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Chapter 631: I've Beaten Them Up Before

On the cloud ship, the lantern cast an eerie light on its surroundings. It also illuminated the old woman's wrinkled face. She did not look like a living person.

Meanwhile, dark clouds floated all around the cloud ship, making the whole atmosphere rather mysterious.

Eventually, the old woman changed her mind. She smiled at Ye Guan. "Please come in."

He slightly nodded. He did not bother asking any more questions since the old woman refused to answer anyway.

Dao Market.

As Ye Guan rose and walked toward the sea of black clouds, the old woman opened her hand, making a black wooden token appear in front of Ye Guan.

"Take it," she said.

He took the token and continued heading toward the sea of black clouds.

The old woman watched as he disappeared into the clouds. After a few moments of hesitation, she extended one finger to probe outward. Her expression filled with tension and unease.

Suddenly, a golden light appeared at her fingertip. Almost as if she had been electrocuted, she quickly retracted her finger. The look on her face also changed drastically.

Soon, a golden halo enveloped the sea of black clouds.

Her expression darkened.

He's gone!

However, the power of the cultivation seal was still present and strong.

After a few moments of silence, the old woman turned the ship around and sailed back.

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Right after Ye Guan had entered the sea of dark clouds, the Ancestral Gods of the Mo, Qin, and Zhao Clans suddenly appeared where he had been. Leading them was the middle-aged man, Mo'e, who was from the Mo Clan.

This time, they had all appeared in their true forms.

Mo'e furrowed his brows as he gazed into the distance. "How did Ye Guan manage to enter the Dao Market?"

"It's not that odd at all. After all, he possesses the First God's inheritance," the Zhao Clan's Ancestral God replied.

"We can't make a move inside..."

The Zhao Clan's Ancestral God contemplated for a moment. "That man has Teacher's inheritance. If word about it gets out, he will attract the attention of powerful people in the outside world... Let's go."

Albeit slowly, the Dao Market was already dissipating. Since it appeared randomly, if they chose not to enter now, they would have a very hard time finding it again. Hence, the trio walked in.

However, the Dao Market, which had almost completely dissipated, strangely started to solidify again.

A little girl hugging a white creature slowly walked toward it from the distance.

A big player had come. The Dao Market had to wait.

Very quickly, the little girl and her white creature entered the Dao Market.

Meanwhile, the man in a white robe and Plain Skirt Destiny observed the situation from afar.

Seeing the little girl, the man in a white robe asked, "It's them... Qing'er, do you recognize them?"

Plain Skirt Destiny nodded. "I've beaten them up before!"

The man in a white robe didn't know what to say.

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Upon walking into the sea of black clouds, the scenery before Ye Guan gradually became clearer, revealing an ancient town that was made of blue stones. It was quite desolate, and it was drizzling as well, creating a rather chilly atmosphere.

He walked on the quiet streets, letting the cold rain fall on him. "Senior, based on what that old woman said earlier, it seems that she has made some sort of agreement with the First God in the past..."

"I suppose so, but I do not know anything about it," Mu Yuan replied.

"I guess the First God still has many secrets that we don't know about."

At that moment, Ye Guan wondered if someone in this place could read the First God's black ancient book, which he had yet to decipher.

Looking up, he noticed that a mist had risen over the town, shrouding it in a hazy veil and making it look surreal.

Ye Guan attempted to use his divine sense. However, much to his shock, it did not respond.

"This place is special. Be careful," Mu Yuan warned.

Ye Guan nodded. He then walked further into the town.

After some time, he heard footsteps behind him.

Turning toward it, he saw a burly man with a stubble approaching him. He was carrying a bamboo box on his back.

Although the burly man looked surprised to see Ye Guan, he still grinned. "Interested in buying something?"

Instead of waiting for Ye Guan's response, he put down his bamboo box. He then took out items from it and displayed them before Ye Guan.

To Ye Guan's surprise, every product that the man had for sale was a divine treasure. Among them, the black longsword with a deep red line running down the middle of its blade especially caught his attention. It was about three feet long and two fingers wide.

Noticing Ye Guan taking an interest in it, the burly man asked, "Are you interested in this sword?"

Ye Guan nodded slightly. "May I take a closer look at it?"

The burly man replied, "Of course you can."

He picked up the sword and offered it to Ye Guan. However, before the latter could take it, the burly man suddenly withdrew it.

Ye Guan looked at him in confusion.

"This sword is called 'Evil Karma,' As its name implies, it possesses the power of evil karma," the burly man warned, "Without enough cultivation, just wielding this sword will affect your mind or even devour your soul. You—"

Ye Guan smiled. "Thank you for letting me know."

"You're welcome," the burly man said.

Finally, he passed the sword to Ye Guan.

The moment Ye Guan accepted it, he immediately sensed an extremely terrifying force of evil coming from it. The evil force surged into his consciousness and, just like the burly man had said, attempted to devour his soul.

Remaining calm, he gave the sword a gentle shake.

With a resounding hum, his Sword Intent expelled the evil force from his body and sealed it within the blade.

The burly man's eyes flashed with a hint of surprise. Right after, he chuckled and gave Ye Guan a thumbs up. "Very impressive."

Ye Guan smiled and then returned the sword to the burly man. "This sword is pretty good, but it does not suit me."

The sword's style leaned toward evil, which was very different from the nature of his Sword Dao. While he could use it, he didn't really need it. The Xuanyuan Sword was better suited for him.

When the burly man took the sword back, the sword started to tremble violently.

"The sword wishes to follow you," he said.

Just like people, swords could also choose their wielders.

However, Ye Guan shook his head. He had no fondness for the sword.

The burly man laughed bitterly. "Alright then!"

He put the sword away and then pointed to the pile of divine treasures in front of him. "Anything else you're interested in?"

Ye Guan looked at the divine treasures until he saw a black scale with mysterious runes engraved on it.

"That is a scale from the War Qilin, the burly man quickly explained. "If you have the Ancient Guiding Technique, you'll be able to use this scale to find the legendary War Qilin and obtain its inheritance."

"War Qilin? What grade is it?"

The burly man now looked bewildered.

Ye Guan added, "It's my first time here in the Dao Market."

"I can tell," the burly man said with a nod. "Just figured that out. Well, the War Qilin is a war beast from the Mountain Sea World... Do you know that place?"

Ye Guan shook his head.

The burly man chuckled. "Alright then."

At that moment, Ao Qianqian suddenly appeared beside Ye Guan. Since she had just spent quite some time in closed-door cultivation to break through to the Ancient Sovereign Realm, Ye Guan couldn't help but be surprised to see her.

Why did she suddenly come out?

Her gaze fell on the War Qilin's scale.

"What is it?" Ye Guan asked.

She gently stroked the scale. "It contains a peculiar power."

"The power of a war beast can enhance the combat capabilities of other demonic beasts. It should be able to help you a lot, Lady," The burly man explained.

When Ye Guan looked at her, she nodded.

"How much is it?" he asked the burly man.

"Where are you from?"

"The First God Universe."

The burly man's eyes lit up. "We'll trade in Ancestral Origin strands, then! This scale only costs fifty strands."

Most people would have not been able to afford it. However, to Ye Guan, it was extremely cheap. He paid the burly man fifty Ancestral Origin strands. Then, the burly man passed the scale to Ye Guan, who then gave it to Ao Qianqian.

"Do you have any more of these?" She asked.

The burly man shook his head slightly. "This item is too precious. To even have one is already a great stroke of luck."

Ao Qianqian simply nodded in response.

After hesitating for a moment, the burly man added, "However, if you possess the Ancient Guiding Technique, you might be able to use this item to find the War Qilin and even enter the legendary Mountain Sea World."

"What is the Ancient Guiding Technique?" Ye Guan asked.

"It's a divine spell that can trace something back to its origin."

"Do you know this spell, sir?"

"No. If I had it, I would have used it already."

Ye Guan felt a little helpless. He could tell that Ao Qianqian cared greatly about the black scale.

The burly man added, "I know someone who might know who has the Ancient Guiding Manual."

Ye Guan hurriedly asked, "Who?"

"Follow me," the burly man said. Then, he picked up his bamboo box and led Ye Guan and Ao Qianqian to a small tavern.

The small tavern looked ancient and a bit dilapidated. It only had a few wooden tables.

A lady in a simple floral dress was sleeping behind the counter. She seemed to be in her twenties and had average looks, neither stunningly beautiful nor hideous.

The burly man walked up to the counter and gently tapped on it. "Lady Boss?"

The lady suddenly opened her eyes. When she saw the burly man, her eyes lit up. "What do you need? A thousand-Year Longevity Fruit? A Ten-Thousand-Year Immortal Brew? If that's not enough, I have more. I just received a new batch of items that can increase your lifespan by thousands of years..."

The burly man laughed awkwardly. "Lady Boss, I'm not here to buy anything. This young man here wants to ask you about something..."

The lady slapped her hand on the counter and glared at him. "Oh, damn it! If you're not here to buy anything, why did you wake me up?! You disturbed my sleep. Get out of my sight. Now!"

The burly man turned to Ye Guan, looking somewhat embarrassed. Just as Ye Guan was about to speak, the lady waved her hand dismissively.

"Get lost, you bunch of poor bastards..." she said.

Instead of replying, Ye Guan quietly took out five Ancestral Origin strands and placed them on the counter. The lady blinked, then quickly took them. Her attitude toward him underwent a one-eighty-degree change, now showing enthusiasm.

"Young man, what would you like to ask me about?" she asked.

Ye Guan replied, "Ancient Guiding Technique."

She blinked again.

"Do you know what it is?"

"I do, but you probably can't afford its manual."

"Is it very expensive?"

"Extremely."

"How much?"

"A hundred Ancestral Origin strands."

Ye Guan frowned.

The burly man quickly pulled Ye Guan out of the shop. "This is the shadiest shop in the town. I even call it the 'Black Shop.' Even though the Ancient Guiding Manual is valuable, it's definitely not worth a hundred Ancestral Origins. She's trying to scam you by exploiting your youth and generosity."

After thinking for a moment, Ye Guan asked, "Is robbery illegal here?"

The burly man looked at him in disbelief. "Huh?"

What? You're thinking of robbing her just because she's trying to scam you...?

Chapter 632: The Way Of The Robber

The burly man was visibly taken aback. Ye Guan's suggestion was undeniably risky.

Noticing the man's shocked expression, Ye Guan grinned. "We can't afford to stir up trouble here, can we?"

"There are definitely rules to abide by. No one here can act rashly or interfere recklessly."

"No interference!" Ye Guan exclaimed. "Is it due to some kind of seal?"

"Exactly."

Upon releasing some energy to test it out, Ye Guan felt a mysterious force sealing his cultivation. Within the mysterious force, he sensed power akin to the one within the First God's seal in the First God Paradise. Moreover, he noticed that the seal seemed to amalgamate various forces.

"Let's inquire elsewhere," proposed the burly man.

Wary about the Lady Boss' dubious dealings, Ye Guan agreed. Despite his wealth, he wasn't keen on being duped.

Stepping into the shop, he found the Lady Boss engrossed in conversation with Ao Qianqian.

Upon seeing Ye Guan, she beamed. "Young master, have you reached a decision?"

Ye Guan shook his head. "We are not interested anymore."

With a firm grip on Ao Qianqian, he started to depart.

The Lady Boss' expression stiffened. After shooting a venomous glare at the burly man, she retorted, "I'm the only one who has the manual. Nobody else can possibly possess it. If you're planning to look for it elsewhere, I advise you abandon the thought."

Ye Guan gave her a wry smile. "We're just making inquiries without any intention to purchase."

He led Ao Qianqian out of the shop. The Lady Boss' brows furrowed, and her eyes gleamed with suspicion. Exiting the shop, the trio headed toward another street.

With his curiosity piqued, Ye Guan asked, "What's the story behind that shop owner?"

The burly man shrugged. "I can't say, but anyone able to run a business here must have considerable backing."

Surveying their surroundings, Ye Guan noticed a few shops already open, yet the street remained relatively deserted. His interest in the place deepened, prompting him to fire off several consecutive questions.

Following their exchange, Ye Guan learned that the burly man's name was Wang Shu. He came from a universe that Ye Guan had never heard of.

According to Wang Shu, the Dao Market was under the reign of a powerful individual who had struck agreements with numerous universes to periodically open its gates for trading. Of course, within the Dao Market, no one could intrude upon another's universe.

Due to the varying levels of martial arts across the different universes, the arrival of overly powerful individuals in the universes with lower martial civilizations could potentially spell disaster. Hence, elites from each universe seeking entry into the Dao Market had to obtain qualifications issued by their respective universe's lords.

Besides that method, one could also simply enter the Dao Market through fate. If someone were to chance upon it, they could gain entry to it. However, the Dao Market normally tended to only let powerful people encounter it.

Ye Guan couldn't help but chuckle. It was evident that he, too, was powerful now. Put simply, this Dao Market was a high-end trading market tailored for elite clientele.

"Why are there so few customers here?" Ao Qianqian asked.

Ye Guan had also been wondering about the same thing. Upon entering, he noticed that the place was unusually deserted.

"That's because the Dao Market has just opened," Wang Shu explained. "Many people are still on their way here. It'll get busier in a while."

"I see."

Seemingly recalling something, he took out three strands of Ancestral Origins and handed them to Wang Shu. "Thank you, Brother Wang, for enlightening me and my wife..."

Ao Qianqian glanced at Ye Guan, suppressing a smile.

Wang Shu waved his hand repeatedly, "Brother Ye, it's just some trivial information. There's no need to pay for it."

Ye Guan chuckled. "Please accept it."

Wang Shu shook his head. "Though I may be uncouth, I still understand the principle of a gentleman valuing his wealth. Please put away the Ancestral Origin strands, Brother Ye, or I might get angry."

Upon looking at Wang Shu's sincere expression, Ye Guan hesitated for a moment, then finally stowed away the Ancestral Origin strands. "Then I'll buy something from you again."

Wang Shu chuckled. "You don't have to, Brother Ye. I understand that you don't want to owe anyone, but these are just trivial matters. They hardly count as favors."

After a brief pause, he added, "Forgive me for speaking out of turn. Since you are a swordsman, you shouldn't be too attached to these ephemeral things. Otherwise, it might affect your Sword Dao in the long run."

Ye Guan pondered it for a moment. With a slight nod, he answered, "I have been overthinking it."

"Let's leave it at that. Let's go ask the next establishment."

"Okay."

Led by Wang Shu, the trio soon arrived at another shop. Displayed on the counter were numerous treasures that were at least Divine-Grade, which shocked Ye Guan.

After some time, a thin elderly man descended the stairs. He was dressed in a coarse linen robe, making him give off a competent air.

Upon seeing the three, the old man smiled. "Welcome."

When Ye Guan told him about his request, the old man furrowed his brows.

"What's wrong?"

"To be frank, I do have the Ancient Guiding Technique you seek, but I can't sell it to you," the old man replied gravely.

"Why not?"

"If you had come to me first, we could have had a discussion. Unfortunately, you went to the Black Shop first. Since you couldn't reach an agreement with her, if I were to sell it to you, that Lady Boss would surely retaliate..."

He shook his head slightly. "I don't want to provoke her."

Ye Guan exchanged a glance with Wang Shu. He then asked, "Is her influence really that great?"

The old man sighed. "Not only is she immensely influential, but she's also quite unreasonable. If I were to sell to you, she would undoubtedly pressure me in the future..."

After a moment of silence, Ye Guan nodded slightly. "Understood."

He then turned and left with Wang Shu and Ao Qianqian.

As the three were about to leave, the old man added, "I suggest you don't waste your time asking other shops about this. No one would willingly offend that lady."

"Thank you for letting us know."

The three exited the building. "I knew that lady was powerful, but I didn't expect her to be this powerful," Wang Shu commented.

Ye Guan was also surprised. He did not expect everyone here to be afraid of provoking her.

"Let's forget about it," Ao Qianqian said.

When Ye Guan glanced at her, she smiled. "Even without those scales, I can still reach the Ancient Sovereign Realm. It might just take a bit longer."

Ye Guan murmured, "One hundred strands of Ancestral Origins..."

Ao Qianqian shook her head. "She's too greedy. Even though we're not short on money, spending it this way doesn't sit well with me."

"Alright."

At that moment, as if sensing something, the three turned around, finding three figures standing near the entrance of the Black Shop.

Ye Guan's expression darkened. It was the three Gods.

He only encountered their avatars last time. Now, they were in their true forms.

Ye Guan knew that they had come for him, but he hadn't expected them to track him down all the way to the Dao Market.

Mo'e, who was leading them, stared at Ye Guan coldly. "Do you think you're safe here?"

"You managed to chase me all the way to this place. That's quite the feat."

Mo'e shook his head as he approached Ye Guan. "I don't understand why the Supreme God chose a mortal to inherit his legacy. Forgive me for being blunt, but you can never compare to Teacher; you can never change the heavens and the earth."

"No need to beat around the bush. If you want to seize the inheritance, just say that."

"If you think you can't be harmed here, then you're mistaken."

Mo'e then turned and walked into the Black Shop. The other two Gods followed him.

Ye Guan's brows furrowed.

"I need to become an Ancient Sovereign," Ao Qianqian, who was beside him, said.

Currently, Ye Guan's biggest weakness was his poor cultivation realm. If Ao Qianqian could reach the Ancient Sovereign Realm, then Ye Guan could simply merge with her.

The best she could do right now was seize the beast scales. The war beast's power within them could greatly enhance her strength.

"Brother Ye, although we normally can't act here, there's one exception," Wang Shu suddenly said.

Ye Guan looked at Wang Shu. Before he could continue, the lady of the Black Shop suddenly exited her shop. Behind her were the three Gods.

The lady slowly walked up to Ye Guan and smirked. "Young man."

Ye Guan simply stared at her in silence.

"Just now, I discovered that one of my Ancestral Veins has disappeared from my shop," she remarked. "Since you're the only one who has entered my shop today, I suspect you stole it. To prove your innocence, I need to search you."

Wang Shu's expression darkened. He glanced at the three Gods behind the lady but said nothing.

"This is a grudge between me and them," Ye Guan warned.

The lady chuckled. "I don't care about your grudges. All I know is that you stole my Ancestral Vein. According to the rules here, I can search—"

Before she could finish, Ye Guan lunged forward, grabbed her throat, and twisted it violently.

Snap!

Holding the lady's head with his left hand and casually taking her storage ring with his right, Ye Guan calmly said, "Let me correct you. I don't steal; I rob."

Chapter 633: Father, Can I Borrow Your Sword?

The sudden act of violence from Ye Guan left everyone in the area stunned. Nobody had anticipated his willingness to kill, especially not the Lady Boss of the Black Shop. The three Gods watched Ye Guan with displeasure at first, but their expressions quickly turned into smirks. Ye Guan's actions here would only benefit them in the end.

Wang Shu, on the other hand, felt a chill run down his spine. He hadn't expected Ye Guan to act so boldly. This was beyond ruthless.

Silently, Ye Guan pocketed the lady's storage ring, finding not only an Ancestral Vein inside but also a trove of precious divine treasures. Unfortunately, the Ancestral Vein was not as large as the one that the First God had left him.

This lady was wealthy.

Ye Guan's decision wasn't reckless. He knew that she had received favors from the three Gods and targeted him in return. Reasoning with her would have been futile. Hence, he acted decisively.

Even in death, her eyes remained wide open, clearly not expecting that Ye Guan could kill her so easily. She couldn't help but feel unjust about her death.

Just as Ye Guan was about to move toward the three Gods, four figures suddenly approached him. They were dressed in armor and had a sword and an iron chain in their hands.

Wang Shu's expression darkened. "Those are Dao Soldiers. They're responsible for maintaining order in the Dao Market."

Ye Guan was surprised. The Dao Soldiers were all Ancient Sovereigns with considerable cultivation.

The three Gods mocked him with their expressions. Doing anything rash here would only lead to trouble, so they didn't think Ye Guan would behave so boldly. The reason they approached the Lady Boss in the first place was that they were reluctant to break this place's rules.

As the men approached, their leader asked, "Are you coming with us willingly or do we have to use force?"

Ye Guan nodded. "I'll come with you."

The Dao Soldiers nodded, then departed. Ye Guan glanced at Ao Qianqian, who nodded in return before disappearing into the little pagoda. Then, he turned to Wang Shu.

"Until we meet again, Brother Wang."

He followed the Dao Soldiers into the distance.

Wang Shu sighed softly. Ye Guan's life would be unbearable once he entered the Dao Prison. Ye Guan was too impulsive, but Wang Shu found solace in the fact that such impulsive behavior was typical among swordsmen.

"Let's go," Mo'e said. The two Gods followed suit.

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Ye Guan found himself led by four Dao Soldiers to a dimly lit hall.

"Get in there and await judgment," one of them said.

Handing out ten Ancestral Origin strands to the Dao Soldier, Ye Guan asked, "Brother, what's with the judgment? Can you shed some light?"

The Dao Soldier glanced at the strands and pocketed them. "Anyone breaking the law in the Dao Market faces judgment. It will personally be handed down by the Judicial Sovereign."

"What's the usual punishment for someone like me?"

"Your fleshy body is destroyed and your soul imprisoned."

Ye Guan fell silent.

"Do you know who you killed?"

Ye Guan shook his head, confessing ignorance.

The Dao Soldier sighed. "The person you killed was from the Qi Family. Heard of them?"

He shook his head once more.

"If you know nothing, why kill?"

"Strike first, ask later."

"Ballsy move, but you've stirred up the wrong hornet's nest. The Qi Family ranks top five across the universes. Now that you've killed one of them, they won't let you off." The Dao Soldier then frowned. "Well, there's no need for a trial anymore."

When Ye Guan glanced at him, he added, "I just got word that the Qi Family's en route. When they arrive, we'll hand you over. They'll deal with you."

"What other big shots are out there in the Dao Market? Any Yang Family?" Ye Guan queried out of curiosity.

The Dao Soldier's brows furrowed. "Yang Family?"

Ye Guan nodded.

After a moment's thought, the Dao Soldier shook his head. "No."

Ye Guan fell silent.

Grandfather and Father sure keep a low profile!

Pointing to the dark hall ahead, the Dao Soldier said, "In you go."

Ye Guan nodded and entered. Inside were a hunched elderly man and a lady in white, eyes shut as if oblivious to his presence. The elderly man was huddled in a corner and staring at him.

Surveying the eerie symbols on the walls, Ye Guan noticed a mysterious force coming from them. He attempted to activate his profound energy, but a barrage of black streaks of light emerged from the symbols.

Boom!

Ye Guan found himself stunned.

As he gradually recovered, the elderly man sneered, "You're asking for trouble."

Standing up, Ye Guan glanced at the lady and elderly man. He sat down nearby and closed his eyes.

This place was no ordinary place, and the seals were much stronger than the First God Paradise. Breaking these seals was practically impossible not just because of the First god's seal but also many other elites'.

Unless... I borrow a sword from my father or aunt. Grandfather's sword would work too.... Alright, if need be, I'll borrow a sword and take out those three Gods.

Just then, the elderly man in the corner asked, "What did you do?"

Ye Guan cast a glance at the elderly man. "Murder."

"You committed murder in the Dao Market?"

Ye Guan nodded.

The elderly man sarcastically raised his thumb. "You've got guts. Even if you survive, you'll spend your days behind bars."

"What did you do?"

"I was caught stealing."

"How long's your sentence?"

"Been in here for over three hundred years."

"Why haven't you escaped?" Ye Guan blurted.

The elderly man fixed a somewhat displeased stare at him. "If escaping were an option, would I still be here?"

A sheepish smile played on Ye Guan's lips. "Fair point..."

"Whom did you kill?"

"The Lady Boss of the Black Shop."

The elderly man's eyes widened in shock. "What?! You took down the Lady Boss?"

In the center of the hall, the lady in white stirred, casting a glance at Ye Guan.

"Yes."

"Tsk tsk! Bold move, taking out that lady."

"Do you know her too?"

A chuckle escaped the elderly man. "Who in the Dao Market doesn't know that ruthless lady? She's swindled countless folks. Unfortunately, with the Qi Family backing her up, no one dared touch her. Never thought she'd meet her end at your hands. It was not just karma but destiny for her to be murdered."

He then turned to Ye Guan. "Ever heard of the Qi Family?"

Ye Guan shook his head.

"Ah, I see..."

As Ye Guan shot the elderly man a questioning look, the elderly man added, "Do you know how formidable the Qi Family is?"

"Not a clue."

A grin spread across the elderly man's face. "The Qi Family boasts legendary Primordial Spirit..."

"What exactly is a Primordial Spirit?"

Finally, the lady in white chimed in. "A Primordial Spirit Master is someone who has entered the Divine Dao Realm, possessing at least thirty percent pure divinity to earn the title."

"Ah, I see."

Are the three divine beings outside also in the Divine Dao Realm? How pure are their divinities anyway?

Ye Guan rose to his feet and strode toward the door of the main hall.

I can't just sit around waiting for death. I have to escape.

Observing Ye Guan's movements, the elderly man sneered, "You won't make it out. This seal was laid by numerous Divine Dao Realm elites with over fifty percent divinity. You can't break it."

Ye Guan uttered a prayer in his heart. "Father, lend me your sword."

Buzz!

A resounding hum filled the air as a sword descended from the heavens, materializing in Ye Guan's grasp.

Qingxuan Sword!

The elderly man's expression abruptly shifted. "You..."

The lady in white swiftly approached Ye Guan. "Do you need a hand?"

Ye Guan shook his head. "No, thank you."

With determination, he thrust his sword forward.

Boom!

The invisible barrier.

Ye Guan immediately strode out. The lady in white gripped his arm as they fled.

As they departed, the barrier returned to its former state.

The elderly man rushed to the door. "Young man, wait!"

Ignoring the elderly man's plea, Ye Guan scanned his surroundings and quickly located the three Gods. He then hopped onto his sword and soared into the sky, heading straight for them.

With the Qingxuan Sword in hand, the seals were rendered powerless against him. However, just as Ye Guan approached the three Gods, the sword slipped from his grasp.

Chapter 634: Unexpected Guest

Ye Guan's sudden appearance surprised the three Gods.

What? How did Ye Guan get his cultivation back?

However, the trio quickly regained their composure and put up their guard. Disbelief flooded their minds as they thought of all the possibilities of how Ye Guan could escape from the prison.

Ye Guan silently observed them.

Why did the Qingxuan sword suddenly disappear?!

Considering how strong he was at the moment, he couldn't resist the seal without it.

Meanwhile, on another street, a confrontation unfolded between Erya, a young girl with a white little creature on her shoulder, and a Dao Soldier. The girl had a sword in her hand.

In a secluded corner nearby, a man in white turned to the lady beside him.

With a puzzled expression, he asked, "Qing'er, how did they manage to borrow my sword?"

Qing'er blinked.

Just before she could respond, the man said, "Don't answer that."

He then thoughtfully added, "No wonder my Qingxuan Sword often goes missing. They borrow it."

"Is it possible that the sword doesn't belong to you?"

The man in white fell silent.

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Back on the street, Ye Guan faced the three Gods. Neither side dared make a move.

The trio was visibly wary now. They hadn't expected Ye Guan to not only escape from the Dao Prison but also regain his cultivation.

Their frustration was palpable.

Are the Dao Soldiers incompetent? What about the seals here? Aren't they supposed to bind even Primordial Spirit Masters?

Seeing the cautious expressions of the three Gods, Ye Guan suddenly drew the Xuanyuan Sword. "Time to take you all down!"

The trio recoiled in fear, but Ye Guan didn't follow through. It was a ruse, and their expressions darkened immediately.

"Qingxuan?" Ye Guan quickly called.

He knew this was the opportune moment to eliminate the three Gods. If only he had the Qingxuan Sword, he'd wreak havoc.

On another street, upon hearing Ye Guan's call, the Qingxuan Sword trembled slightly.

Little White blinked, then smacked the sword and raised it high in the air again.

Clearly, she had triumphed over Ye Guan.

Palpable tension weighed down on Erya and Little White as they faced off against the Dao Soldier.

A crowd had gathered around them, their eyes fixated on Little White.

A living Spirit Progenitor was a rare sight. Hence, many couldn't hide their greed.

However, some keen observers also noticed Erya's actions. Just moments ago, she had single-handedly dealt with a man attempting to take the Spirit Progenitor by force.

Erya looked at the Dao Soldier, took a lick of her hawthorn candy, and asked, "Can't we negotiate?"

After momentarily hesitating, the Dao Soldier responded, "You can't just kill people here."

Furrowing her brows, Erya gestured to a distant pool of blood. "I told him I didn't want to sell it, but he kept chasing me and claiming to be from the Gao Family. He said if I didn't sell, I wouldn't leave this place alive."

Hearing the mention of the Gao Family, the Dao Soldier's expression darkened. In this place, rules were flexible, especially when it came to obtaining coveted treasures. However, just like the person claiming to be from the Gao Family, one would be unlucky if they barked up the wrong tree.

The Dao Soldier was at a loss.

How can I capture these two? They are clearly not to be messed with.

Erya hugged Little White tightly and began to walk away. Turning back to the Dao Soldier, she warned, "If you follow us, I'll start robbing people."

The Dao Soldier was left speechless.

Since arriving, Erya and Little White had been exhilarated by the abundance of treasures around them.

Despite their excitement, they remembered An Nanjing's instructions not to steal. However, the temptation was growing stronger by the minute. After all, divine treasures were everywhere they looked.

Reluctant to act rashly, the Dao Soldier could only watch as Erya and Little White strolled away.

Meanwhile, many others secretly followed, unable to resist the allure of a living Spirit Progenitor.

The Dao Soldier sighed and turned to leave. He needed to report this matter to higher authorities.

The Dao Market strictly enforced its rules. Hence, only those who should not be trifled with dared break them.

On the other side of the street, Ye Guan's standoff against the three Gods continued.

Without the Qingxuan Sword, he saw no point in engaging them. He managed to kill the Lady Boss from the Black Shop partly because the three Gods had let their guard down and the Lady Boss was stupid enough to step so close to him.

Now, he knew he couldn't overpower them. If the Qingxuan Sword had not disappeared, he could have killed them already.

Deciding not to waste any more time, Ye Guan turned and left.

Seeing him depart, the Gods dared not pursue.

After a moment of silence, Mo'e said, "We need to get out of here."

Whatever the reason for Ye Guan's sudden restoration of power, it was clear that he could regain his strength here. Such a danger was too high of a risk to ignore.

The other two Gods nodded. They couldn't afford to linger here any longer. If Ye Guan regained his power again, they would be at his mercy.

The trio immediately prepared to leave. They knew Ye Guan wouldn't dare stay here for long either, especially after his recent clash with the Qi Family. After all, the Qi Family would not show him mercy for killing one of their men.

However, just as they were about to depart, a middle-aged man approached them.

"Hold on a moment," he said calmly.

When the three Gods faced him, the man introduced himself as Qi Yuan from the Qi family.

The trio exchanged glances but remained silent, waiting for him to speak.

With a composed demeanor, Qi Yuan confirmed their suspicions.

"You're correct. I've come for that young man," he said.

Mo'e chuckled dismissively. "This doesn't concern us. It was that kid, Ye Guan, who took out someone from your Qi Family..."

Pointing in a direction, Mo'e added, "He just went that way. If you hurry, you might be able to catch up to him."

However, Qi Yuan's gaze remained fixed on the trio. "I'm here to talk to the three of you."

Mo'e's expression tightened slightly, sensing the gravity of the situation.

"As far as I know, my Qi Family's involvement in this matter was at your request. Hence, indirectly, her death can be attributed to you as well. I'm not here seeking vengeance, though. Taking money for a job is just part of life. Her demise was a result of her own lack of strength and foolishness."

The three Gods listened quietly. He continued, "From what I understand, the three of you are here to track down that young man. I assume you're aware of his background, then?"

"Indeed, we are. He's a talented swordsman from our universe. He had a run-in with some of our people and ended up taking the lives of many of them. That's why we're hunting him down. Unfortunately, we never expected him to stumble into the Dao Market. Moreover, although we did seek help from the Qi Family, we never imagined Ye Guan would be audacious enough to commit murder here..."

He sighed softly, shaking his head. "He knew that woman was from the Qi Family, yet he killed her anyway. Clearly, he has no regard for the Qi Family."

"Just a talented swordsman?"

"What's wrong with that?"

"Why would a mere swordsman dare murder someone here?"

"Young calves aren't afraid of tigers."

Qi Yuan gave the trio one last glance before turning to leave.

Mo'e's brows furrowed as he murmured, "He's suspicious of Ye Guan's identity and background... Who is Ye Guan?"

In fact, they had forgotten to investigate Ye Guan's background. All they knew was that he had the inheritance of the Supreme God. The Supreme God would not have given something so important to an ordinary person.

The Zhao Clan's Ancestral God softly said, "His background does not matter. That man has Teacher's inheritance. We need to find a way to make him leave this place..." **freewebnovel.com**

"Let's find the Cloud Ship Granny for now," Mo'e said.

The three turned and left.

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On the other side, as Qi Yuan walked to the side of a street, a black-clad old man appeared beside him and bowed respectfully. "Elder Yuan."

Qi Yuan's gaze turned cold. "Have you figured out the boy's background?"

The black-clad old man shook his head. "All we know is that he came from the First God Universe. We couldn't find anything else."

As Qi Yuan's brows furrowed deeply, the black-clad old man solemnly added, "Elder Yuan, regardless of his background, since he dared kill someone from the Qi Family, he must pay the price. Otherwise, our prestige in this place..."

"There's no need to rush."

Qi Yuan's calmness puzzled the old man.

Looking into the distance, he continued, "Our Qi Family has maintained its standing among the worlds not only through generation after generation of talent but also through caution. We can't just act rashly until we've fully understood our opponent's true intentions. While it is easy to strike, it can be difficult to retreat sometimes."

After a brief pause, he added, "Furthermore, those three clearly intend to use our Qi Family as a pawn... They're quite naive."

"What should we do, then?"

"We'll just observe for now. Continue the investigation."

With a bit of hesitation, the black-clad old man replied, "Elder Yuan, if this boy turns out to be terrifying and someone our Qi Family shouldn't provoke, what about Lady Li's vendetta..."

Expressionlessly, Qi Yuan answered, "Qi Li is merely a temporary worker hired by the Qi Family. Her actions have nothing to do with us."

The black-clad old man was rendered speechless.

Chapter 635: Optional Bottomline

Ye Guan walked briskly on the streets, but he was not in a hurry to leave. Even if he left now, he would not be able to beat those three Gods. Hence, his priority now was to enhance his and Ao Qianqian's strength.

So, he returned to the second shop. The moment he entered, the old shopkeeper was immediately on edge, clearly aware of Ye Guan's involvement in the death of the Black Shop's lady boss. Ye Guan walked up to him and then said, "How much does the Ancient Guiding Technique cost?"

The old shopkeeper looked as if he wanted to say something, but decided not to.

Ye Guan frowned. "The lady boss of the Black Shop is already dead; what are you afraid so of?"

The old shopkeeper hesitated before saying muttering, "The Qi Clan..."

Ye Guan stared at him without a word.

The old shopkeeper began to feel uneasy under Ye Guan's gaze, so he hastily said, "Thirty strands of Ancestral Origin will do."

Although he did not want to provoke the Qi Clan, he couldn't afford to offend the young man in front of him as well. If the young man resorted to violence again, he wasn't confident that he'd stay alive.

Ye Guan opened his palm, and thirty strands of Ancestral Origin floated over to the old shopkeeper, who quickly accepted it and offered an ancient scroll in return.

Ye Guan took the scroll and turned around to leave. However, just as he was about to depart, the old shopkeeper suddenly said, "I heard that the people of the Qi Clan have arrived."

"Thank you," said Ye Guan with cupped fists. Then, he glanced at the signboard of the shop before leaving.

The name of the shop was "Zhou Family Shop."

Seeing Ye Guan leave, the old shopkeeper shook his head slightly. He had warned Ye Guan because he had never really liked the lady boss of the Black Shop. She was becoming increasingly domineering over the years, and she often exploited the shopkeepers, as she had the backing of the Qi Clan. Killing such a person was akin to removing a scourge for all these shops in the town.

After leaving the shop, Ye Guan walked into an alleyway. There, he opened the black scroll, and a black light melted into his forehead. A torrent of information flooded his mind.

Ancient Guiding Technique!

The Ancient Guiding Technique was made to trace something back to its origin. Simply put, it could allow one to locate the War Qilin just from its scale.

In no time, Ye Guan mastered the technique. Then, he took out the War Qilin's scale.

He opened his palm and activated the Ancient Guiding Technique. Soon, wisps of white gas floated out from his palm and into the scale. The scale trembled, and an image appeared in his head.

However, Ye Guan frowned.

Ao Qianqian asked, "What is it?"

He said, "The War Qilin is in the Mountain Sea World."

"So we have to go to the Mountain Sea World, then?" Ao Qianqian asked.

"Yes," Ye Guan said, nodding slightly. He then grabbed her hand and added, "Let's go."

Hand in hand, both of them returned to the Zhou Family Shop. The old shopkeeper was slightly surprised to see them return.

Ye Guan cupped his fists and asked, "Shopkeeper, we'd like to ask about something. We want to go to Mountain Sea World; how should we go about it?"

The old shopkeeper frowned and asked, "You want to go to Mountain Sea World?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Yes."

"I advise you not to go there."

"Why not?"

"That place is too dangerous. Not to mention you, even people in the Divine Dao Realm wouldn't dare to enter that place recklessly."

Ye Guan pondered for a moment before he took out the Qilin scale and asked, "Do you know where I could find more of these for sale?"

The shopkeeper was puzzled. "War Qilin scales?"

Ye Guan nodded.

The shopkeeper said, "That's a valuable item that comes from a war beast in the Mountain Sea World. It's a war beast with unparalleled martial prowess. If a demonic beast were to absorb its battle intent, its combat power would greatly increase. If you want more of this item, you can only find it at Mountain Sea World."

"Please tell me how I can get to Mountain Sea World."

"If you really want to go, I suggest you join an expedition group."

"An expedition group?"

"Yes, there's an expedition group heading to Mountain Sea World, and they're recruiting more people to go with them. You can consider joining them. If you're lucky, you might be able to get more of those scales. It's actually a pretty popular activity among those who want to try their luck whenever those beasts are shedding their scales."

"How do I join the group?"

"Go to the Li Family's tavern. To go there, turn right after leaving this shop and walk down two streets. You'll see it by then."

"Thank you," Ye Guan said with cupped fists before leaving.

Following the directions given to him by the shopkeeper, Ye Guan soon found himself before the Li Family's tavern. There were quite a few people gathered inside the tavern.

When Ye Guan and Ao Qianqian entered the tavern, everyone's gazes fell on them.

Ye Guan saw a familiar face. It was Wang Shou!

Upon seeing Ye Guan and Ao Qianqian, Wang Shou hurried over and greeted them with a smile, "My friend, it's nice to meet you again."

Ye Guan smiled back. "Likewise."

Wang Shou laughed heartily and said, "I knew it. The Dao Prison couldn't possibly hold you down for a long time. Come, let me buy you a drink."

Wang Shou then led Ye Guan to a nearby table.

Around them, a few people looked at Ye Guan and Ao Qianqian curiously. They had heard of Ye Guan, and they knew that he was the one who killed the lady boss of the Black Shop.

Wang Shou said, "Are you going to Mountain Sea World, too?"

Ye Guan nodded. "Brother Wang, are you thinking of going as well?"

"Yes. To be honest, my goods are sourced from the Mountain Sea World. That place is like a treasure trove for merchants like us. However, it is quite dangerous."

"Brother Wang, you're pretty strong, so how come you don't have enough money yet?"

Wang Shou rolled his eyes at Ye Guan. "Brother Ye, your question is strange. Who would ever have enough money?"

Ye Guan nodded and said sincerely, "I had quite a tough time during my childhood, but I ended up inheriting the family business when I grew up, and I never had any worries about money since then."

Wang Shou laughed bitterly. "Brother Ye, I'm not sure if you know, but the higher you ascend, the more important money becomes. It's all because cultivation requires a ton of resources. I'm doing quite well, but some cultivators not only struggle with poverty but also worry about their lifespan. You will have to make consistent progress, or you'll run out of lifespan. Apart from that, one needs some good equipment if they want to put themselves out there. After all, strength is the most important thing in the outside world...

"Especially for rogue cultivators like me... life isn't easy for us. We definitely have more freedom compared to those cultivators from wealthy backgrounds. And we only have to worry about ourselves, but we need money."

Ye Guan grinned. "Let's go to Mountain Sea World together then, Brother Wang. We can look out for each other there."

Wang Shou hesitated for a moment before saying, "Brother Ye, are you sure you want to go to such a dangerous place? I'm not saying this because I'm looking down on you; I just want you to know that Mountain Sea World is no ordinary place. It's not a child's playground, and you really don't have to take such a risk with your family background."

"I have no way of leaving right now, anyway. A few Gods from the First God Universe are waiting for me outside, and I just came out of the Dao Prison as well. Unfortunately, the person behind the Dao Market will not let me go, so I can only seek refuge in the Mountain Sea World."

"If you want to go to Mountain Sea World, you need someone's permission."

"Who?"

"Captain Mu!" Wang Shou replied. He turned to look at the door and then said, "Here she comes."

Ye Guan turned to look as well and saw a woman dressed in black walking in. She was wearing a bamboo hat with a sword in her left hand.

The moment she walked in, everyone in the tavern stood up. Wang Shou also stood up quickly and introduced, "This is our captain!"

Wang Shou brought Ye Guan to her and explained Ye Guan's intention. Captain Mu glanced at Ye Guan before saying, "All right."

Captain Mu then walked straight to another table and sat down.

Wang Shou quickly pulled Ye Guan to sit down nearby and reminded him, "Brother Ye, you have to remember this one thing: You must follow the captain's orders and must not wander around on your own. There are terrifying beasts living there, and once you enter their territory, they will see it as a declaration of war. Then, they might harm everyone."

Ye Guan nodded. "I'll make sure to follow you guys closely."

Wang Shou then briefed him on some other matters about Mountain Sea World.

Half an hour later, Captain Mu suddenly stood up and said, "Let's go."

With that, she led everyone out of the tavern. Ye Guan and Wang Shou quickly followed behind her.

After passing through a street, they arrived at a teleportation array that was guarded by an old man.

Captain Mu walked up to the old man and opened her palm. A strand of Ancestral Origin floated slowly to the old man, and then she walked into the array.

Everyone else did the same and handed the old man a strand of Ancestral Origin each before they entered the array.

The array activated just as Ye Guan and Wang Shou entered it.

Just as it was about to whisk everyone away, Ye Guan saw a familiar face at the far end of the street. However, Ye Guan was whisked away by the teleportation array before he could make out the identity of the familiar face.

The familiar face belonged to a little girl—Erya!

Four Dao Soldiers were standing behind Erya. It turned out that Erya was the reason the Dao Market hadn't come looking for Ye Guan after his escape from prison.

The Dao Soldiers were now following Erya as if they were facing a formidable enemy. They had become the protectors of these two brats...

They had witnessed many different interesting scenes, such as Erya's Entrapment Technique. These two brats had tried various ways to entice others into robbing them, and those methods were especially effective, all thanks to the white-furred creature with a ton of divine treasures. The white-furred creature was particularly devious, as she'd show off her treasures as if she was afraid that no one would know that she was incredibly rich.

Simply put, they were really eager to rob people, but they had a bottom line—they would not rob someone unless they robbed them first. They had been exercising that bottom line, but it was optional sometimes...

Chapter 636: Brother, Don't Hit Me

Erya licked her hawthorn candy as she leisurely walked down the streets. Perched on her shoulder, Little White was still holding the Qingxuan Sword, and her eyes darting around every now and then. Four Dao Soldiers stood behind the four, and they had been following the two for quite a while now. They had

considered working together to subdue these two brats, but after witnessing the little girl knock out one of the Dao Soldiers with a punch, they quickly abandoned the idea.

At this point, they couldn't do anything other than just wait for the Judicial Sovereign's arrival.

They could only hope that these two brats wouldn't cause any trouble.

Suddenly, the little girl stared at the distant teleportation array and said, "Did we just see our grandson in that array?"

Grandson?

Little White quickly looked in the direction of the teleportation array as well, but it was empty. It blinked before it waved its little claws around.

Erya licked her candied haw and said, "Hmm, was it just my imagination?"

Little White waved the Qingxuan Sword around, as if trying to say something.

After a moment of silence, Erya said, "I don't think I would've seen it wrongly... Let's go, we'll check it out."

Then, she walked over together with Little White.

However, they were quickly stopped by the old man standing next to the teleportation array. He glanced at both of them and said, "One Ancestral Origin per person."

Erya opened her palm and two Ancestral Origins floated to the old man, who stepped aside after receiving it.

With Little White in her arms, Erya walked into the teleportation array. As they passed by the old man, Erya glanced at him sideways, her face full of confusion as she asked, "Why do you even want this junk?"

The old man: "???"

Little White hesitated for a moment before she handed an Ancestral Vein to the old man, which made him very puzzled.

Erya explained, "She finds you too pitiful."

The old man was speechless.

And so, Erya entered the teleportation array together with Little White.

At the same spot, the old man stood there, completely bewildered. Am I really that poor?

Meanwhile, the four Dao Soldiers in the distance heaved a sigh of relief. Those two brats had finally left. They had to admit that having those two troublemakers wandering around this place put a lot of pressure on them. It was good that they finally left. However, this did not mean it was over, because the four of them realized that there were many obscure auras hiding around them.

That white creature was a Spirit Progenitor! Moreover, there was only a little girl following it. Even though this little girl seemed capable of fighting, she did not seem that terrifying. Hence, many people were harboring bad intentions. A Spirit Progenitor was not something that divine treasures could compare to. Furthermore, this Spirit Progenitor possessed countless of its own divine treasures.

Hence, many people had secretly contacted their family members to send some elites over.

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After an unknown amount of time had passed, Ye Guan opened his eyes. When he did, he found himself in a vast mountain range. Mountains stretched endlessly in all directions, as far as the eye could see.

Meanwhile, all around him, everyone in his expedition group was on high alert.

Captain Mu ordered, "Let's go."

Then, she turned around and walked off into the distance.

Beside Ye Guan, Wang Shou explained, "We can't fly in here. If we do, we will alert the great demonic beasts here. So, we can only walk. Not only that, we also have to conceal our auras."

Ye Guan nodded in understanding and concealed his aura immediately.

Wang Shou pointed at Captain Mu and added, "Captain Mu has come here the most times and is the most experienced. I obtained the War Qilin's scale back then when I followed her into this place."

"Where did you find it?" Ye Guan asked.

Wang Shou pointed into the distance and said, "War Beast Mountain."

Ye Guan looked at the direction he was pointing at and saw a towering mountain at the end of his sight. It seemed to be tall enough to touch the skies, and it looked very majestic.

Ye Guan asked again, "Is that War Beast still alive?"

Wang Shou nodded. "Yes. The strength of that War Beast ranks at least in the top three within Mountain Sea World. A demonic beast like that is unlikely to die."

Ye Guan nodded slightly, not asking any further questions.

He had come to Mountain Sea World this time in the hopes of finding more of such scales, so that Ao Qianqian could absorb more battle intent and reach the Ancient Sovereign Realm.

He was one with her, so if her strength improved, he would become stronger too. If Ao Qianqian could break through to the Ancient Sovereign Realm, then he would have the confidence to fight against Divine Spirits that were in the Divine Dao Realm. Both him and Ao Qianqian were geniuses among geniuses. Challenging people that were in higher cultivation realms was not a problem for them. Moreover, when the two of them fused together and fought with all their might, they were even stronger.

As for him now, he was more focused on improving his own Sword Cultivation Realm and Sword Intent.

If those three Divine Spirits chose not to gang up on him, he actually did want to have a one-on-one fight with them. He was curious about how strong these individuals in the Divine Dao Realm were, but he knew very well that these Divine Spirits would definitely not give him this opportunity.

Not long after, the expedition group arrived at a lake. The lake was hundreds of meters wide and the water was very clear, but the bottom of the lake was not visible. At a glance, the lake was just pitch-black, resembling an enormous dark hole.

"Look!" Someone shouted as they pointed to the end of the lake, where a corpse lay. The corpse was huge, it was almost as big as a small hill. Its aura was non-existent.

Someone else exclaimed excitedly, "It's a demonic beast in the Divine Dao Realm!"

Ever since Ye Guan started following Wang Shou, he had also asked him for some information about cultivation realms. Above the Ancestor Sovereign Realm was the Human Dao Realm, the Heaven Dao Realm, and then the Divine Dao Realm. The Divine Dao Realm was further divided into different percentages of divinity, and the higher one's divinity, the more terrifying they would become.

Demonic beasts that were in the Divine Dao Realm were precious, especially their internal pills. If it was a complete one, it could sell at a sky-high price. Hence, everyone was excited when they saw the corpse.

Their luck was too good to be true! They had encountered a divine beast in the Divine Dao Realm as soon as they arrived!

However, Captain Mu just took a glance at it before walking in the other direction. Upon seeing this, everyone was stunned. One of them hurriedly stopped her and said, "Captain Mu, that's a corpse of a demonic beast in the Divine Dao Realm! You..."

Captain Mu replied blandly, "When something out of the ordinary like this happens, there must be another demonic beast around."

With that, she continued walking in the other direction. Everyone else looked at each other, hesitating.

At that moment, a middle-aged man said, "Everyone, this is a great opportunity for us. As long as we obtain the corpse of this divine beast, we won't need to worry about cultivation resources for the next one thousand years. If its internal pill is intact, we'll profit even more from that. And we won't have to continue risking our lives to explore this place deeper."

He glanced at everyone and added, "Wealth comes from taking risks. Those who want to get rich, follow me."

After saying that, he walked towards the corpse of the demonic beast. After hesitating for a moment, the rest of the expedition group followed suit.

Wang Shou also wanted to go, because he was tempted as well. It was a huge corpse, but he would still make a lot of money even after splitting it among the expedition group. However, Ye Guan pulled him away.

Apart from Ye Guan, Wang Shou, and a black-robed young man, everyone else had chosen to take the risk of retrieving the demonic beast's corpse. The three of them quickened their pace to catch up with Captain Mu.

They had not walked for very long before they heard miserable screams echoing from behind them. He was about to turn around to take a look when Captain Mu coldly ordered, "Don't look back. Keep walking."

With that, she quickened her pace.

Ye Guan hesitated for a moment, but then chose not to look back and followed Captain Mu into the distance.

Soon, they entered a dense forest. Behind them, the wails continued echoing, and it wasn't until half an hour later that the screams finally stopped. In the midst of the forest, Captain Mu continued to tread on without saying a word.

Beside him, Wang Shou's face paled a little. If Ye Guan had not pulled him away, he would have followed that group into retrieving the demonic beast corpse. He wiped off the cold sweat that formed on his forehead and said, "Brother Ye, you knew that was a trap?"

"No, I didn't know," Ye Guan replied.

Wang Shou was puzzled.

Ye Guan looked at Captain Mu who was in front of him and said, "The captain is right. When something out of the ordinary happens, there must be a demonic beast nearby. This method is somewhat similar to the way the people in my family handle things..."

He stopped abruptly mid-sentence.

Wang Shou laughed bitterly. "Actually, I also felt that something was amiss, but I still wanted to go and try my luck..."

The black-robed young man spoke in a cold tone, "On the path of cultivation, the worst thing you can do is rely on luck. Someone might save you this time, but it might not happen next time."

Wang Shou sighed, no longer saying anything.

Ye Guan glanced at the black-robed young man before looking back at Wang Shou, saying, "Brother Wang, just take this incident as a lesson. Besides, the reason why I chose not to go with them is not entirely because I thought it was a trap..."

Wang Shou looked curious. "Is there another reason?"

"Yes."

"What's the reason?"

"Because I'm very wealthy. I'm not interested in a demonic beast in the Divine Dao Realm at all."

Wang Shou's expression froze.

The black-robed young man looked at Ye Guan and asked, "Are you very rich?"

Ye Guan nodded.

The black-robed young man chuckled and snapped, "You're this inexperienced, and you dare to say that you're rich? What a joke."

Ye Guan merely smiled, not bothering to engage in the youth's provocation. He continued saying to Wang Shou, "If I were also poor, I would also have such greedy thoughts and I would want to take risks too. So, Brother Wang, don't think too much about it. It's normal to have such thoughts, but in the future, you should be more cautious. After all, greed can often consume our rationality, which may lead to our demise."

Wang Shou smiled slightly, feeling warm inside. Brother Ye truly has such a good personality!

Captain Mu glanced at Ye Guan for a second before continuing to lead the way.

Right at this moment, the black-robed young man chimed in, "Aren't you very rich? Since you're rich, why did you take the risk to come here?"

Ye Guan replied, "We have no grievances between us, so why are you being so hostile towards me? It's better to work together so we can get rich together."

The black-robed young man glared coldly at him and said, "I hate people like you, who pretend to be something you're not, with no real skills. All you do is pretend. Furthermore, you're not qualified to work together with someone like me..."

Suddenly, Ye Guan disappeared from where he was standing, and before the young man could react, he received a resounding slap across his face.

Smack!

The young man was sent flying for more than ten meters.

Ye Guan smacked his hands together and then remarked calmly, "I guess sometimes it's better not to let someone get too carried away with their insults. Sometimes, when you tolerate someone too much, they think they can trample all over you..."

Then, he rushed towards the black-robed young man, who immediately raised both his hands and said in a trembling voice, "Sorry, Big Brother Ye, don't hit me, I surrender..."

Ye Guan and Wang Shou were both speechless.

Chapter 637: As If

Ye Guan was confused as he stared at the black-robed young man, who was begging for mercy.

Is this guy trying to fool me or something? How come he surrendered so quickly?

The black-robed young man was cowering on the ground with his hands covering his face, begging for mercy by repeatedly calling Ye Guan "Big Brother."

Ye Guan stared at the young man and asked, "Are you trying to fool me?"

The young man quickly shook his head and said, "No... Big Brother, I had no idea that you were so powerful. I shouldn't have provoked you. Please be merciful and spare me."

Ye Guan blinked. Then, he smiled and said, "Yeah, I believe you."

With that, he turned around and turned his back on the black-robed young man.

The black-robed young man looked down, and a cold glint of light flashed past his eyes.

And that was when Ye Guan said, "As if."

The black-robed young man's expression changed drastically. He looked up, but before he could do anything, a sword light flashed past his throat.

Swoosh!

The black-robed young man's head flew out, and blood sprayed haphazardly into the air.

Ye Guan's sudden attack surprised Wang Shou, but Captain Mu merely glanced at Ye Guan.

Ye Guan collected the black-robed young man's storage ring and found more than two hundred strands of Ancestral Origin and three divine treasures. He opened his palm, and a hundred strands of Ancestral Origin floated slowly to Captain Mu, who accepted them readily. Ye Guan then handed another hundred strands of Ancestral Origin to Wang Shou, who also accepted them without any hesitation. Accepting these Ancestral Origins meant that they had chosen to take his side. This was necessary, as loyalty was important in the wild outside world.

The black-robed young man's death was just a minor episode for the group. The three continued on their way to somewhere.

Captain Mu mostly remained silent, focusing on guiding her companions, while Ye Guan and Wang Shou chatted animatedly with each other.

Half an hour later, they made their way out of the dense forest and saw a vast canyon flanked by towering cliffs with waterfalls. There was a myriad of ancient veins growing on the cliff faces, creating a spectacular sight.

Captain Mu suddenly said, "Death Canyon."

Ye Guan looked at her and asked, "How did it get its name?"

"Not long ago, an expert with thirty percent divinity in the Divine Dao Realm perished in this canyon," Captain Mu explained, and then she pointed at the depths of the canyon, saying, "They perished alongside a great demonic beast over there. Our goal this time is to scavenge their relics."

Ye Guan immediately understood. A Divine Dao Realm expert was bound to be wealthy, so they'd definitely leave a ton of relics upon their death. They could even find an Ancestral Vein.

From his conversation with Wang Shou earlier, he learned that one had to be extremely rich in order to reach the Divine Dao Realm. Ancestral Veins were necessary, and without them, one could never reach the Divine Dao Realm, even if they had monstrous talent.

Ancestral Veins were the most precious treasure they could possibly find here, and there was a high chance that they'd find Ancestral Veins, as an expert in the Divine Dao Realm had perished here. In addition, a great demonic beast in the Divine Dao Realm had perished alongside the Divine Dao Realm expert. Obtaining the carcass of that demonic beast and the relics of the fallen Divine Dao Realm would be a massive boon to them.

Wang Shou was starting to feel excited. If the Divine Dao Realm expert were still alive, he wouldn't dare entertain the thought of obtaining their belongings, but Captain Mu had said that they were dead, so it wouldn't be that terrifying.

However, Ye Guan was still as calm as ever. He looked at Captain Mu and asked, "It's not that simple, is it?"

"Many demonic beasts are fighting for the carcass of that Divine Dao Realm demonic beast," said Captain Mu with a slight nod.

Boom!

A deafening explosion echoed from the distant end of the canyon. Ye Guan turned in that direction and saw two enormous creatures rising from the ground.

Their movements alone made the nearby mountains tremble. A battle between demonic beasts was underway.

Ye Guan's expression turned heavy at the sight. The two demonic beasts in the distance possessed powerful auras. Even though they weren't in the Divine Dao Realm, they had to be Peak Heaven Dao Realm demonic beasts, at the very least.

Ye Guan felt his blood boil with excitement, and he really wanted to charge at those demonic beasts and fight them at the same time.

Captain Mu said, "Our goal is to obtain the relics of the fallen cultivator in the Divine Dao Realm. We can't take away the carcass of that Divine Dao Realm demonic beast. If we do, those two demonic beasts will hunt us down."

Ye Guan nodded. "Okay."

Captain Mu opened her palms, and two dark green beads floated slowly toward Ye Guan and Wang Shou. "These are Concealment Beads. They can conceal your aura perfectly."

When the Concealment Bead landed in Ye Guan's hand, it immediately concealed his aura, surprising him. What a wonderful item!

Captain Mu then took out a map. She pointed at the five red dots on the map and said, "We might be able to find the corpse of that Divine Dao Realm expert in one of these five locations. Each of us will search one of these five locations, and if one of us finds it, we'll notify each other using these Concealment Beads. Remember, do not be greedy; we'll rendezvous upon finding the corpse. If you somehow managed to find the carcass of that Divine Dao Realm demonic beast, then you must not touch it."

Ye Guan nodded. "Got it."

Captain Mu looked at Wang Shou.

"Rest assured, I will not be greedy," Wang Shou said.

"Let's go," Captain Mu said, nodding. Then, she turned and rushed toward the distant canyon. Ye Guan and Wang Shou exchanged glances before following suit.

Ye Guan and Wang Shou split up when they arrived in the canyon. Ye Guan headed toward the right. Since his aura was completely hidden, the two demonic beasts in the distance didn't notice him even as he traveled on his sword.

Soon, he arrived at a secluded stone pit upon following the route on Captain Mu's map. He used his divine sense to scan the area, and his figure disappeared before reappearing ten meters away.

A long spear was nearby, and it was a divine-grade long spear!

Ye Guan opened his palm, and the long spear appeared in his hands. There were countless cracks on its surface as if it had suffered a terrifying attack.

"I found it, Brother Ye!" Wang Shou's thrilled voice echoed in Ye Guan's head. "Come here, quick!"

He found it?! Ye Guan turned around, wanting to hop onto his sword and fly back to the rendezvous point, but the Concealment Bead in his hand suddenly disappeared.

The two demonic beasts stopped fighting and turned to look in Ye Guan's direction. One of them roared and threw a punch that shattered the nearby mountains.

Ye Guan's face changed drastically. He couldn't escape the oncoming attack, as the demonic beast's fist had sealed off all his escape routes.

Since he couldn't escape, he could only fight!

Ye Guan stepped forward and slashed downward with his sword.

The Invincible Sword Intent swept across the demonic beast, forcefully suppressing its beastly aura.

BOOM!

Ye Guan's sword collided with the demonic beast's fist, knocking it away. However, the tremendous force of this collision sent him flying away, too.

Before Ye Guan could stop, the other demonic beast charged at him.

However, Ye Guan rushed forward instead of retreating.

Rumble!

The Invincible Sword Intent surged from Ye Guan, and the sky above the canyon was torn apart by countless rays of sword light, creating a terrifying scene that looked similar to the abyss.

One against two!

Ye Guan was not afraid, even though he was facing two terrifying demonic beasts. In fact, his blood was boiling with excitement.

Meanwhile, Wang Shou cast a wary look at Captain Mu. “How come Brother Ye's Concealment Bead suddenly disappeared? Did you tamper with it?”

Captain Mu walked up slowly to Wang Shou and said, “Hand over that corpse, and I’ll split half of his assets with you.”

Wang Shou suddenly shouted to Ye Guan, “Brother Ye, this woman wants to take everything for herself! Hurry up and come back!”

Swoosh!

Captain Mu's figure abruptly appeared before Wang Shou.

Captain Mu thrust her sword forward, and the attack was so quick and powerful that the spacetime around them was abruptly torn apart.

Fortunately, Wang Shou was already mentally prepared. He managed to take out a shield in time to defend himself.

Crack! The shield trembled violently upon taking the brunt of the attack. Moments later, countless cracks appeared in it.

Meanwhile, Wang Shou was blasted away by the terrifying might of Captain Mu’s sword attack.

Before Wang Shou could even land, Captain Mu was already in the middle of yet another attack on him.

Boom!

Wang Shou's shield shattered, stupefying him. However, Wang Shou recovered quickly, and he threw a punch at Captain Mu.

A torrent of golden light poured out from his fist, forming the shape of a giant golden fist. However, the golden fist shattered when it made contact with Captain Mu's sword. Then, the sword pierced Wang Shou's right hand.

Despite the injury, Wang Shou did not retreat. Instead of retreating, he tackled her with just his fleshly body.

However, Captain Mu stepped backward, avoiding Wang Shou's tackle.

Having missed his attack, Wang Shou hurriedly attempted to recover his balance, but Captain Mu's sword had already drawn a cold arc in the air, slicing off his right arm.

Blood spurted haphazardly in mid-air; Captain Mu's attack just now was even faster than her first attack. It was so fast that Wang Shou couldn't even react.

Rumble!

A terrifying aura suddenly erupted from Ye Guan, and his voice was filled with urgency as he said, "Brother Wang, just give it to her... Hurry up!"

Bang!

Ye Guan's sword knocked away the two demonic beasts before him. At the same time, Ao Qianqian turned around and charged at Captain Mu.

However, Wang Shou didn't hand over the Divine Dao Realm expert's storage ring to Captain Mu. Instead, he threw it with all his might toward Ao Qianqian and exclaimed, "Brother Ye, it's yours!"

Captain Mu's face twisted ferociously, and she hissed, "You're asking for death!"

Captain Mu's figure became illusory, causing Wang Shou's eyes to narrow. A flash of sword light blinded him briefly, and when his vision recovered, he saw a sword sticking out of his forehead.

Shwik!

The sword pierced Wang Shou's head, and blood gushed out of the exit wound in his nape.

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Wang Shou's eyes widened, and he collapsed to the ground as blood gushed out the back of his head.

Ao Qianqian was finally in front of Captain Mu, and she swung her fist, sending a punch that made Captain Mu stagger backward.

Upon recovering her balance, Captain Mu looked up. Her expression turned heavy when she realized how strong her opponent was. Her sword couldn't withstand Ao Qianqian's attack alone and had shattered completely before it.

Meanwhile, Ye Guan decided to disengage from the two demonic beasts. His figure flashed, and he transformed into a ray of sword light that rushed toward Wang Shou.

Mu Yuan and the two Divine Generals then rushed out of the tiny pagoda to fight the two demonic beasts while Ye Guan scooped Wang Shou into his arms.

Then, he took out the Divine Tree of Nature and placed it inside Wang Shou.

Unfortunately, Captain Mu's sword strike shattered the root of his vitality, which meant that even the Divine Tree of Nature couldn't save him.

Ye Guan's face turned fierce at the realization.

Wang Shou grabbed Ye Guan's arm. He took out a storage ring and handed it to Ye Guan. As he breathed in shallow, ragged pants, he said, "Star World, Star River Clan... Wang Junru... Tell her that she has to take care of herself from now on..."

Wang Shou's figure became completely transparent just then before transforming into a wisp of green smoke that disappeared into nothingness.

Ye Guan gripped the storage ring tightly and got up. Then, he turned toward Captain Mu, who was being completely suppressed by Ao Qianqian.

Captain Mu's sword was sharp and powerful, but she couldn't pierce Ao Qianqian's defenses.

Ao Qianqian's strength far exceeded the power of her Sword Dao.

Ye Guan took a deep breath before roaring, "Qianqian!"

Ao Qianqian immediately understood what Ye Guan wanted, so she transformed into a ray of golden light and melted inside of him.

Ye Guan then took a step forward, and a ray of sword light thousands of meters long rushed toward Captain Mu.

Bam!

Captain Mu was blasted thousands of meters away.

Ye Guan's sword attack tore apart a chasm in the sky, creating a terrifying scene.

Captain Mu's eyes narrowed at the sight. She wasn't Ye Guan's match at all.

Realizing that, she turned around and transformed into a ray of sword light that took to the skies. She had decisively chosen to flee!

However, Captain Mu's expression changed drastically upon sensing a powerful energy chasing after her. Captain Mu raised her sword between her eyebrows and slashed out behind her.

A burst of sword light erupted, but...

Boom!

The sword light was shattered instantly, and Captain Mu was propelled backward by the attack.

Captain Mu didn't even waste time recovering her balance as she immediately took out a golden talisman that she hurled toward Ye Guan.

The golden talisman became bloated in mid-air, and it transformed into a golden-armored divine soldier wielding a giant axe.

The earth quaked, and the mountains crumbled as it stepped forward and swung its axe toward Ye Guan.

Meanwhile, Ye Guan transformed into a ray of sword light and charged at it. He was going to confront it head-on!

Boom!

The golden-armored divine soldier exploded into innumerable light fragments.

Captain Mu's eyes narrowed at the sight. The brief respite that the golden-armored divine soldier had brought her had allowed her to flee into the distant horizon. However, she still felt unsafe despite the distance, so she picked up the pace and fled. Captain Mu's years of experience in combat was telling her

that she was no match for Ye Guan. Hence, she decided to leave and return to the Dao Market, as there was a powerful seal on cultivation bases over the Dao Market.

She had to go there for a chance of survival.

Thanks to her Concealment Beads, the demonic beasts ignored her outright. However, it was different for Ye Guan. He didn't have a Concealment Bead, so he attracted the attention of many demonic beasts.

Many of them charged at him with eyes full of ferocious glints.

Ye Guan turned around and yelled fiercely, "Get lost!"

His powerful Invincible Sword Intent swept across them, forcing them to retreat.

Ye Guan ignored them and transformed into a ray of sword light that chased after Captain Mu.

His domineering aura and aggression made the demonic beasts fearful of him. In addition, it didn't seem like he was encroaching on their territories, nor did he seem like an easy target. Thus, the demonic beasts chose to mind their own business.

Having merged with Ao Qianqian, Ye Guan's speed far exceeded Captain Mu's speed. Before she could escape the Mountain Sea World, Ye Guan had already caught up to her once again.

Captain Mu's eyes revealed a sinister light. She turned around abruptly and held her sword between her eyebrows before chanting the incantation for an ancient sword technique.

A drop of blood emerged from her forehead, and it floated toward the tip of her sword. The next moment, she roared and swung her sword forcefully.

Rumble!

A crimson sword energy tore through the heavens and earth.

However, Ye Guan didn't retreat in the face of it. He unleashed a sword attack as well—an ordinary sword attack!

Schwing!

It was just an ordinary sword attack, but it easily through the crimson sword energy. His sword attack was so strong that it knocked Captain Mu backward.

While in mid-air, Captain Mu didn't dare waste any time stabilizing herself as she hurled three golden talismans toward Ye Guan.

Three golden-armored divine soldiers appeared in front of Ye Guan, but he was not afraid. He stomped with his right foot and Ye Guan charged at them in a ray of sword light.

One of the golden-armored divine soldiers shattered immediately at the moment of collision.

Meanwhile, Captain Mu didn't dare to stay and observe. She fled to the distant horizon and fled as fast as she could toward the exit, which she could finally see.

She just had to enter the Dao Market, and she'd be safe by then.

Soon, she reached the Dao Market's teleportation array.

Rumble!

The teleportation array activated, whisking her away.

However, Ye Guan arrived just in time and was whisked away as well.

Moments later, Captain Mu and Ye Guan found themselves back in the Dao Market.

Ye Guan immediately felt a mysterious force suppressing his cultivation. He looked up and saw Captain Mu glaring at him with a cold light in her eyes.

Ye Guan walked slowly toward her, but Captain Mu didn't run away this time.

Seeing that, Ye Guan ran at her and pounced on her like a tiger.

Captain Mu's eyes narrowed, clearly surprised that Ye Guan would dare to make a move here. However, she wasn't afraid, as his cultivation base was sealed.

Ye Guan reached her in the blink of an eye. He swung his fist at her, but Captain Mu reacted in time, blocking the punch with her arm.

Bang!

Captain Mu flew backward, and Ye Guan charged at her, throwing another punch.

Captain Mu swung her fist as well, sending a punch toward Ye Guan's fist.

Bang!

Captain Mu was blasted away when their fists collided in mid-air.

Ye Guan charged forward once more. His punches were like the rain as Ye Guan pelted Captain Mu nonstop with his punches.

Captain Mu was forced to go on the defensive.

Unfortunately, their battle had attracted the attention of the Dao Market's soldiers.

Soon, four Dao Soldiers appeared and surrounded them. The faces of the Dao Soldiers darkened upon seeing Ye Guan.

They recognized him, as they had imprisoned him in the Dao Prison not too long ago. They didn't expect to see him here, but it only meant one thing—Ye Guan had somehow managed to escape the Dao Prison.

Seeing that he was causing trouble here again, the expressions on their faces became unpleasant. One of them said, "Stop."

Ye Guan and Captain Mu immediately stopped fighting upon seeing them.

A Dao Soldier said, "Arrest them."

The remaining three Dao Soldiers stepped forward to apprehend the two of them.

However, Captain Mu took out a golden circular badge.

The expression of the Dao Soldiers' leader changed drastically at the sight. "You're..."

Captain Mu put away the golden badge and said, "I want him dead."

The leader of the Dao Soldiers fell silent for a few moments before he turned to Ye Guan and said, "Arrest him."

Three powerful auras immediately descended upon Ye Guan, immobilizing him.

Ye Guan stared quietly at Captain Mu for a while before saying, "The two of us were fighting here. According to the rules, she should be arrested as well."

The leader of the Dao Soldiers said, "We only saw you attacking her; she didn't attack you at all."

Ye Guan chuckled lightly.

The leader of the Dao Soldiers walked up to him and asked, "Do you find this unfair?"

Ye Guan nodded.

The leader of the Dao Soldiers extended a finger and dug it into Ye Guan's shoulder. "Then, you better bear with it." "What if I don't?" Ye Guan retorted.

"Oh?" The leader of the Dao Soldiers challenged, "Give it a try, then."

The auras of three Dao Soldiers surged as they got ready to make a move at any moment.

They knew that their leader was deliberately provoking this young man. According to the rules, they could execute the young man on the spot if he dared to make a move against them.

Witnessing Ye Guan's silence, the leader of the Dao Soldiers taunted, "I thought you wanted to give it a try?"

Ye Guan clenched his fists tightly.

Boom!

All of his bloodlines came to life, and Ao Qianqian merged with him as well.

A terrifying power erupted from him, and it allowed him to resist the cultivation seal.

The combined power of his three bloodline powers, his Invincible Sword Intent, and the might of the Dragon Clan forced the leader of the Dao Soldiers to his knees.

Ye Guan gripped the leader of the Dao Soldiers neck with his right hand, and his expression was extremely fierce as he said, "What are you trying to prove by acting all arrogant toward me?"

Then, he slammed the soldier to the ground.

Boom!

The ground cracked, and the Dao Soldier's body exploded into a bloody mist.

Ye Guan scanned his surroundings coldly with bloodshot eyes. "From today onward, I really want to see who's daring enough to open this Dao Market without my Yang Family's permission..."

"Who does the Yang Family think they are?" A voice abruptly pervaded the skies.

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Everyone turned towards the direction that the voice was coming from and saw a middle-aged man descending from the sky not far away. He was dressed in a black robe, draped with a silver cloak, and held a long spear. On the left side of his chest, there were two golden characters embroidered on his robe: "Judge".

It was the Judicial Sovereign!

The remaining three Dao Soldiers' faces changed immediately and they quickly knelt down on one knee, greeting him respectfully, "Greetings, Judicial Sovereign."

On the street, many strong individuals had gathered by now. The atmosphere was becoming increasingly tense with the arrival of the Judicial Sovereign.

The Judicial Sovereign was a genuine powerhouse in the Divine Dao Realm. Even though he had just reached the Divine Dao Realm, he already possessed ten-percent divinity, making him quite a formidable enemy.

The Judicial Sovereign stared at Ye Guan, whose body had turned blood-red, and said sarcastically, "You think that my Dao Market needs your Yang Clan's permission to do anything? Who do you think you guys are?"

Ye Guan did not waste any words. He opened his palm and said, "Sword, come."

Hum!

The sound of a sword being unsheathed echoed and a sword descended from the sky, eventually landing steadily in his hand.

The Qingxuan Sword!

Ye Guan waved it casually.

Boom!

The mysterious cultivation seal was instantly broken.

Upon witnessing this, the Judicial Sovereign's face changed instantly, and so did the faces of the individuals that were lurking in the shadows.

The cultivation seal has been broken? This cultivation seal was laid down together by some top-tier elites, yet it was shattered with a wave of a sword?

When Captain Mu saw this, her expression immediately darkened. If she knew how terrifying this young man was, she would not have thought about monopolizing the treasures earlier on. After all, someone

of this caliber with such an impressive background should have been befriended. She was starting to regret her actions now.

Once the cultivation seal was broken, Ye Guan immediately transformed into a ray of sword light. He was starting the battle right away!

Seeing him take action right away, the Judicial Sovereign narrowed his eyes. He charged forward, throwing a punch directly at him. Instantly, an ancient fist art aura permeated the entire Dao Market.

Schwing!

Ye Guan's sword directly shattered the fist imprint and continued flying straight towards the Judicial Sovereign.

The Judicial Sovereign's expression darkened and he quickly raised his spear to block the incoming attack.

Bam!

The divine spear shattered the moment the Qingxuan Sword came into contact with it, turning into powder. The powerful Sword Dao energy knocked the Judicial Sovereign backwards, and when he stopped, only his soul body was left. At that moment, the Qingxuan Sword flew towards him once again.

The Judicial Sovereign was shocked. He waved his sleeve and countless terrifying soul energies swept out. However, as soon as these soul energies touched the Qingxuan Sword, they vanished instantly.

In an instant, the Qingxuan Sword pierced through his forehead, pinning him in place.

Silence fell.

Ye Guan appeared right in front of the Judicial Sovereign and said, "Who do I think my Yang Clan is? Well, let me tell you now..."

He snapped his fingers.

Boom!

The Qingxuan Sword directly absorbed the Judicial Sovereign's soul.

With a single thought, the Qingxuan Sword was sent flying out again and the next moment, the three Dao Soldiers were beheaded.

The people who were lurking in the shadows were shocked beyond words. This young man seemed determined to go against the Dao Market.

After taking care of the three Dao Soldiers, he turned to look at Captain Mu. Terrifying auras suddenly appeared behind her. Sensing this, she heaved a sigh of relief.

Soon, dozens of people appeared, led by an old man in black robes. He stared at Ye Guan and said, "Who gave you the audacity to hunt down members of the Mu Clan?"

The expressions of everyone present became bewildered.

Hasn't this old man figured out the situation yet?

Captain Mu hurriedly said, "Third Uncle, let's retreat for now."

The old man in black robes frowned slightly. "Retreat? Why should we retreat? This person must be really courageous if he dares to challenge us like that. I'm going to..."

Right at that moment, Ye Guan disappeared.

The black-robed old man was furious, but laughed mockingly, "A mere Heavenly Sovereign wants to make a move against me? How laughable..."

With that, he threw a punch directly at Ye Guan.

Clang!

The Qingxuan Sword shattered the black-robed old man's fist energy and then lodged itself into his body. His eyes widened in shock and disbelief. "You..."

Ye Guan raised his hand and the sword ripped itself out of the old man's body. The old man was beheaded and blood gushed out like a fountain.

Another instant kill!

Everyone looked at Ye Guan with heavy expressions on their faces. Their gazes were focused on the Qingxuan Sword, finding it quite terrifying. Of course, Ye Guan's strength was also formidable.

He held the Qingxuan Sword with an unprecedented confidence, which made him feel great. However, he did not lose himself. He knew that this power did not belong solely to him. It was the power of the Qingxuan Sword itself. However, he realized something. The higher his Sword Cultivation Realm, the stronger the power of the Qingxuan Sword, especially when combined with his Invincible Sword Intent. Hence, if he wanted to fully unleash the power of the Qingxuan Sword, he still had to improve himself first.

"Retreat!" Captain Mu yelled as turned and fled with the others. The members of the Mu Clan came to their senses, realizing that this young swordsman was not someone they could afford to go against right now. They quickly followed Captain Mu and fled.

However, Ye Guan was not going to let them go at this point. His figure trembled and he transformed into a streak of sword light as he chased after them.

Schwing!

The Qingxuan Sword soared through the air, targeted at one of the Mu Clan's elites.

Ye Guan was virtually invincible at this point. The members of the Mu Clan were as insignificant as ants in front of him, completely unable to resist at all. When Ye Guan was not wielding the Qingxuan Sword, they were not a match for him. And now, with the Qingxuan Sword, he could easily wreak havoc upon them.

In just a short period of time, dozens of them were killed by him. Meanwhile, Captain Mu managed to enter a teleportation array. It activated and she immediately disappeared. She wanted to destroy the teleportation array, but did not have enough time to do so.

Very quickly, Ye Guan followed her into the array. The array activated and he, too, disappeared.

In the small town, everyone looked at each other in confusion. The sudden turn of events left them all bewildered. The cultivation seal was broken, and not only that, the Dao Soldiers and the Judicial Sovereign had been slain...

Everyone was at a loss.

"Yang Clan!" Someone exclaimed, "Has anyone heard of this clan?"

Everyone was puzzled. No one had heard of them before.

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On the other side, Captain Mu used the teleportation array to escape to the Luo World, which was a stronghold of the Mu Clan. When she entered the array, she had already sent a transmission message to her clan. Hence, the elites had already gathered at the other side of the array.

At the forefront was the leader of the Mu Clan, Mu Cheng. Beside him stood a group of the strongest elites from his clan.

An old man beside him said, "The young man is coming."

Mu Cheng's eyes narrowed. "Did you manage to find out about his origins?"

The old man shook his head. "I only know he comes from the Yang Clan... but there are no major clans that I know of that are called the Yang Clan."

Mu Cheng frowned and said, "This person not only dares to kill in the Dao Market, he even has the ability to do so. His background must be extraordinary..."

The old man was about to speak but at that moment, the teleportation array in the distance suddenly trembled. Captain Mu rushed out of it, and soon after, a streak of sword light dashed out from it as well. It was Ye Guan.

The faces of the members of the Mu Clan turned cold. How audacious of him to chase one of ours all the way here.

Captain Mu glared at Ye Guan. She did not think that he would have pursued her so relentlessly and furthermore, to come to the Luo World.

Mu Cheng walked up to him and said, "This is the Luo World."

Ye Guan slowly raised his sword and pointed it towards Captain Mu, saying, "I will leave after I kill that person."

Mu Cheng narrowed his eyes. "And what if I don't allow you to kill her?"

Ye Guan pondered for a few moments before he said, "An eye for an eye. She killed my friend, so I will kill her. After killing her, I will leave."

Mu Cheng glared at him. "I will not let you kill anyone from the Mu Clan here."

Ye Guan nodded slightly. Without any hesitation, he transformed into a streak of sword light again and disappeared from where he was standing.

Since talking was not an option, then it was time for killing.

Upon seeing this, Mu Cheng's face immediately turned cold. He flipped his right hand and instantly, a black light surged towards Ye Guan.

Ye Guan swung his sword.

Schwing!

The black light shattered into nothingness.

Mu Cheng was greatly shocked. He quickly dodged backward to avoid Ye Guan's terrifying sword attack. However, Ye Guan did not continue to target him. Instead, his figure flashed and he rushed straight towards Captain Mu.

Seeing Ye Guan rushing towards her with his sword, the expression on her face changed drastically. She had nowhere she could retreat to. She gripped her sword with both hands and swung it fiercely.

However, as soon as her sword made contact with the Qingxuan Sword, it was shattered into pieces. Then, the Qingxuan Sword pierced straight through her forehead, pinning her in place.

Captain Mu said fiercely, "The relics of the Divine Dao cultivator are already in your hands, why aren't you letting me go?"

Ye Guan walked slowly towards her and said, "Do you think I care about that Ancestral Vein?"

He waved his hand and seven of his Ancestral Veins appeared in front of her.

He glared at her and continued, "Do I look like I'm short of money?"

Seven Ancestral Veins!

Captain Mu was stunned, and so were all the members of the Mu Clan. Their eyes burned with desire and there were greedy expressions on their faces.

Mu Cheng stared at those Ancestral Veins intently, but soon, he seemed to realize something and said, "Something's wrong. This person is showing off his Ancestral Veins on purpose... Damn it, he's trying to lure us into robbing him so that he has an excuse to destroy the Mu Clan..."

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When Mu Cheng regained his composure, beads of cold sweat started to form on his forehead.

Seven Ancestral Veins!

Under normal circumstances, having one Ancestral Vein was already extremely extraordinary. After all, the entire Mu Clan only possessed one. Yet, this young man had seven!

Not only that, he was blatantly showing off these Ancestral Veins to them.

What does this mean? Is he doing this just to flaunt his wealth?

Mu Cheng found it unlikely because this young man did not seem like someone who liked to show off his wealth. Intuition told him that this young man was trying to goad the Mu Clan into robbing him so that he would have an excuse to annihilate them.

Yes! That must be it!

Mu Cheng glared at Ye Guan, his conviction growing stronger.

In front of Ye Guan, Captain Mu's eyes widened in disbelief. She was completely stunned when she saw his seven Ancestral Veins. She never would have thought that he was telling the truth when he said that he was rich. She truly regretted her actions now. If she had not been greedy from the start, wanting to monopolize the treasures, they could have formed a good relationship with one another. And if she had allied herself with him, the benefits would be endless. Unfortunately, she chose to become his enemy.

As if realizing something, Captain Mu abruptly lifted her head to look at him.

Why did he take out seven Ancestral Veins? And why would he dare to?

Obviously, he was doing it on purpose. He was not afraid of the Mu Clan. In fact, he was trying to get the Mu Clan to rob him.

With this thought, Captain Mu turned to look at the members of the Mu Clan and saw the greediness in their eyes. Then, she looked at Mu Cheng, whose gaze had now become calm. Her heart sank. She knew that her Clan Leader would not intervene anymore. This was clearly a trap and the Clan Leader knew it.

At that moment, Ye Guan swung his sword and Captain Mu's head flew out. Blood gushed out from her decapitated neck.

"How dare you!" An elite from the Mu Clan yelled. He was about to seize the opportunity to attack, but he was stopped by Mu Cheng, who was beside him.

Mu Cheng said, "Let him go."

The faces of the Mu Clan members were filled with disbelief. One of the elders roared angrily, "Clan Leader..."

Mu Cheng gave the elder a cold look, causing the elder to be shocked. The elder opened his lips, but he did not dare to say anything.

Mu Cheng turned to look at Ye Guan and said, "You've already killed her. The score between us is settled."

Ye Guan did not reply. He calmly collected his seven Ancestral Veins and then turned to leave.

As they watched him leave, the faces of the elites from the Mu Clan turned incredibly grim, filled with indignation. It was humiliating.

Mu Cheng looked at them with a fierce expression in his eyes and said, "Use your brains. Why would he take out seven Ancestral Veins for us to see?"

Everyone froze. That's right, why would this young man take out seven Ancestral Veins? It can't just be for showing off, right?

Mu Cheng continued, "Then, think of why he would have seven Ancestral Veins. Seven!"

All of the Mu Clan elites quietened down.

What did possessing seven Ancestral Veins mean? The Mu Clan was a top-tier clan, but they only had one Ancestral Vein. Yet, this young man had seven! Would he be from an ordinary clan? Of course not!

Mu Cheng added, "If we all rush up together, we'll have a good chance of taking him down, but do you think he has no one backing him up?"

Then, he sighed and continued, "In fact, that young man not only dares to kill someone from our Mu Clan. He even dares to kill people from the Dao Market. Not long ago, he killed someone in the Divine Dao Realm... Until we investigate this person's background thoroughly, we should not act rashly. Otherwise, it will bring a catastrophe to our Mu Clan."

Even though the Mu Clan was a top-tier clan, it was not invincible. If they provoked someone that they shouldn't, the foundation of the Mu Clan that was built over millions of years could be destroyed in an instant. Hence, in times like these, as the leader of the Mu Clan, he had to remain calm. He could not let his emotions cloud his judgment and he must not be swayed by his own greed.

Of course, he was very tempted by the seven Ancestral Veins, but he knew that someone who could take them out casually was not someone they could afford to provoke.

Upon hearing Mu Cheng's words, all of the Mu Clan's elites finally calmed down and they began to ponder the situation.

That's right. Not only did this young man dare to flaunt seven Ancestral Veins in front of us, he even dared to kill one of our clan members. He does not fear us.

Mu Cheng said, "We should remain calm for now. Let's investigate this person and then plan accordingly."

An elder said in a low voice, "Clan Leader, I find it hard to swallow this insult."

Expressionless, Mu Cheng replied, "We must endure it, even if it's hard to swallow."

The elder's expression soured. Mu Cheng continued, "Not only must we endure it. If he truly comes from a background that we can't afford to provoke, we must think of how to apologize to him..."

This was how the world worked. If you don't have strength, nobody will listen to your reasoning. However, if you're strong enough, your opponents will come begging you to listen to them. Mu Cheng understood this well. Therefore, even though he found this pill hard to swallow, he had to make the most rational choice.

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After Ye Guan left the Luo World, he returned to the Dao Market once again. The Dao Market had teleportation arrays that could bring him back to First God Universe.

The moment he was back at the Dao Market, a mysterious aura enveloped him. He gripped the Qingxuan Sword tightly in his left hand with a calm expression on his face. He turned his head and saw an old man sitting in a tavern at the corner of the street. The old man was wearing tattered clothes and he was smoking heavily.

When the old man noticed Ye Guan's gaze, he glanced at him and then exhaled a puff of smoke. "Come over for a chat?" he asked.

Ye Guan walked up to him, put the Qingxuan Sword on the table. Seeming to have thought of something, he put the Qingxuan Sword away instead. Seeing this, the old man laughed heartily and said, "Interesting..."

"What's interesting?" Ye Guan asked.

The old man explained, "Putting the sword on the table was a subconscious action, but putting it away was a choice. You chose not to use your sword to intimidate me... I can see that the sword belongs to your family elders, but you don't want to rely on them, am I right?"

Ye Guan picked up the teapot and poured himself a cup of tea. He drank a sip and then said, "Are you here to talk, or do you want to fight? I'm fine with either."

The old man stared at him without a word. If he were to strike, he was eighty percent sure that he could kill this young man. As someone in the Divine Dao Realm with thirty-percent divinity, to say that he was only eighty percent sure he could kill this young man who was only in the Heaven Dao Realm was quite embarrassing. However, he was well aware that he might not even have an eighty percent chance.

The remaining twenty percent consisted of unknown factors, and ten percent of it was attributed to the sword he was holding.

After thinking about it for a long while, the old man flicked off some ash from his cigarette and chuckled, saying, "Then... let's try and use reason first?"

Ye Guan asked, "How about using our fists directly instead?"

The old man took two puffs of his cigarette and asked, "You're that confident?"

Ye Guan shook his head. "Not really. You just don't seem like someone who's reasonable."

"Whether I am reasonable or not depends on who I'm talking to. We can have a chat first. If talking doesn't work out, we'll use our fists."

"Fair enough. Let's have a chat first, then."

"I don't care about your enmity with the Mu Clan, but you should be aware that violence is prohibited here in the Dao Market. Yet, you've resorted to violence twice. How do you explain that?"

"The first time I acted, I killed someone from the Qi Clan because they accused me of stealing her Ancestral Vein... Strictly speaking, this is a matter between me and the Qi Clan and it's unrelated to the Dao Market. What do you think?"

"And what about the second time?"

Ye Guan recounted the details of the incident, without embellishing it. There was no need to do so anyway.

After listening to Ye Guan's explanation, the old man exhaled another puff of smoke and then said, "So you're saying that the Dao Market treated you unfairly first, which led you to resort to violence. Is that it?"

Ye Guan nodded and replied, "Yes."

The old man pondered for a few moments before he said, "Now I know the ins and outs of what happened... How about we settle this with our fists?"

Ye Guan nodded again. "I also think that reasoning with you won't work..."

The old man shook his head, interrupting him, "It does, but whether or not your explanation was reasonable and whether or not I accept your explanation are separate matters altogether."

"Shall we go somewhere else to fight?" asked Ye Guan.

"Of course," the old man answered. He waved his sleeve and instantly, they appeared in a starry sky. The old man continued smoking as he looked at Ye Guan and said, "Come on, let me see how strong a swordsman in the Heaven Dao Realm can be."

After a slight pause, he continued, "You have to use that special sword. Otherwise, you have no chance of winning."

Ye Guan exclaimed, "Of course!"

He opened his palm and the Qingxuna Sword appeared in his hands. The old man looked at the sword before he said, "That's a fine sword."

Without wasting any more words, Ye Guan took a step forward and the next moment, a streak of sword light could be seen flashing across the air...