, his apprentice had only used about an hour. That was incredible.

Sara was delighted when she received her master's compliment.

"Master, did you get any news?" Sara asked impatiently.

'My misfortunes brought me luck—I have a good master. Dax and Yvette lost their internal energy, I wonder how they are doing now?'

Fang Mao smiled and said, "I heard that the Honorable Pianist had rescued Dax and the rest. As for Zhang Jue, he had sent secret invitations to quite a few Sect Masters of various sects, not sure what that was for."

"He is a bad person; it is definitely not something good." Sara clenched her fist and said angrily.

Fang Mao gave it a thought. "On my way back, I saw the sect master of the Sky Mountain Sect from the South Cloud World. He must have accepted Zhang Jue's invitation. Let's eat and then find a way to capture him. We can then pretend to be him to meet Zhang Jue—"

'That sounds a little risky.'

Sara's body trembled when she heard that. They had to pretend to be a guest to meet Zhang Jue—that was like walking into a trap. They knew that Zhang Jue was extremely deviant, and extremely powerful too.

However, Sara nodded when she saw Fang Mao's confident face.

Soon, both master and apprentice embarked on their journey after their meal.

Just like how Fang Mao had described earlier, they bumped into the sect master of Snow Mountain Sect on their way there. Fang Mao did not hesitate. After Fang Mao defeated the sect master, he took the invitation letter. Then he activated Anonymous Thousand Appearances to turn into the Snow Mountain Sect's sect master.

Sara changed her look slightly too.

Next, they headed toward the direction of the Endless Sky Organization's main altar.

Sara felt unsettled along the journey, but she had courage when she saw her master beside her.

After a few hours of journey, they finally arrived at the base of Lunar Hill.

Sigh!

Sara felt conflicted when she saw the place she had been trapped once. However, she was determined.

At that moment, two of Zhang Jue's apprentices, Vito Chapman and Karen Spencer, were greeting the guests at the main altar entrance. The man was handsome, and the woman was beautiful; they looked really attractive.

Fang Mao led Sara forward. He handed the invitation letter; everything was smooth so far. Fang Mao's Anonymous Thousand Appearances was really extraordinary. Even his actions and behavior were the same as the real Snow Mountain Sect's sect master. No one there suspected a thing.

Sara felt relief when she saw that. However, she could not help but look at Karen.

Even though that woman was beautiful, Sara would never forget that she was evil.

She was the one who suggested that Zhang Jue captured Zhu Bajie. She also brought people to the prison to humiliate Dax, herself and others.

Sara would never forget the humiliation she suffered during her days in that prison.

Sara knew that she had to pretend to be a Snow Mountain Sect disciple, but she could not hide her hatred when she saw Karen.

'You caused me to be separated from my brothers and sisters. I will make you pay for that!'

Sara clenched her fist discreetly.

Karen felt suspicious when she noticed Sara's stare.

'What is wrong with that Snow Mountain Sect disciple?'

At that moment, Karen still did not realize the lady in front of her was the young miss from the Carter family. The Endless Sky Organization had been searching for her.

"Snow Mountain Sect Sect Master?"

Karen smiled at Fang Mao; she looked doubtful. "Does your disciple know me?"

Fang Mao furrowed his brow. He knew that his apprentice could not control her emotion; he

searched for the best explanation.

"We have never met."

Sara regained her thoughts at that moment and an attractive smile appeared on her face. "I just think that you look beautiful and friendly, Sister."

Sara looked obedient when she said that.

She needed to control her emotions; she could not expose her identity.

"Such sweet words." Karen was in a good mood; she welcomed them with a gesture. "Master is in the main hall waiting for everyone; please enter."

Fang Mao nodded and led Sara into the main hall!

There were so many people there.

Both master and apprentice were stunned once they entered the hall. They saw many familiar faces in the main hall; the place was extremely crowded.

Tens of different sects from each continent had gathered there. Although those sects were not to the top ones, it was still really grand and impressive.

Fang Mao did not show any emotion; he led Sara to a seat and settled down.

Most of the guests had arrived, and the banquet was about to begin.

Wow!

Just at that moment, Zhang Jue appeared. The entire main hall became chaotic.

"Mister Zhang!"

"How are you doing, Mister Zhang..."

Everyone started to rise to greet him. All of them were really polite. Zhang Jue had been famous for a few thousand years, and he had ventured across the nine continents. Three years ago, he even helped Yang Jian to conquer both the east and the west. One could say that he was very well-known, so no one dared to be disrespectful.

Sara and Fang Mao stood up too, but Sara did not say a word. Her beautiful brows locked tightly as she stared at Zhang Jue.

"Master!" Sara said.

Fang Mao compressed his voice. "What is wrong, my apprentice?"

"Master!" Sara lowered her voice and said softly, "Zhang Jue invited so many people to a secret meeting; he must have a conspiracy. We must be extra careful."

Sara remembered how Zhang Jue visited the Carter family alone a month ago, and he claimed that he had news about Darryl. Then he lured the Carter family into his trap.

The scene in front of her felt very familiar. Zhang Jue was a deviant person, so they must be cautious.

Right!

Fang Mao nodded and looked at Sara with compliments. "I understand. We are here to look for news. Do not panic if there are any sudden changes later..."

"Everyone!"

At that moment, Zhang Jue stood up slowly. He looked around and laughed when he said, "I am honored that everyone here accepted my invitation to come here. The reason I invited you, firstly, is to improve our relationship as members of the community. Besides, I have some collaboration proposals to discuss with all of you."

The entire place went into an uproar when everyone heard that.

Collaboration? What sort of collaboration?

Fang Mao and Sara furrowed their brows too.

Zhang Jue smiled and continued to say, "I know that all the sects here have a grudge against the Raksasa Tribe. I think that they are wild and should be destroyed. However, Darryl wanted to have peace talks with them during those years."

As he spoke, many people nodded in agreement.

"That's right. The Raksasa Tribe is wild and rude. Signing a peace treaty with them is a wrong decision."

"I am so angry when I see the Raksasa Tribe."

"Three years ago, countless of our disciples died or were injured from the battle against the Raksasa Tribe."

Sara realized that all the sects there held a grudge against the Raksasa Tribe when she heard what they said.

'What does Zhang Jue want to do?'

Zhang Jue laughed.

He was satisfied when he saw what was happening in front of him. He smiled and said, "It seems like we already have a mutual understanding in taking action against the Raksasa Tribe. I wish to get everyone's support."

Everyone looked at each other and started to speak.

"Please tell us, Mister Zhang."

"That's right; we will not reject as long as we can do it."

Zhang Jue had won everyone's acceptance in the matter about the Raksasa Tribe. They thought it was their honor to work with Zhang Jue. Everyone there showed their extreme support.

Zhang Jue thought that the atmosphere was just right for his second announcement, so he said, "The second matter is that I wish to get everyone's support to help me take action against Darryl."

What? He wanted them to take action against Darryl?

At that moment, everyone there was utterly stunned.

Darryl was a famous person across the nine continents. He had extremely strong powers. Three years ago, he had led the Nine Mainland and defeated the Raksasa Tribe; his contribution was enormous.

Still in shock, many people looked at each other, but they did not say a word!

Sara furrowed her beautiful brows. Her heart sank.

'I knew that Zhang Jue was up to something terrible. He is showing his evil self now. He wants to join forces with so many sects to take action against Big Brother?'

He knew they were stunned, but Zhang Jue smiled and said, "I know about your worries. Darryl is powerful, and so is the Elysium Gate Sect. However, I do not fear them.

"That person has good intentions, but he is too soft and kind. For example, his initiative to have peace talks with the Raksasa Tribe. How many people died during our battle with the Raksasa Tribe? How much blood had been shed?

"Besides, Darryl has a unique relationship with the Raksasa Tribe. He would definitely stop us if he knew about this. So, we must get rid of him."

Zhang Jue turned around and looked around the hall after he said his last sentence. His aura was so strong; it was intimidating.

"Well, that sounds reasonable..."

"However, Darryl is really powerful. Even if we join forces, I'm afraid—"

A few seconds later, everyone regained their thoughts and started to speak.

Even though his guests were doubtful, Zhang Jue smiled confidently and said, "There's no need to be worried. I do not need you to take any action against him. I just need you to give me clues."

When the giant dragon appeared, Darryl had gone missing without a trace. Zhang Jue sent people

to look for him, but they could not locate him. He got impatient.

Finally, Zhang Jue figured out a way to seek assistance from the other sects to look for Darryl's whereabouts.

Zhang Jue was cunning, but he was extra careful in his plans. He knew that if he mentioned that he wanted to take against Darryl at the start of his speech, those people would be worried and afraid. So, he talked about the Raksasa Tribe first to get them on board.

Zhang Jue took out the Sky Breaking Axe and another item. He spoke loudly, "I guarantee that after we defeat Darryl and the Raksasa Tribe, I will share the Nine Mainland with everyone here."

Wow!

The entire room was in shock when they saw the items in Zhang Jue's hand.

One could see a golden, shiny giant axe and an exquisite pagoda. Both the treasures had a powerful spiritual aura.

That was the Sky Breaking Axe and the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

That was right—when Zhang Jue harmed Jackie and Darryl rescued her at the most critical moment, she did not take the exquisite pagoda with her. Zhang Jue later obtained the pagoda from the secret room where Jackie had cultivated.

Those were two extremely valuable treasures.

At that moment, everyone who saw the two treasures was incredibly amazed.

Sara's body trembled; her exquisite face was filled with anger and hatred. She felt conflicted.

'My brother's pagoda has landed in Zhang Jue's hands.'

Zhang Jue laughed.

Finally, everyone regained their thoughts. Someone shouted, "Mister Zhang is an incredible and unusual talent to be able to obtain both precious treasures. I will cooperate with you."

After a person showed his support, the rest of the people started to agree as well.

"That's right, even though Darryl is powerful, he is too kind."

"The nine continents need someone like Mister Zhang!"

Everyone agreed unanimously. All of them laughed together.

Sara was worried when she saw that. She looked at Fang Mao and asked, "Master, what should we do?"

Fang Mao shook his head to tell her not to worry. Then he continued to observe the situation.

"Great!"

Zhang Jue was delighted when he saw everyone's reaction. He ordered someone to bring a contract. "Since everyone has agreed, words carry no weight. Let's sign a contract with our blood. Put your handprint on that agreement, and we shall be allies."

As he spoke, Zhang Jue used his blade and cut his finger. He was the first to press a bloody handprint on the agreement.

Then, many people stepped forward and did the same. All of them put their handprints on the piece of paper.

Fang Mao pressed his handprint on the paper too. Since he only pretended to be the Snow Mountain Sect's Sect Master, there was no harm in doing that.

Zhang Jue was delighted once everyone had signed the contract; he raised the wine glass to celebrate with them.

"Apprentice!"

Fang Mao consoled Sara when he noticed the expression on her face. "Don't worry. When everyone goes to bed at night, we'll try to steal the Sky Breaking Axe and Exquisite Pagoda."

Alright!

Sara nodded firmly; her eyes were filled with anticipation.

Sara was distraught when she saw so many sects had joined forces to take action against her brother and the Raksasa Tribe. However, when she heard Fang Mao's plan, she felt much better.

'Without the Sky Breaking Axe and the Exquisite Pagoda, Zhang Jue will not be able to defeat Big Brother!'

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Meanwhile, at the Green Cloud Sect.

Darryl had obtained much news with Melody's help. The New World royal family and the Elysium Gate had attacked the Endless Sky Organization main altar but had failed and had to retreat; the Carter family, Dax, Yvette, and others were missing in action.

Darryl was worried when he received the news.

He planned to return to the Elysium Gate Sect to regroup and then figure out a plan to look for Dax and others.

At that moment, in the main hall.

"Master!" Melody tugged at Darryl's arms. Her lovely face looked reluctant. "You have to leave

now?"

Darryl had to leave one day after he accepted her as his apprentice; Melody was reluctant for him to leave.

Darryl smiled bitterly and nodded.

"Why don't I go with you?" Melody asked with full expectation.

Darryl shook his head, "That is a grudge between Zhang Jue and me; I don't want to drag you into it." Zhang Jue was a cruel man; he would definitely seek revenge against Darryl, so he must not drag the Green Cloud Sect into the conflict.

Camryn and the other Green Cloud Sect disciples stood politely at the side.

She was extremely envious when Melody became Darryl's apprentice. 'That girl is too lucky!' However, even though she was not happy, Camryn dared not show it while Darryl was there.

"Sect Master is back!"

At that moment, a disciple shouted from the outside. Next, a stout middle-aged man walked in slowly. He was the Green Cloud Sect's Sect Master, Conner Yoel.

"Father!"

"You are back!"

Melody and Camryn shouted at the same time when they saw Conner. Both of them smiled and walked forward.

Melody tugged at Conner's sleeve; she was delighted. "Father, we have an important guest, and I became his apprentice. Do you know who that is?"

She smiled and looked at Darryl; she was delighted.

An apprentice?

Conner was stunned. 'My adopted daughter is really talented in cultivation, and she does not hold many warriors in the world in high regard. Who's this person with such great charm to make her want to be an apprentice and feel so delighted?'

As he mumbled in his heart, Connor's vision landed on Darryl.

"Sect Master Yoel!" Darryl smiled and put his fist together in a salutation. "I apologize for coming here uninvited; I'm truly sorry for the disturbance."

Buzz...

Connor's heart trembled when he heard that; he was in utter shock. He stared blankly at Darryl and did not know what to say.

The Elysium Gate Sect's Sect Master, Darryl Darby?

Conner had been at Zhang Jue's banquet, and he had signed the contract. He did not stay at the Endless Sky Organization because he had some important matters to attend to at the Green Cloud Sect. He had left early.

At that moment, Conner felt his entire brain buzzed.

A few hours ago, he agreed with Zhang Jue to take action against Darryl and the Raksasa Tribe. He did not imagine that Darryl would appear at the Green Cloud Sect and had become his daughter's master.

'This is really complicated!'

Then, he laughed.

Finally, Conner snapped back to his senses; he put his fists together to greet Darryl and smiled.

"Sect Master Darby, your arrival brings pride and honor to the Green Cloud Sect."

After he spoke, Melody walked forward and said, "Father, Master is facing some problem. Zhang Jue had set a trap and harmed the Carter family; we must help him."

Melody shared the entire situation in detail.

'Father is back. If he is willing to help, Master may not need to leave so soon.'

That...

Conner's face looked incredibly awkward.

The next second, Conner forced a smile and said, "I did not expect Zhang Jue to be so deviant. Sect Master Darby, please stay here and let me give it some thoughts."

"Thank you, Sect Master Yoel." Darryl nodded.

Darryl did not want to involve Green Cloud Sect in his problem, but Conner had already spoken. Hence, it was not appropriate for him to reject.

Conner did not say anything else. He stepped out of the main hall and headed toward the room at the back.

Camryn saw her husband's weird facial expression, so she followed behind him quickly.

"Conner, what's wrong?"

Camryn asked once she entered the room.

Conner smiled bitterly as he looked at Camry. "My dear, try to guess the name of the Endless Sky Organization's Sect Master who invited me to a banquet?"

"Who?"

"It's Zhang Jue!" Conner replied with conflicted emotions.

What?

Camryn's body trembled; she was utterly stunned.

Conner sat on the chair; he looked worried. "During the dinner, Zhang Jue proposed to take action against the Raksasa Tribe and Darryl. He got us all to sign a contract. Who would have guessed that Darryl would appear on our doorstep and become Melody's master? This is really complicated."

Conner was incredibly worried. He told Darryl to stay and wait because he did not know how to react at that juncture. He needed to calm down.

He knew that Darryl was incredibly powerful. If he found out that Conner had joined forces with Zhang Jue to take action against him, he would not spare the Green Cloud Sect. However, Conner would be in trouble if he were to let Darryl go, and Zhang Jue found out about it.

Camryn's expression changed when she realized that Conner was worried. She said impatiently, "What is the problem? Since you have allied with Zhang Jue, just figure out a way to capture Darry."

When he heard that, Connor smiled bitterly and said, "That's easy for you to say it; Darryl is now Melody's master—"

Camryn interrupted him before he could finish his sentence.

"Melody, Melody, all you ever think of is Melody." Camry could not hide the annoyance on her exquisite face. "She is just someone you picked up as your adopted daughter. Do you really think she is your biological daughter? She is just an abandoned kid. All those years, you put her high on the pedestal, pampering her like a princess...."

Camryn could not help her annoyance each time when he talked about Melody.

Connor opened his mouth but did not know how to respond to her.

Camryn sighed; she had kept her silence for a long time. Then, she said, "Think about it. Even though Darryl is famous in the Nine Mainland, his reputation has vanished over the past three years. Zhang Jue, on the other hand, is the Endless Sky Organization's Sect Master. He has many alliances too. Weigh the pros and cons, and you measure it yourself."

"The Green South Sect will be in trouble if we offend Zhang Jue."

Conner remained silent. After much debate in his heart, he nodded. "Fine! I know what to

do."

A few minutes later, Conner returned to the main hall.

"Sect Master Darby!"

Conner looked at Darry and smiled as he said, "On my way back, I heard some news about Dax."

Really?

Darryl's eyes lightened up; he was emotional when he said, "Please, Sect Master Yoel, tell me where he is."

Connor smiled. "I have heard about your brotherhood bond with Dax; it is really admirable. I shall send my disciple to check it out. Once we locate Dax, we will bring him here to reunite with you."

Connor looked sincere. "You are a famous warrior, Sect Master Darby, and you are here at the Green Cloud Sect and even accepted my daughter as your apprentice. We are family now; we must drink to celebrate that wonderful news."

When he said the last sentence, Connor's eyes shone with complication.

Conner did not want to threaten Darryl; he wanted him to stay. Then, Conner sent his disciple to deliver the news to Zhang Jue.

- Darryl felt embarrassed as he looked at Conner's face. "Sorry for the trouble, Sect Master Yoel."
- Darryl had wanted to leave immediately, but it was difficult to reject Conner's sincerity.
- Besides, Zhang Jue had sent countless men to trace Darryl's whereabouts; it would be a problem if Zhang Jue found him.
- Conner chuckled.
- He was delighted when Darryl agreed with him. He waved his hand. "Hurry, prepare some good wine and dishes."
- Camryn immediately went to prepare the food when she heard Conner's orders.
- Melody was delighted to see that Darryl had decided to stay; there would be more opportunity for her to learn from him.
- It was seven o'clock at night.
- The atmosphere in the hall was lively. A delicious dinner had been prepared as per Conner's orders.
- There were four people at the table—Darryl, Conner, Camryn, and Melody.
- Conner was a friendly host; he laughed and chatted with Darryl. He continued to serve wine to the other man.
- Conner wanted to use the alcohol to minimize Darryl's vigilance. Then, he would find a way to take him down once Darryl was drunk. No matter what, Darryl's power was too terrifying.
- Darryl smiled, but he felt unsettled.
- Even though Conner promised to send his disciples to look for Dax and then bring him to the Green Cloud Sect, Darryl was still worried.
- After three rounds of drinks, Darryl seemed a little drunk. Camryn remembered something as she smiled at Melody. "Melody, you are so lucky to find such a great master. You must drink more

with him."

Camryn's face was full of smiles when she said that, but her eyes shone wickedly. 'As long as Darryl is drunk, Hubby will have the chance to take action.'

Conner smiled and nodded in agreement.

Melody immediately served Darryl more wine when she heard that.

Even though she was not on friendly terms with Camryn, Melody agreed with her adopted mother. Darryl was an important person; it was a rare opportunity to sit and drink with him.

She was his apprentice, so she must serve him a few more drinks.

Darryl waved his hand. "I am almost done. No more drinks; I will be drunk if I drink some more."

He was still waiting for news about his family and friends; he was not in the mood to drink.

Besides, Darryl remembered the incident at the Famed Sword Manor where he was drunk under the influence of Parker's cousin brother. Lucas tricked him into getting drunk before he moved him into Parker's room; that had created a huge misunderstanding...

After that incident, Darryl learned to be more careful.

That...

Conner furrowed his brow when he saw that. 'This Darryl is so cautious; what should I do next?'

Conner had a new plan. He turned around and said to Melody, "I remember that you like to produce elixirs. It's too bad you did not have a good teacher to guide you.

"I heard that Sect Master Darby's elixir production skill is the top in all nine continents. No one can compare with him. As an apprentice, you must learn the skill from your master."

Melody's eyes lit up when she heard that. She tugged at Darryl's sleeve and asked delicately, "Master, please teach me elixir production. I have a few elixir formulas, but I do not know the technique. Hence, I still did not manage to produce it."

Melody's lovely face was filled with anticipation. 'If father did not mention it, I almost forgot that

Master excels in elixir production too.'

"Sure!"

Darryl smiled as he looked at Melody and said, "Tell me, what elixirs have you been producing?"

Melody mentioned the name of a few pills immediately. Finally, she said, "Master, why don't we head toward the elixir production room now. You can demonstrate the production technique so that I can learn it..."

"Nonsense!"

Conner scolded her. "We are having a drink; how can you head toward the elixir production room?" Even though he said that, Conner still stood up.

He wanted to send Darryl to the elixir production room. Once they were there, he would have a way to capture Darryl without the use of any weapon.