

Disciples 1001

Chapter 1001: Master is No Longer Invincible

Lu Zhou showed no remorse when he looked at the charred ground. He nodded inwardly. Now that Ye Liuyun had been reduced to ashes, even if the ancestor of witchcraft came, he would not be able to resurrect Ye Liuyun. Following that, he turned and walked toward Ying Zhao. When he came to a stop in front of Ying Zhao, he sized it up for a moment. Based on his previous plan, he would kill it and be done with it. However, his interest had been piqued by Ying Zhao's high intelligence. If he could make it into his mount, it would be great. However, the problem was Ying Zhao was too recognizable and would inspire covetous thoughts and greed in others. It would not be a problem if he used it, but it would be troublesome if his disciples were to use it.

Ying Zhao looked at Lu Zhou warily and took a few steps back.

Lu Zhou nodded. He would subdue it first. Perhaps, he could change its appearance by cutting its hair and dyeing it a different color!

Lu Zhou moved closer to Ying Zhao before he said, "Did you intentionally sow discord among the cultivators?"

Ying Zhao cried out.

Unfortunately, Lu Zhou did not understand it. "Forget it. I'll give you a chance to live. If you're willing, submit to me and become my mount. When the time is right, I'll return your life heart to you."

While Lu Zhou was speaking to Ying Zhao, he had erected an energy barrier to prevent others from listening. Since he was going to change Ying Zhao's appearance, he could not let others hear his words.

Ying Zhao understood Lu Zhou's words. However, it only looked at Lu Zhou skeptically. It knew that cultivators coveted its life heart. Not only was its life heart suitable for those with twelve or more Birth Charts, but its life heart could also increase the limit of the number of Birth Charts a cultivator could activate. In the many years that beasts and humans coexisted, there were a few compassionate humans who would rather sacrifice their life span and return the life hearts, but these people were truly rare. Moreover, there was the risk of the fierce beasts seeking revenge after they regained their life hearts. For all these reasons, it did not believe Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou said, "You're no longer of any use; your life heart is in my hand. Since you're intelligent, think carefully. What benefits would I get from lying to you?"

Ying Zhao let out a cry.

Lu Zhou shook his head, still not understanding what it was saying. He said, "If you agree, come with me. If you don't, you can leave now. Your life and death depend on fate..."

Lu Zhou frowned. "Bast*rd, I'm giving you a chance to leave, but you're being stubborn!"

Ying Zhao continued to shake its head vehemently.

'What do you mean?' Lu Zhou was confused by Ying Zhao's constant head shaking. He was considering whether he should contact Si Wuya to let Conch communicate with Ying Zhao. However, this would

waste too much time. If he did not leave soon, he would be in trouble if Ning Wanqing, King Chen of Wu, and Luo Huan returned. Just as he was about to give up and leave...

Ying Zhao took a few steps forward but it did not move to Lu Zhou's side. Instead, it stopped halfway.

With this, Lu Zhou could vaguely guess its meaning. "You want to think about it?"

Ying Zhao nodded.

"Alright. I'll wait for you. When you've made up your mind, follow the life heart and come to me. Let me give you a piece of advice: you better don't try to play tricks!"

Ying Zhao nodded. Naturally, it wanted its life heart. If he wanted to form another life heart, it would be too difficult, and it would take hundreds or thousands of years just to do so. Following that, it raised its head and let out a cry before it flapped its wings and flew away. Its speed was clearly much slower than before.

Lu Zhou no longer wasted time. With Ying Zhao's intelligence, it would be fine.

Meanwhile, everyone was confused.

Wu Chao asked, "Senior Lu, why were you arguing with that beast? It was shaking its head and nodding its head..."

Xiao Yunhe said, "It's probably trying to regain its life heart. However, how could Brother Lu return its life heart?"

"This beast is really smart. S

Everyone was confused.

"Brother Lu, why are you arguing with a beast? That beast shook its head and nodded again?" Wu Chao asked.

Xiao Yunhe said, "It's probably trying to get the heart of the life matrix back... with brother Lu's cultivation, how can you give it to it?"

Wu Chao said, "This beast is really smart. Senior Lu, you're really too kind for letting it go. What if it seeks revenge in the future?"

'Kind? I can't relate this word with Brother Lu at all...' Xiao Yunhe thought to himself.

After gaining so much, Lu Zhou leaped into the air, ready to leave.

However, Xiao Yunhe pointed at the distance at this moment. "Brother Lu, behind you!"

They saw a figure flying back slowly.

Lu Zhou turned around and looked over. "Ning Wanqing?"

Ning Wanqing's white robe was dyed red. His face was also stained with blood. In fact, he was stained with blood from head to toe. At this moment, he was laughing maniacally as he rushed over in a frenzy. However, a hint of sorrow could be heard in his laughter.

It was obvious that Ning Wanqing had a difficult battle with King Chen of Wu and Luo Huan. Although he had won, it seemed like it was a pyrrhic victory.

Although Ning Wanqing could barely endure two of Lu Zhou's palm strikes back then, Lu Zhou did not underestimate Ning Wanqing. After all, at that time, Ning Wanqing was standing still and letting the palm strikes hit him at that time; it was different from a real battle. Moreover, Ning Wanqing was capable of defeating both King Chen of Wu and Luo Huan. With this alone, one could see how terrifying his strength was.

At this moment, Ying Zhao roared in a voice that could shake the heavens, "Yingzhao! Come out!"

Shen Xi commented, "It seems like he has figured out the life heart is fake. Based on his appearance, it's obvious it wasn't an easy victory..."

Lu Zhou only glanced at Ning Wanqing before flying toward members of the Humble White Sect.

At this moment...

Whoosh!

A huge wave of energy pushed Xiao Yunhe, Shen Xi, and the thousands of cultivators from the Humble White Sect back. They were sent flying 1,000 meters back. They cried out in surprise and scrambled to regain their footing.

The huge wave of energy was so strong that even Xiao Yunhe was affected by it.

Lu Zhou frowned slightly. He blamed himself for being too greedy. He should have left Ying Zhao alone and left immediately. He sighed; since things had come to this, he could only fight back.

After the several thousand people were sent flying to the mountain range, a conical energy shot toward Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou waved his hand and formed a protective energy barrier. However, the force of the conical energy was so strong that it pushed him back. The strength of the conical energy exceeded his expectations. In just a blink of an eye, he was already pushed back to the mountain.

Lu Zhou manifested his astrolabe at this moment.

Boom!

Lu Zhou crashed into the mountain, causing the rocks to fall.

"Senior Lu!"

"Master!"

"Brother Lu!"

Everyone looked in the direction of the mountain range in disbelief.

'Brother Lu is defeated with one move?' Xiao Yunhe looked at his surroundings.

On the left stood a black Thousand Realms Whirling avatar with ten Birth Charts on its astrolabe; on the right stood a white Thousand Realms Whirling avatar with ten Birth Charts on its astrolabe as well. The two avatars were 850 feet tall!

“Where are the disciples of the White Tower Council?” The person on the right looked around before his gaze finally landed on Ning Wanqing. “Ning Wanqing.”

When Ning Wanqing saw the white Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, he suppressed his anger and grief. “Ning Wanqing pays respect to the First Elder.”

Xiao Yunhe frowned. “It’s Xu Chen and Shi Youran, the First Elders of the White Tower Council and the Black Tower Council.”

When Xiao Yunhe saw Shi Youran, his eyes flashed with anger and hatred. That person who was once his right-hand man had become the most loyal dog to his enemy.

Shi Youran said, “The disciples from the Black Tower Council have disappeared as well... Xu Chen, you and I have fought for so long, but we still haven’t seen Ying Zhao...”

At this moment, a black-clad cultivator flew from a corner nearby and kneeled in front of Shi Youran and Xu Chen. He said something and pointed in the direction of the mountain range.

Although Xiao Yunhe could not hear the black-clad cultivator’s words, he could guess what was said. He began to think of countermeasures immediately.

Meanwhile, after listening to the black-clad cultivator’s report, Shi Youran looked in the direction of the mountain range that Lu Zhou crashed into. “Ying Zhao’s life heart is with that person?”

“That’s right. My lord, I witnessed him killing Ye Liuyun...”

“He killed Ye Liuyun?”

Xu Chen chuckled. “Interesting, interesting...”

Shi Youran said, “Let’s make it clear. No matter what we get today, we’ll divide them equally. This applies to the life heart as well.”

“Alright.”

As the First Elders of the Black Tower Council and the White Tower Council, the two fought for a long time before coming to an agreement that led to the current situation.

At this moment, Shi Youran looked at the mountain range. Then, he raised his hand and sent a black wave of energy toward the mountain range.

Boom!

Stones began to roll off the mountain again.

Meanwhile, Yu Zhenghai clenched his fists tightly as he watched this. He could not believe this; was his master not invincible?

Xu Chen said indifferently, "Since he's able to kill Ye Liuyun, he has at least eight Birth Charts. One palm strike won't be enough."

Following that, Xu Chen pushed his palm out, sending energy seals toward the mountain.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The energy seal pierced through the mountain that was thousands of feet thick.

Xu Chen nodded in satisfaction. "He's dead now. Ning Wanqing, go and retrieve the life heart."

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"This..." Ning Wanqing hesitated for a moment before saying, "Understood."

"Master!" At this time, Yu Shangrong moved as fast as lightning as he flew toward Ning Wanqing. His speed was not inferior to Ning Wanqing at all.

"Hmm?" Xu Chen looked at Yu Shangrong who suddenly appeared and thought Yu Shangrong must be not ordinary. "His disciple? I wonder if he can withstand a palm strike from me?"

A palm seal flew out immediately toward Yu Shangrong's back.

"Second Junior Brother!"

Upon seeing this situation, Xiao Yunhe shook his head and sighed. Then, he pressed the restless Yu Zhenghai down before he said, "Let me deal with it."

A hexagonal weapon appeared in Xiao Yunhe's hand before he threw it out at lightning speed.

Boom!

The hexagonal weapon blocked the blow for Yu Shangrong.

"Another one?"

Xiao Yunhe flew toward Yu Shangrong and said, "You have to insist you're a member of the Humble White Sect. They won't kill the innocent. After that, you can leave the rest to me."

"Tower Master Xiao, you..." In a rare moment, Yu Shangrong had lost his composure and panicked for a moment.

"I'm fine..."

"But, how are you going to deal with it?" Yu Shangrong frowned.

"It doesn't matter. We'll try anyway..." Xiao Yunhe said, "Brother Lu must have been injured by Ye Liuyun, that's why this happened. Take him south. Remember, don't look back!"

Yu Shangrong nodded and flew toward Ning Wanqing.

Xiao Yunhe no longer treated Yu Shangrong as a Ten-leaf cultivator. He believed in Lu Zhou's disciple.

Meanwhile, Shi Youran had already seen Xiao Yunhe. He smiled and bowed. "So it's the Tower Master!"

Xu Chen was shocked. "The Black Tower Master?! You!"

Shi Youran smiled mockingly as interjected, "Ah, sorry. I meant to say former Tower Master..."

"Former Tower Master?" Xu Chen looked at Xiao Yunhe carefully before he finally sighed in relief.

Shi Youran looked at Xiao Yunhe and asked, "May I ask what the former Tower Master is doing here?"

Xiao Yunhe's expression was indifferent as he said, "There's no need for you to be so formal, Shi Youran. Back when I was still in the Black Tower Council, you were never this respectful."

"Tower master, it's only right for me to show you respect. After all, you took care of me back then..." Shi Youran said.

"However, in the end, you still ended up becoming someone's lackey..."

Shi Youran frowned and shook his head. "I don't like your words very much..." Then, he struck with his palm.

The speed of the palm seal stirred up violent winds, making it difficult to see the shape of the palm seal.

Xiao Yunhe raised both his hands.

Bang!

Xiao Yunhe was sent flying back 100 meters before he stabilized his footing.

Shi Youran said, "The hexagonal weapon?"

As soon as his voice fell, Xiao Yunhe's figure disappeared.

Upon seeing this, Xu Chen, the First Elder of the White Tower Council, asked, "Are you not going to chase after him?"

"Why should I chase after him? He's nothing more than a stray dog who used his hexagonal weapon to escape. He's trying to distract me so that old thing has a chance to escape. How can I possibly fall for his trick?"

"You have a point."

Following that, the duo looked at the people from the Humble White Sect in unison before turning away, ignoring them. Then, they sped toward the mountain range.

Whoosh!

At this moment, a hexagonal energy fell from above.

Shi Youran came to a stop and raised his head. "Tower Master Xiao, why must you do this? You can escape, but you want to seek death."

Shi Youran raised his hand with his palm facing upward, launching a long energy seal that resembled a rainbow.

Bang!

That hexagonal energy could not withstand Shi Youran's strike and shattered immediately.

Shi Youran did not stop. He directed his hand in the direction where the wind was surging and launched another energy seal.

Bang!

The void rippled before Xiao Yunhe appeared in the sky. He flipped in the air a few times before he staggered backward. He held a hand to his chest, feeling suffocated and uncomfortable, as he looked at the calm Shi Youran. He thought to himself self-deprecatingly, 'How can seven Birth Charts withstand a strike like that?'

"I addressed you as Tower Master Xiao out of respect. After all, you're once the glorious Tower Master of the Black Tower Council. However, the current you are worse than a dog in front of me," Shi Youran said indifferently, "Let me help you to reincarnate early. Don't be a human in your next life. Don't worry, I'll bring your head back with me to the Black Tower Council so I can receive the merit. Tower Master Xia would be very happy with me..."

These words enraged Xiao Yunhe, causing him to grunt and spit out a mouthful of blood.

Shi Youran slowly raised his hand...

Suddenly...

"You dare to touch him?"

Shi Youran and Xu Chen instinctively turned to look in the direction of the voice in shock.

Lu Zhou and Yu Shangrong flew over from the distance.

Yu Zhenghai, Shen Xi, and the members of the Humble White Sect revealed happy expressions on their faces.

Meanwhile, Ning Wanqing's expression was rather unnatural.

Xu Chen frowned slightly and said reproachfully, "Ning Wanqing, what's going on?"

Ning Wanqing stuttered, "Fake, fake... ten leaves..."

"What fake? What are you talking about?"

At this time, Lu Zhou and Yu Shangrong arrived at Xiao Yunhe's side.

Xiao Yunhe was overjoyed. He recalled the blue palm seals. Seeing Lu Zhou was fine, he was even more certain Lu Zhou was a super big shot from the blue lotus domain!

When Lu Zhou passed by Xiao Yunhe, he did not stop as he said, "Watch carefully."

Following that, Lu Zhou rose higher into the air. A card appeared in his hand, and he exerted a slight force on it, causing it to shatter like ice crystals.

Lu Zhou's Dantian's sea of Qi, Eight Extraordinary Meridians, and mind were instantly filled with a refreshing and cool sensation. His cultivation rose, and his senses were all heightened.

The sound of the wind, breathing, Primal Qi, and even the bugs crawling in the grass did not escape Lu Zhou's senses. He continued to move forward, getting giddy with power with each step.

"Hmm?"

A puzzled expression appeared on Xu Chen and Shi Youran's faces when they sensed the change in Lu Zhou's aura. Lu Zhou's aura was completely different from before. No matter how they looked at it, someone like Lu Zhou should've been killed with the palm strikes earlier.

Xu Chen shook his head and said, "You don't know what's good for you."

Following that, Xu Chen flashed and appeared in front of Lu Zhou in just a blink of an eye. He struck with his palm immediately. He was so fast that the air seemed to distort and ripple.

Lu Zhou raised his hand indifferently and grabbed Xu Chen's hand.

Everything froze at this moment; it was as though time had stood still. Even the Primal Qi seemed to be restrained.

Lu Zhou looked at Xu Chen coldly.

Xu Chen's eyelids kept twitching. He asked, perplexed, "How did you do it?"

Lu Zhou ignored him. Then, he clenched his hand.

Crack!

Xu Chen's hand broke. He let out a miserable cry immediately. Xu Chen, the First Elder of the White Tower Council, felt his heart tremble. He tried his best to mobilize the Primal Qi in the surroundings to no avail.

The surrounding Primal Qi was all under Lu Zhou's control after all.

Lu Zhou lifted his other hand and smacked it on Xu Chen's chest.

Bang!

Following that, a magnificent scene appeared.

The moment Xu Chen fell, Lu Zhou dove so quickly that he left a series of afterimages behind.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Lu Zhou launched twenty consecutive palm strikes in just an instant.

Boom!

The last palm strike struck Xu Chen into the ground, creating a hole that was dozens of meters deep.

A series of system notifications rang one after another in Lu Zhou's ears, but he was not very satisfied. The twenty palm strikes only managed to destroy four of Xu Chen's Birth Charts. Nevertheless, Xu Chen was no longer a threat now that he had lost four Birth Charts.

Xiao Yunhe and Yu Shangrong. "..."

Yu Zhenghai and the members of the Humble White Sect were dumbfounded as well.

Speed, strength, palm seals, and rhythm. Lu Zhou completely suppressed his opponent!

Shi Youran looked at the old man in front of him with an expression of disbelief. Just a moment ago, the old man's aura was incredibly weak; how did he become so strong in just a moment? Xu Chen, who had ten Birth Charts, was beaten to the point where he could not retaliate at all! With these thoughts in mind, his expression turned grimmer and grimmer.

Bang!

At this moment, Xu Chen shot out of the pit that was dozens of meters deep. He wielded a huge sky-piercing sword and stabbed it at Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou glanced at Xu Chen indifferently as he turned his body slightly. Then, he pressed his hand down.

Bang!

The tip of the sword was caught in between Zhou's fingers.

"Shi Youran, what are you waiting for?!?Hurry up and attack!"

With this, Shi Youran snapped back to his senses. He moved like the wind and shadows, leaving afterimages in his wake, as he flew toward Lu Zhou and attacked in a frenzy.

Energy sabers and energy swords shot toward Lu Zhou endlessly and landed on his body.

"Scram!"

A strong gust of wind swept over immediately.

It was an eye for an eye.

Bang!

Shi Youran was blown away. His head buzzed as his eyes widened in disbelief.

Following that, Lu Zhou exerted force in his other hand.

Xu Chen's huge sword began to break piece by piece.

When Lu Zhou's hand finally reached the hilt of the sword, he had moved in front of Xu Chen as well. He said indifferently, "Who gave you the courage to act like this?"

Then, Lu Zhou slammed his palm on Xu Chen's chest again.

Bang!

Similar to before, Xu Chen fell into the dozens-of-meters-deep pit.

Chapter 1003: Who Said He's Not Invincible?

Xu Chen, who had lost another Birth Chart, became even weaker.

For cultivators, especially experts who activated their Birth Charts, they had many life-saving techniques. For each Birth Chart they obtained, it was like they gained an extra life. Apart from that, their cultivation, strength, speed, and defenses would improve. It was incredibly difficult to destroy a Birth Chart; it was no different from taking a life. Only if one's strength was overwhelmingly strong would it be easy to destroy a Birth Chart, or perhaps, if one was like Ye Liuyun who was a master assassin and skilled in sneak attacks.

Xu Chen and Shi Youran had lived for a long time and managed to preserve their Birth Charts thus far. However, who knew today they would be so weak in front of Lu Zhou? This could only mean one thing: Lu Zhou's strength far surpassed theirs.

Shi Youran's expression was incredibly unsightly at this moment. He stepped forward as the Eight Trigrams Seals appeared beneath his feet; one Yin and one Yang. The seal glowed brightly, forming a nest-like space and instantly covering Lu Zhou as well.

"Retreat!"

Xiao Yunhe and Yu Shangrong, who were standing closest to the battle, retreated.

Yu Zhenghai and those from the Humble White Sect retreated as well.

Within the illuminated space, Shi Youran's strength had increased greatly.

Following that, countless energy seals appeared in the sky and shot toward Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou glanced at Xu Chen who was lying in the pit that was dozens of meters deep. Upon sensing the change in the air, he raised his head and looked at Shi Youran.

Lu Zhou's deep gaze caused Shi Youran's heart to tremble. He knew he had met a tough opponent today. He silently recited an incantation and vanished into thin air. In the next moment, he appeared above, below, in front, at the back, and to the sides of Lu Zhou. It seemed like six figures had surrounded Lu Zhou from all sides, launching black energy seals at the same time.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The storm-like attacks continued to fall, but Lu Zhou stood unmoving and unharmed. A strange energy surged out of his body, easily neutralizing the attacks one after another. The attacks only left slight ripples near his body; that was it.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Shi Youran continued to attack in a frenzy. The sounds of collision rang in his ears as the energy seals struck his opponent, but his attacks failed to do any damage at all!

Wu Chao asked, dumbfounded, "How's he doing that?"

"If I'm not mistaken, the Pavilion Master's Birth Charts are from the highest grade life hearts. The fierce beasts they're from probably had incredibly high defenses..." Shen Xi speculated. After all, this was the

only explanation he had for Lu Zhou being able to withstand the frenzied attacks of a Ten Chart expert without suffering any injuries.

“Highest grade?”

“Birth Trial,” Shen Xi explained, “After accumulating six Birth Charts and passing the Birth Trial, the first six Birth Charts would improve tremendously. Apart from that, one might also obtain a special ability after passing the Birth Trial. If I’m not mistaken, Shi Youran’s space is a special ability he obtained after passing the Birth Trial...”

“Even then, they’ve both passed the Birth Trial. Even if Senior Lu is stronger, how’s it that he’s completely unaffected by the attacks?” Wu Chao was puzzled.

“I... I suspect that the Pavilion Master has already passed the second Birth Trial,” Shen Xi said.

“The second Birth Trial? Does this mean that Senior Lu has more than twelve Birth Charts?” Wu Chao’s eyes widened in shock.

At this moment, Shen Xi could sense something was amiss so he quickly ordered, “Retreat again!”

Xiao Yunhe and Yu Shangrong retreated 1,000 meters back.

At this time,

Xiao Yun and Yu Shangrong were the same. The two of them retreated quickly and retreated another thousand meters.

At this time, it seemed like Shi Youran’s figures were everywhere in the dark space. All of a sudden, the six figures merged back into one and appeared above Lu Zhou. Following that, he held a sharp saber in each hand and brought them down.

At the same time, Lu Zhou said in a deep voice, “Are you done playing?”

“Huh?”

“You really don’t know the immensity of heaven and earth!”

Buzz!

Lu Zhou manifested his golden avatar.

The Thousand Realms Whirling avatar pierced the sea of clouds and disappeared into the sky.

Boom!

A surging energy that seemed to hold all the power of the universe sent Shi Youran flying immediately.

Primal Qi churned and spun out like a hurricane, and Shi Youran who was being carried away was like a grain of sand.

Everyone raised their heads. All of them without fail tacitly counted the height of the avatar.

Half of the astrolabe was hidden by the clouds, making it impossible to see the number of Birth Charts. Moreover, those who passed the Birth Trial could hide their Birth Charts. Therefore, the most reliable way was to check the height of the avatar.

They endured the dazzling light of the golden Thousand Realms Whirling avatar as they silently counted. Even if they could usually tell the height of an avatar with just a glance, in this case, they had to count.

“500 feet, 550 feet... 800 feet, 850 feet, 900 feet, 950 feet... 1,050 feet!”

“1,050 feet!”

“12 Birth Charts! I was right! He has passed the second Birth Trial!”

Everyone looked at the golden avatar that towered into the clouds in awe and admiration. They had completely forgotten about Xu Chen who was lying in the pit and Shi Youran who had been blown away.

“Astrolabe.”

The energy from the avatar pushed the clouds away at this moment, revealing the golden avatar in all its glory to everyone present on the scene.

The avatar was 1,050 feet tall. Its body was completely gold, and there was a golden crown in its head. At this moment, it sat with its hands clasped together on a lotus that was burning with karmic fire. An indescribably huge golden astrolabe hung at its back. The twelve distinct patterns on the astrolabe were incredibly eye-catching. At the same time, the 36 triangles on the lotus seat were spinning at the same time. Similar to the astrolabe, twelve Birth zones flashed brightly in unison.

“Amazing! You guessed correctly!” Wu Chao said, “However, how do you know Senior Lu has passed the second Birth Trial?”

One could tell the number of Birth Charts by looking at the flashing lights. However, it was impossible to tell if one had passed the Birth Trial.

“Based on his imposing air and absolute and crushing strength,” Shen Xi said, “I can’t think of another person who can deal with Shi Youran in this manner. Perhaps, even Tower Master Xia isn’t capable of it.”

Wu Chao nodded and said, “You’re right. What are the two special abilities that Senior Lu obtained after passing the two Birth Trials?”

“I really don’t know. After all, those who pass the Birth Trial rarely use their special abilities; it’s like their secret trump card. Moreover, there’s no occasion for the Pavilion Master to use his special abilities. For example, although the Pavilion Master only has two more Birth Charts compared to Shi Youran, look at how badly Shi Youran is beaten...”

Meanwhile, Shi Youran’s eyes looked as though they were going to pop out of their sockets as he looked at the golden Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. He knew it was impossible for him to win now. Without saying anything, he turned tail and fled at lightning speed like a shooting star.

Lu Zhou looked down and said, “Xiao Yunhe, keep an eye on Xu Chen.”

Xiao Yunhe smiled and said, "Leave it to me, Brother Lu."

Following that, Lu Zhou unleashed his grand technique.

Everyone watched as Lu Zhou and his Thousand Realms Whirling avatar left afterimages in their wake as they sped away. They rubbed their eyes, and when they removed their hands, Lu Zhou and his avatar were nowhere to be seen.

The speed of the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar was truly high above the Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar. Back when Lu Zhou only had the Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar, he could barely keep up with Lu Li's Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. With a Twelve Chart Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, one could only imagine how fast Lu Zhou was.

Shi Youran fled at top speed. He sighed in relief when he looked back and saw that no one had chased after him. Alas, it did not take long before a voice rang from above him.

"You like flying?"

"You!" Shi Youran trembled when he looked up and saw Lu Zhou. As it turned out, Lu Zhou had been chasing after him silently all this time.

"I'll let you fly as long as you want." Lu Zhou pressed his hand down.

"No!" Shi Youran tried to flash away.

Lu Zhou maintained the same speed as Shi Youran and kept appearing in the same position so that it seemed like the two were not moving at all. At this time, he reached out with his hand that glowed with a golden light, easily breaching Shi Youran's defenses before grabbing Shi Youran by the scruff of his neck.

Following that, the duo disappeared at the same time.

Chapter 1004: Flying With You

The golden Thousand Realms Whirling avatar flew horizontally as Lu Zhou reached out and clenched his hand tightly.

In just a blink of an eye, Shi Youran's avatar vanished. At this moment, he kept shaking his head as he said, "S-senior, I was blind before this. Please let me go!"

Lu Zhou removed his protective energy and looked at his golden Thousand Realms Whirling avatar and the 12 Birth Charts that shone on the golden astrolabe. Then, he grabbed Shi Youran and flew at top speed in the southern direction.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The wind blew against his face as he flew. He checked the remaining time to confirm he had enough time.

Although Lu Zhou was a Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator and his body had been tempered to where it far exceeded an ordinary person, they did nothing to help when the strong wind formed by his exaggerated speed blew against his face, distorting his face. However, he knew this was normal. As a

transmigrator, he knew if the speed was fast enough, even a bird could take down an airplane. With this, he suddenly picked up speed

Lu Zhou continued to fly through the clouds, passing mountains after mountains.

In the beginning, Shi Youran's hair was in a mess, and his face was distorted by the strong wind. Not only that, but he was injured as well. However, after Lu Zhou picked up speed, the wind from the extreme speed cut his face, leaving wounds on his face. It happened so many times that he gradually grew numb to the pain. After a while, he said, "I... I can replace Xiao Yunhe..."

Lu Zhou's reply was curt. "Are you worthy?"

"Why... Why can't I? I-I have ten Birth Charts. He's a cripple with only seven Birth Charts," Shi Youran said with great difficulty.

Lu Zhou suddenly came to a stop.

Due to the extreme speed and inertia, Shi Youran's legs were broken, and he let out a miserable cry.

Lu Zhou surveyed his surroundings. It seemed like the further he traveled south, the darker it became. Although he had twelve Birth Charts now, he could still feel the pressure from heaven and earth pressing down on him.

"The shackles of heaven and earth?" Lu Zhou looked down, but it was too dark to see anything. He checked the time again; he had twenty minutes left. He had enough time to return.

"Let me go! If you kill me, Tower Master Xia will definitely avenge me. He... He has 12 Birth Charts as well!!! You... Let me go!" Shi Youran threatened. Since the soft approach did not work, he switched to using threats.

Upon hearing these words, Lu Zhou's eyes flashed. Then, he suddenly dropped a few thousand meters in the air before he rose up again. He repeated this until he grew bored and switched to flying from east to west and north to south, ten times each.

Lu Zhou, who looked completely unaffected, looked at Shi Youran who was in a miserable state from all the flying and asked, "Do you still like flying?"

Shi Youran shook his head, unable to speak due to motion sickness. Following that, he could no longer hold back and vomited violently. When he was done, he panted as he asked, "Y-you... You're still holding back your strength?"

Lu Zhou smiled but did not say anything. He tightened his hold on Shi Youran and continued flying south. After flying several thousand meters, he saw a group of fierce beasts in the darkness below.

Shi Youran who was greatly weakened after being tortured by Lu Zhou looked down in surprise. Then, he chuckled. "So... so y-you're looking for the secrets of the heaven and earth's shackles as well... Y-you won't be able to find them..."

Shi Youran was right. Lu Zhou had flown south because he wanted to take advantage of the effect of the Peak Trial Card to see what was at the end of the Land of Chaos. That was right; he had used the enhanced Peak Trial Card. Earlier, he had less than 100,000 merit points. To kill at 10 Chart expert, he

would need two normal Deadly Strike Cards and one enhanced Deadly Strike Card. Moreover, to be safe, he needed extra item cards as well. Since that was the case, he might as well use his enhanced Peak Trial Card. Unfortunately, 12 Birth Charts were the limit.

At this time, Lu Zhou had limitless vitality energy. Therefore, he could fly recklessly. Under normal circumstances, he would not be able to do so.

At this moment...

Roar!

A fierce beast that resembled a pterosaur appeared in front of Lu Zhou. It did not take long before a group of fierce beasts came swarming out from the mountain range as well.

Shi Youran laughed maniacally as he said, "It's the beast king! You've entered the territory of a beast king! Good! Very good! It's not too bad if you die with me!"

The flying pterosaur flew toward the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar at this moment, causing the air to distort and the ground to shake.

Lu Zhou brought his avatar with him as he flew up.

Shi Youran struggled. "Let me... go! Let me go! I... I'm willing to fight side by side with you, senior! Let me..."

"How noisy!" Lu Zhou pressed his left hand on Shi Youran's Dantian's sea of Qi.

Buzz!

Shi Youran's astrolabe was forcefully manifested.

Lu Zhou moved at lightning speed as he smacked Shi Youran's astrolabe.

"My astrolabe!" Shi Youran cried out. With his Ten Chart astrolabe hanging on the line, he did not retreat. At the critical moment, he made the right decision by turning his astrolabe around and letting it expand before he released the power of his Birth Charts.

With that, countless pillars of light shot up into the sky.

Lu Zhou did not pay attention to Shi Youran. Instead, he sent out palm seals after palm seals in the air, striking twenty times consecutively.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

At the same time, Lu Zhou manifested the Golden Buddha Body before he unleashed the Dhyana Mudra and the Six Compatible Daoist Seal to block the explosion of Shi Youran's energy.

Primal Qi rolled out in all directions in just an instant.

The flying beasts in the air that covered the sky were blasted away and killed.

'What a pity...' Lu Zhou looked at the fierce beasts. In fact, most of these fierce beasts were not too powerful; apart from having superior physique, they had yet to step onto the cultivation path. Only a few of them were Birth Chart Beasts.

As silence returned, Lu Zhou received four system notifications.

Xu Chen and Shi Youran's cultivation bases were the same; no wonder they were locked in a stalemate for so long.

Lu Zhou continued holding onto Shi Youran and used a powerful binding technique to suppress him. He had limitless Primal Qi for now anyway.

On the other hand, Shi Youran was driven to despair. He had been waiting for Lu Zhou to let down his guard so he could escape. Unfortunately, Lu Zhou showed no sign of relaxing.

"You still have six Birth Charts," Lu Zhou suddenly said.

"..."

Lu Zhou looked at the time. He had to return soon. Moreover, he knew he could not travel deeper without having more than 12 Birth Charts. He looked at the fierce beasts again; there were many low-level Birth Chart Beasts and a small number of mid-level Birth Chart Beasts. The others were only ordinary fierce beasts.

At this moment, Shi Youran spat out a mouthful of blood. Then, he asked weakly, "Are you... Are you even human?"

Lu Zhou ignored him and continued to look at the fierce beasts. When he was about to kill them, he felt movements from the talisman in his pocket. With just a thought, he brought the talisman out and ignited it.

Yan Zhenluo's image appeared immediately.

Yan Zhenluo said as soon as he appeared, "Brother Lu, this is bad! The First Elders of the Black Tower Council and the White Tower Council have gone to the red lotus domain for a mission. I thought only the judges were sent there. The First Elders' cultivation bases are very high; please be careful!"

"Are you talking about him?" Lu Zhou raised Shi Youran by the scruff of his neck into the range of the formation circle created by the black talisman so Yan Zhenluo could have a look.

Yan Zhenluo's eyes widened in shock. "F-first Elder?!"

When Shi Youran saw Yan Zhenluo, he said with a voice laden with sorrow, "So there's a traitor! As it turns out, I didn't suffer a defeat for no reason..."

"This... He's in such a wretched state... Are you sure this is the First Elder?" Yan Zhenluo asked skeptically.

Shi Youran's face was damaged beyond recognition from the cutting wind earlier. It was indeed rather difficult to identify him at this moment.

Lu Zhou said, "I'll kill him later. You'll find out for yourself whether this person is your First Elder or not at that time..."

Yan Zhenluo. "..."

Lu Zhou said again, "I'm busy. What other matters do you have to report?"

"A beast tide has appeared. Initially, we were supposed to send cultivators with more than five Birth Charts to stop the beast king, but the radical faction in the Black Tower Council stopped this plan. If the beast tide approaches the southeast of Southern Kingdom, I'm afraid the red lotus domains will die..." Yan Zhenluo said anxiously.

The southeast was not far away from where Lu Zhou was now. It would not be a problem for him to rush there with his unlimited Primal Qi.

Lu Zhou asked, "Is this mission similar to Lu Li's mission back then?"

"That's right."

"Alright, leave it to me." Lu Zhou flicked his sleeve and Yan Zhenluo's image disappeared.

Then, he tightened his hold on Shi Youran and said, "I know you didn't fly enough so let's continue..."

Shi Youran cried out miserable before he finally fainted.

Chapter 1005: Infinite Birth Chart Power

In Lu Zhou's opinion, with the Peak Trial Card, he should be able to deal with the beast king in this place within five minutes. Therefore, he decided to have a look at the beast tide in the southeast of the Southern Kingdom. Who knew he might even obtain a decent life heart.

Lu Zhou held onto Shi Youran and unleashed the grand technique as he flew forward, leaving a line of afterimages in his wake.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

At this moment, Shi Youran jolted awake due to the constant buzzing of the energy. As soon as he opened his eyes, he saw the ground flashing past him at great speed. Then, he let his head fall limply to the side as he closed his eyes again. Inwardly, he thought this was not right! Even Tower Master Xia of the Black Tower Council was not so domineering even though he had 12 Birth Charts as well. How was it that Lu Zhou was able to ruthlessly destroy his understanding of a 12 Chart expert every single time?

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Meanwhile, in the Southern Mountain City, a city east of the Southern Kingdom.

Many red lotus cultivators stood on the city walls as they looked ahead as though they were facing a great enemy.

At this time, a cultivator flew in on a flying beast and hurriedly reported, "General, they're two kilometers away!"

The general of the city ordered, "All cultivators above the Nascent Divinity Tribulation Realm prepare yourselves!"

Godly Archers and cultivators above the Nascent Divinity Tribulation Realm lined the city walls immediately.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sound of the beasts' hooves thundering the ground rang from the southeastern direction.

All sorts of roars and cries rang in the air at the same time.

On the city walls, many city-guarding giant crossbows, divine archers, and essence soul cultivators were all prepared.

"The plaice beast, the flying fish, the black turtle, the flood dragon, the long shark, the manatee, the Red Moon Jellyfish... This is... This is insane!" A sharp-eyed cultivator who was somewhat knowledgeable about fierce beasts muttered anxiously.

"Don't shake the army's morale!" Someone shushed him.

"I'm not trying to shake the army's morale. I only want them to know what they're facing. Do you know the more types of fierce beasts there are in a beast tide, the greater the beast tide is. This has been the case for the beast tides in the past..."

Although it was not this person's intention to shake the army's morale, those who overheard his words instinctively took a step back as they shuddered. However, how could they leave the city at this time?

Soon enough, countless fierce beasts appeared on the horizon. There were land beasts and flying beasts.

The rumbling sounds grew louder and louder as the beast tide drew closer.

There were so many fierce beasts that they covered the sky at this moment.

"Get ready!" the city general's voice spread in all directions at this moment. "Those who abandon their posts will be sentenced to death!"

No matter the period, there would be soldiers who charged out valiantly at the frontlines and there would be those who abandoned their posts.

"Kill!"

With this order, a giant crossbow on the city wall was fired and hit the weak beasts in the sky.

At the same time, the Godly Archers began to shoot their arrows in a frenzy as well.

Roar!

Alas, these attacks were ineffective against the fierce beasts with tough hide.

At this time, a few powerful fierce beasts had already arrived at the city gates and were ramming against the gates,

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Due to the gates that were 100 meters tall and the relative safety behind the walls, many tried to resist the fierce beasts from behind the gates. When there were flying beasts that flew up past the height of the gates, these people would withdraw and let the soldiers and experts deal with them.

It could be seen that it was relatively easier to deal with the land beasts. On the other hand, the flying beasts were a source of headaches.

Due to the sheer number of the fierce beasts, Nascent Divinity Tribulation Realm cultivators began to fall one after another.

Boom!

At this moment, a group of beasts flew high up the city gates and rushed over. Even a large plaice-like beast could be seen. They easily repelled the humans' attacks. Some cultivators who could not react in time were devoured by the huge plaice-like beast.

Apart from that, there was also a flying shark that was the size of a ship. It bared its fangs and charged past the city wall, destroying two avatars in the process.

"Retreat!"

"Quickly retreat!"

The humans could hardly withstand a single attack from one fierce beast, let alone a beast tide. For a moment, fear and despair swept through everyone in the city.

Cultivators retreated quickly like their lives depended on it.

At the same time, the city wall finally crumbled.

Beasts of shapes and sizes swarmed into the city immediately.

It was a massacre; a one-sided battle. Humans died one after another.

A loud horn rang in the air; it was a signal to retreat.

Everyone ran north.

The fierce beasts rampaged in the city. The buildings seemed as though they were made from paper in front of the beasts, unable to withstand even one blow.

A formation barrier flashed for a moment before it was instantly destroyed by the stronger fierce beasts.

The stench of fear and blood permeated the entire city at this moment.

"It's been 2,000 years... This is the biggest disaster to happen in 2,000 years. It's over! It's over!"

At the very least, 2,000 years ago there were Birth Chart experts to protect the red lotus domain. However, who could they count on to protect them at this moment? The black lotus cultivators?

Rumble!

At this time, the 100-meter-tall city gates finally fell.

More and more fierce beasts swarmed into the city. They killed humans who were in the midst of fleeing in just an instant.

At this moment, a beast hovered in the heart of the other fierce beasts. It constantly let out cries that sounded like that of a mandarin duck and a sheep as though it was giving commands to the other fierce beasts. Despite the strange combination of the cries, it sounded deadly and threatening to the human ears.

“Pu Yi! It’s Pu Yi! Run!”

Pu Yi had four legs and a pair of wings; its face was that of a human. Although it was not big, it was a beast king. If a beast king was not particularly big, it only meant one thing: the beast king was highly intelligent.

Pu Yi’s cries continued to sound in the air; it was as though it was urging the fierce beasts to eat all the delicious food in front of them.

Just like how humans felt no sympathy when eating chickens or ducks, the fierce beasts devoured humans without any remorse.

Suddenly, Pu Yi’s cries rose in pitch.

With this, the fierce beasts seemed to have gone mad. They leaped up at the Nascent Divinity Tribulation Realm cultivators in the air in a frenzy.

Blood fell from the sky like a torrential rain.

In just a short time, half of the Southern Mountain City was occupied by the fierce beasts. It was as though hell had descended on earth.

Many old, weak, and disabled people who were unable to escape sat on the ground limply in despair.

An old man hugged his little grandson and could not stop the tears streaming down his face.

“Grandpa! What’s that?”

“Don’t look, don’t look...” The old man covered his grandson’s eyes and pulled his grandson deeper into his embrace, waiting for death to claim them.

“Grandpa, look!” The child pried his grandfather’s hand away from his eyes and pointed at the sky.

When the old man looked up, he saw a meteor-like figure flashing in the sky. One second it was still on the distant horizon, and the next second, it had already arrived in the heart of Southern Mountain City. At the same time, an avatar towered between heaven and earth.

The 1,050-foot Thousand Realms Whirling avatar easily caught the attention of the cultivators and common folks in Southern Mountain City.

“A Thousand Realms Whirling expert!”

At this moment, the Thousand Realms Whirling expert held a person who looked like he was on the verge of death in his hand.

During the entire journey here, Shi Youran had feigned unconsciousness. At this moment, he finally opened his eyes and looked at the beast tide. He shook his head and said, "If only you didn't destroy my Birth Charts, you would've been able to stop this beast tide..."

Lu Zhou slowly rose up until he drew level with the head of his Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. He looked down at the beast tide. Then, he said indifferently, "Is that so?"

"What do you plan to do?"

"You're just a frog at the bottom of a well. Before you die, let me open your eyes..." Lu Zhou said before he extended his hand. The golden astrolabe at the back of his avatar flew to his hand immediately.

"Birth Chart Power?" Shi Youran wanted to laugh. Birth Chart Power had its limit after all; it would not be able to deal with a beast tide.

However, at this moment...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The golden astrolabe began to spin as twelve distinct patterns on the astrolabe lit up in unison.

Infinite Birth Chart Power!

Countless pillars of light shot out and mercilessly pierced the fierce beasts in the sky. Weak beasts that were no different from ordinary goshawks were instantly reduced to ashes.

Upon seeing this, the cultivators' morale was greatly boosted. They flew into the air and watched this scene, barely able to hold back their tears. They were saved!

Everyone looked at the mighty figure of the Thousand Realms Whirling expert reverently and gratefully.

Under Lu Zhou's fierce attacks, the beasts fell one after another. In just an instant, hundreds of fierce beasts lost their lives. They were either reduced to ashes or pierced until they resembled a hornet's nest.

The blood and severed limbs of the fierce beasts rained down from the sky. Their blood that was red like that of a human dyed the ground that they had trampled on earlier red.

The beasts on land were quickly pierced and dismembered by the pillars of light. They did not even have a chance to struggle before they fell to the ground lifelessly.

At this time, the despair and fear that overwhelmed the humans seemed to have been transferred to the fierce beasts. They trembled in fear as they struggled to escape.

Chapter 1006: Turning the Tide

Shi Youran trembled as he asked, "Why is your Birth Chart Power infinite?"

Lu Zhou did not bother to reply to Shi Youran.

At this time, a cultivator standing not far behind Lu Zhou mustered up his courage and said, "Senior, P-Pu Yi! Kill Pu Yi!"

Lu Zhou turned around. "Pu Yi?"

"Pu Yi is the beast king that commands the beast tide. It's there! Eh? It was there earlier? Where did it go?" the cultivator said anxiously.

"Are you sure?"

"I'm sure!" The cultivator nodded vehemently.

"Alright." Lu Zhou's expression was calm as he looked at the beast tide again.

Under the attacks of the Infinite Birth Chart Power, the fierce beasts were turning tail and fleeing.

Lu Zhou said, "Tell everyone this place is now safe."

"Understood." The cultivator was so moved that tears began to stream down his face.

Lu Zhou along with his Thousand Realms Whirling avatar flashed toward the beast tide.

At the same time, another wave of pillars of light appeared in the sky. It was like beacons of light in the sky.

"I... I feel so honored. That Thousand Realms Whirling expert actually spoke to me!" The cultivator was giddy with excitement.

"I couldn't see the number of Birth Charts clearly."

"Well, there's no doubt there are many..."

Just one Thousand Realms Whirling expert was enough to turn the tide!

All the survivors of the beast tide in Southern Mountain City gathered and bowed in the direction of the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

Lu Zhou was relentless in his pursuit. With his heightened senses and powers, he killed all the fierce beasts, quickly obtaining merit points. Although more than half of the fierce beasts did not provide merit points, the ones that did reward him with an acceptable number of merit points. Apart from that, he also obtained six elementary life hearts. The six life hearts rewarded him with 36,000 merit points. He was also rewarded with merit points when 50,000 people worshipped him.

The fierce beasts seemed quite smart. They all ran in different directions to avoid capture.

Unfortunately, Lu Zhou did not give the fierce beasts a chance to flee very far. He continuously cast his grand technique, moving back and forth. He had to use his Birth Chart Power a few more times to deal with powerful Birth Chart Beasts.

After a while, Lu Zhou checked the time and discovered he had five minutes left. At this time, most of the fierce beasts had been mercilessly killed by his Birth Chart Power.

"Pu Yi..." Lu Zhou searched quickly. He spent a minute looking for it, but he could not find it at all.

"You want to find the beast king? You won't be able to find it." Shi Youran chuckled. At this time, he had already given up and accepted his imminent death.

Lu Zhou glanced at Shi Youran and said indifferently, "Initially, I planned to spare your life. However, I'm thinking I shouldn't now..."

"Wait."

Lu Zhou could not wait; he was running out of time. He tossed Shi Youran up into the air before he flashed above Shi Youran. Following that, he pressed his hand down.

Buzz!

The astrolabe that was now tens of thousands of feet wide covered the sky above the Southern Mountain City. An incredibly strong pillar of light shot down immediately.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

With that, Shi Youran's body was pierced by the pillar of light as he dropped from the sky. As he fell, he looked at the countless pillars of light shooting out from the astrolabe. He suddenly felt it was worth it to die in such a manner. At least, he saw the most magnificent sight in his life. Thousands upon thousands of meters were filled with pillars of light. He finally understood why Lu Zhou had done this. How could Pu Yi hide or run in this situation?

As expected, Pu Yi suddenly jumped up from the ground and fled in fear.

Lu Zhou chased after Pu Yi and grabbed it with his hand. Two minutes was enough for him!

"Bast*rd! Where are you going?"

Lu Zhou slapped Pu Yi ten times in a row before he smacked it down to the ground. The difference in their strength was unreasonably big.

"Are you Pu Yi?" Lu Zhou looked at the fierce beast in the deep pit.

The fierce beast let out a strange cry and struggled for a moment. One could see the terror and unwillingness in its eyes. It kept shaking its head and looking at Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou was puzzled. After a moment, he asked, "Life heart? Do you know Ying Zhao?"

He could only think of Ying Zhao's life heart that could attract this fierce beast's attention. Following that, he brought Ying Zhao's heart out.

Upon seeing Ying Zhao's life heart, Pu Yi grew agitated and let out a strange cry.

"Why are you making so much noise? It's not dead!"

"..." Pu Yi grew calm upon hearing Lu Zhou's words. Then, it curled its tail up and became dispirited, looking like a dying fish.

Just as Lu Zhou was about to make a move, Pu Yi suddenly leaped up and sped away at lightning speed.

"It's futile." Lu Zhou flashed and appeared in front of Pu Yi.

Boom!

Pu Yi fell immediately. Its head was bleeding from the impact.

If not for the enhanced Peak Trial Card, Lu Zhou would not have been able to find Pu Yi with his four Birth Chart, let alone take it down. With his heightened senses and unlimited Primal Qi right now, it would have been strange if Pu Yi managed to escape.

Lu Zhou a palm strike followed by another ten palm strikes.

“Ding! One target killed. Reward: 10,000 merit points.”

10,000 merit points were the highest number Lu Zhou had obtained from killing a target so far.

Lu Zhou shook his head. It seemed like Pu Yi was acquainted with Ying Zhao. “It’s a pity you met me...”

Lu Zhou looked at the time and found he had a minute left. One minute was not enough to rush back to the Land of Chaos. However, he did not want to waste the one minute. In the end, he decided to study the 12 Birth Charts. He controlled his avatar and studied the Birth Charts and their abilities.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Pillars of light bombarded the ground.

The cultivators in the Southern Mountain City exchanged a look before they continued to watch the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar in the distance.

“This Thousand Realms Whirling expert is so meticulous. He doesn’t even spare the corpses of the fierce beasts.”

“That’s right. He must be afraid the intelligent beasts are playing dead. We’re really blessed to have such a person protecting the red lotus domain.”

“We’re really lucky!”

At this time, no one cared if the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar was red or golden. Faced with fierce beasts, even if it was black or gray, they would be the benefactors of Southern Mountain City as long as they were willing to help the city.

More and more people gathered to watch the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar flashed back and forth. The avatar even shot out karmic fire, burning the corpses of the fierce beasts and the forest. They became even more moved the longer they watched. This expert was really meticulous and considerate!

Soon after, the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar began to shrink rapidly, From 1,050 feet, it swiftly shrank to 450 feet. In a blink of an eye, it suddenly vanished into thin air. Due to a moment of discomfort, the owner of the avatar suddenly fell. However, when he was about to touch the ground, he landed steadily and nimbly.

“Such precise control! As expected of a Thousand Realms Whirling expert! If I can have such precise control, I’m willing to give up 100 years of my life!” someone said.

“It’s impossible for you. What the expert did earlier was that he gathered all the Primal Qi in the surroundings and let it all surge out at the correct timing. Without thousands and thousands of repetitions, it’s absolutely impossible for one to have such precise control.”

All the cultivators nodded in agreement.

Meanwhile, after Lu Zhou landed, he looked at the devastated battlefield and the charred corpses of the fierce beasts as he cursed inwardly. He had lost track of time earlier!

Lu Zhou put away Pu Yi's life heart before he collected all the life hearts he could find on the battlefield.

Upon seeing this, more than 1,000 cultivators on the city walls quickly rushed over. When they were 100 meters away, all of them kneeled in the air.

"Thank you for your life-saving grace, senior!"

Lu Zhou glanced at them and waved his hand. "Rise to your feet and speak."

"Senior, let us do the dirty work and help you collect the life hearts. Please wait for a moment."

With that, more than 1,000 cultivators shot out in all directions and began to look for life hearts. There were not many Birth Chart Beasts so they had to search the corpses one by one.

In the past, there was a beast tide in the Southern Kingdom. At that time, the Black Tower Council annihilated all the fierce beasts and only managed to collect ten life hearts from Birth Chart Beasts.

Fortunately, it was not too difficult to distinguish the Birth Chart Beasts. In less than 15 minutes, the more than 1,000 cultivators concluded their search.

Following that, the leader of the group respectfully handed five Birth Chart Hearts.

In addition to the life hearts he obtained earlier, Lu Zhou managed to obtain twelve life hearts from the beast tide. From this, it was obvious the beast tide this time was much stronger than the beast tide in the Southern Kingdom in the past.

"Alright," Lu Zhou said as he placed the life hearts into a bag.

Over 1,000 pairs of eyes looked at him enviously. Twelve of the resources that the Black Tower Council had been monopolizing for years suddenly appeared before their eyes; they would be lying if they said they did not have any ideas. However, who among them dared to ask for them from a Thousand Realms Whirling expert? Moreover, the fierce beasts were all killed by the expert.

"Do you want them?" Lu Zhou asked as he looked at the cultivators.

"No, no, no..." The cultivators shook their heads, terrified. How could they answer yes?

Lu Zhou replied, "Forget it if you don't want them."

Lu Zhou looked at them and said.

The cultivators waved their hands repeatedly, not daring to ask for it.

Lu Zhou said indifferently, "Forget it if you don't want it. Moreover, I have a need for the life hearts as well. You should all take care of yourselves."

Everyone. "..."

Chapter 1007: You Must Be Tired of Living

Lu Zhou rose into the air and flew away.

The thousands of cultivators in Southern Mountain City looked at each other, dumbfounded. When they regained their senses, Lu Zhou had already disappeared into the horizon.

“Did we just miss out on a chance to obtain life hearts?”

“I... I think so...”

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After Lu Zhou dealt with the beast tide, he no longer spared it any thought. After all, since the birth of mankind, there had always been disasters. Whether they were natural or man-made disasters like earthquakes, tsunamis, or wars, history had always been filled with blood and years.

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In the always dark and gloomy Southern Kingdom.

Yu Shangrong held his Longevity Sword as he looked at Ning Wanqing and said, “You better not move.”

Ning Wanqing, naturally, had no intention of moving. During his bloody battle with King Chen of Wu and Luo Huan, he had only won by a fluke. He managed to kill Luo Huan, but the injured King Chen of Wu managed to escape. Needless to say, he was injured as well. At that time, he had thought he had successfully obtained Ying Zhao’s life heart. Who knew it turned out to be fake? Not only that, but even the person in front of him was a fake Ten-leaf cultivator!

Ning Wanqing looked down at the palm print on his chest. He had received this when he had gone to the mountain range to look for Lu Zhou. He shook his head when his eyes landed on the sword wounds on his body that were left by Yu Shangrong. He asked with a bitter smile, “Are you really just a Ten-leaf cultivator?”

Yu Shangrong only smiled faintly and did not respond to Ning Wanqing’s question.

On the other hand, Xiao Yunhe stood next to the pit and looked at Xu Chen, the First Elder of the White Tower Council.

Xu Chen had regained consciousness for quite a while now. At this moment, he was looking at the sky in a daze. He could not retaliate at all earlier; in the end, he was only left with five Birth Charts. This was even worse than death.

At this time, Xiao Yunhe asked, “Xu Chen, do you regret it?”

Xu Chen let out a shaky breath before he finally said, “Xiao... Xiao Yunhe, y-you’re really... despicable...”

“In your eyes, honest people have become sinister villains; kind deeds are seen as cunning schemes. When there’s sh*t in your eyes, the world you see is sh*t as well,” Xiao Yunhe said as he shook his head and sighed.

“You’re such a hypocrite! If you’re so good, why did you end up like this?” Xu Chen said with a sneer.

"It's precisely because I'm good that I ended up like this. I can only blame myself for being too trusting. Sometimes, your kindness can be used against you..." Xiao Yunhe said.

Xu Chen spat before he said, "Xiao Yunhe, don't talk as if you're so kind and noble. How many members of the White Tower Council had died in your hands?"

"The Black Tower Council and the White Tower Council are enemies, to begin with. Death and injuries are inevitable. Think about it: how did I treat the White Tower Council when I was the Tower Master, and how Xia Zhenrong treats the White Tower Council after becoming the Tower Master?" Xiao Yunhe's voice grew louder and louder as he spoke. "You already know the answer to that so why must you lie to yourself?"

Xu Chen fell silent. In the past, when Xiao Yunhe was assumed dead, the White Tower Council had lent the Black Tower Council a helping hand. Everyone hoped the White Tower Council and the Black Tower Council would be able to coexist peacefully. However, it was a pity that the situation grew worse after Xia Zhenrong became the Tower Master. Not only did Xia Zhenrong manipulated the entire red lotus domain, but he even ignored the agreement between the two councils and did things behind the White Tower Council's back.

"Alas, no matter what, we're on different sides, and we're enemies..." Xu Chen suddenly clapped his hands. Then, he shot out of the deep pit that was dozens of meters deep.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Xiao Yunhe raised his hands to defend and attack.

Energy seals sailed in the air, and the ground shook slightly.

After retreating dozens of meters, Xiao Yunhe stomped his foot, causing the ground to crack. Following that, he raised his hand, and a black astrolabe appeared in his hand.

Boom!

Xu Chen stumbled a few steps back before he regained his footing. He wiped the blood from the corner of his lips and looked to the left and the right. The strongest person present on the scene at this moment should be Xiao Yunhe. However, with his current strength and injuries, he was no match for Xiao Yunhe. He had to think of a way to escape.

After thinking for a moment, Xu Chen stepped forward and drew a circle with his hand. Then, energy swords appeared in the white circle before they shot out with explosive strength.

Xiao Yunhe pushed his astrolabe out, blocking the energy swords.

Upon seeing this, Xu Chen flew backward as he shouted, "Ning Wanqing, what are you standing there for?!"

Xu Chen knew the only hope for him to turn the table now was Ning Wanqing. He knew Ning Wanqing still had a trump card, after all.

Alas, Ning Wanqing was completely lost in his thoughts that he did not hear Xu Chen at all.

Xiao Yunhe shouted, "If I let you escape today, wouldn't I disappoint Brother Lu?"

Subsequently, Xiao Yunhe withdrew his astrolabe. He raised his hand as his hexagonal weapon appeared in it. His body flashed as he extended his hand.

The hexagonal weapon spun rapidly like a vortex as it shot out.

No matter what, Xiao Yunhe was once a 12 Chart expert. His combat experience was not inferior to Xu Chen at all.

Chills ran up Xu Chen's spine at this moment. He hurriedly turned back and pushed his astrolabe out to defend against the attack.

Xiao Yunhe asked, "You think you can block my weapon?"

The wind howled in the air as the hexagonal weapon shot out. In a blink of an eye, it arrived in front of Xu Chen.

Bang!

Xu Chen's astrolabe was dented immediately. The impact pushed it back against his chest, causing him to fly back in the air.

Alas, the direction Xu Chen was sent flying toward was where Yu Shangrong was standing. After he grunted and spat out a mouthful of blood, he suppressed the pain and pounced at Yu Shangrong. "I'll make an example out of you!"

Buzz!

Xu Chen's avatar appeared in the air. The five Birth Charts on his white Thousand Realms Whirling avatar shone blindingly bright.

"Not good." Xiao Yunhe's expression changed slightly. He moved at top speed, but it was too late.

Meanwhile, Yu Shangrong looked up when Xu Chen arrived in front of him. The fierce wind lifted his hair, revealing his sharp and handsome features. A faint smile could be seen on his face at this moment.

Xu Chen's heart trembled for a moment when he saw Yu Shangrong's calmness. He forced himself to calm down as he said in a deep voice, "Die!"

Bang!

Yu Shangrong held the Longevity Sword horizontally in front of him, blocking Xu Chen's palm strike.

Xu Chen's expression darkened. "So what if you manage to block it this time? You're still going to die!" He used his palm seal and grabbed hold of the tip of Yu Shangrong's sword before he rushed north.

Xiao Yunhe who had finally arrived brought his hexagonal weapon down from the sky, trying to separate Xu Chen from Yu Shangrong.

Yu Shangrong tried to swing his sword but found that he could not move.

Xu Chen sneered. "You think you can kill me? I'll kill him before you can do so!" His goal was to hold Yu Shangrong hostage so he could escape.

At this moment, Yu Shangrong shook his head and said, "You must be tired of living..."

"Huh?" At this moment, Xu Chen felt something at his back. He spun around and saw a golden giant bringing down a golden sword with both hands.

Bang!

The first strike caused Xu Chen's qi and blood to surge and his body to go numb.

Bang!

The second strike made his mind go blank and his internal organs to tremble violently.

Bang!

The third strike frightened Xu Chen so much as he cried out, "Monster!"

At this time, the hexagonal weapon landed squarely on Xu Chen's chest as well.

Yu Shangrong held the Longevity Sword and attacked. In just a moment, over 100,000 energy swords appeared as ten golden leaves spun around him.

"This speed... He's a fake Ten-lead cultivator?" Xu Chen finally understood the words Ning Wanqing had said to him and Shi Youran earlier after returning from the mountain range. Alas, realization dawned on him too late.

As the energy swords shot out, Yu Shangrong moved nimbly and swiftly as he attacked.

Meanwhile, Xu Chen felt as though his body was falling apart after the hexagonal weapon struck him. It felt like there was nothing he could do at this moment apart from waiting to be slaughtered.

The terrifying energy swords from the flood-grade Longevity Sword landed on Xu Chen's body one after another. It easily cut through Xu Chen's protective energy as though it was tofu.

Yu Shangrong's figure flickered up, down, left, right, and back. Every time he flashed, he would swing his sword with all his might. His final strike pierced Xu Chen's chest.

Xu Chen roared in pain and anger as he attacked, trying to force Yu Shangrong to retreat.

Yu Shangrong seemed to have expected this. He continued to attack with his Longevity Sword.

At the same time, a golden avatar appeared at Xu Chen's back, preventing him from retreating.

Upon seeing this, Xiao Yunhe could not help but mutter to himself, "What techniques is this? I've never seen something like this before..."

At this moment, the Longevity Sword finally pierced Xu Chen's heart before Yu Shangrong quickly pulled it out.

With this, Xu Chen lost another Birth Chart. He cried out in pain as he turned to strike with his palm, intending to destroy Yu Shangrong's avatar. Unfortunately, his attack missed, and the golden avatar vanished into thin air.

Following that, the golden avatar appeared above Xu Chen's head as it brought down the sword it held tightly in its hands.

Bang!

Xu Chen lost another Birth Chart; his speed, strength, speed, and stamina had decreased greatly! He was shocked; he was actually defeated by a mere Ten-leaf cultivator! How was this possible? The golden avatar was clearly a Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar not the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar! How was this possible?!

Chapter 1008: A Triumphant Return

At this moment, Shen Xi's eyes looked as though they were going to pop out of their sockets. He recalled what Pan Zhong said to him when he was in the Evil Sky Pavilion: You can't judge the Evil Sky Pavilion using common sense. When he looked at Yu Shangrong at this moment, he felt the words were true. Under normal circumstances, it was impossible for a Ten-leaf cultivator to defeat a Five Chart Thousand Realms Whirling expert. Even if Xu Chen was injured, it should not be possible at all. Ten-leaf cultivators would not be able to breach the protective energy of a Thousand Realms Whirling expert. However, Yu Shangrong managed to do it!

Xu Chen was grievously injured by Yu Shangrong. Moreover, he was also injured by Xiao Yunhe who had seven Birth Charts.

Boom!

Xu Chen fell to the ground.

At the same time, Yu Shangrong joined his palms together.

The energy swords that filled the sky along with ten golden leaves, which were no different from sharp swords, converged. Following that, they fell like torrential rain.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

All of them struck Xu Chen's chest. His Thousand Realms Whirling avatar appeared three times before shrinking and entering his body again. This continued until there was no more movement from him.

Yu Shangrong sheathed his Longevity Sword. After he studied Xu Chen's corpse for a moment, he nodded in satisfaction. He tapped his toes lightly and shot back up into the air as though nothing happened.

Xiao Yunhe and Ning Wanqing. "..."

Shen Xi and the members of the Humble White Sect looked at Yu Shangrong with dumbfounded expressions on their faces.

'The First Elder of the White Tower Council died just like that?'

At this time, Shen Xi said, "Don't make a fuss. This is normal...."

"Normal? You're telling me it's normal for a Ten-leaf cultivator to kill a Five Chart expert? Do you think I'm stupid?" Wu Chao gulped.

"Xu Chen was seriously injured. Moreover, Tower Master Xiao had helped control the situation as well..." Shen Xi said.

At this moment, Yu Zhenghai rushed over and looked at the corpse on the ground.

Yu Shangrong looked at Yu Zhenghai and did not say anything. However, a slightly arrogant smile could be seen on his face. It seemed to say, "What do you think of this move?"

Yu Zhenghai asked, "Second Junior Brother, do you think you've killed him?"

"Hmm?"

Following that, Yu Zhenghai raised his hand, and a golden flame appeared above his hand. He sent the golden flames toward the corpse.

In just a short moment, the golden flames reduced the corpse to ashes.

"..."

Xiao Yunhe's eyelids twitched. Was this what it meant when people said 'the apple doesn't fall far from the tree'? Like master, like disciple? Each of them was more ruthless than the last!

Yu Zhenhai lifted his chin and explained, "Don't mind me. Whenever I think of witchcraft that can resurrect corpses, I feel nauseous."

"You're right. This can indeed prevent the resurrection of the corpse." Xiao Yunhe nodded to show that he understood.

Yu Shangrong said, "Eldest Senior Brother hates witchcraft cultivators the most."

"..." Wu Chao scratched his head awkwardly. He felt as though he was targeted for no reason.

Xiao Yunhe said, "Brother Lu has already obtained Ying Zhao's life heart. I don't think there'll be any more problems. Xu Chen is dead, and Shi Youran... definitely won't be able to survive as well. It's time to return..."

Everyone nodded.

The members of the Humble White Sect agreed wholeheartedly. The entire time they were watching the battle, they had been in a state of trepidation. Needless to say, it was not a comfortable feeling. Now that they were told they could leave, they could not help but sigh in relief.

Then, Xiao Yunhe turned over and called out, "Ning Wanqing."

Just like his expression, Ning Wanqing's injuries did not look optimistic. He said, "Whether you want to kill or torture me, you can do as you please..."

Xiao Yunhe replied, "That'll have to depend on Brother Lu."

Ning Wanqing sighed. If he had known this would happen, there were many things he would not have done earlier.

After half an hour, Lu Zhou finally returned.

Di Jiang that was hovering nearby flew over as fast as lightning as soon as it saw its master.

Lu Zhou stroked his beard and nodded in satisfaction.

Everyone bowed and greeted Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou flicked his sleeves and said, "No need for formalities. Where's Xu Chen?"

Based on the commotion Lu Zhou heard earlier when he was nearing, he assumed Xu Chen was dead.

Xiao Yunhe pointed at a charred spot in the distance.

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "Well done."

"..."

Although these words were normal, why did they sound so terrifying?

Xiao Yunhe asked, "Brother Lu, where's Shi Youran?"

"Dead."

Upon hearing this, Xiao Yunhe felt the pent-up anger in his heart was vented. "Good!"

Shen Xi asked, "Is the beast tide in the Southern Mountain City very bad?"

"No," Lu Zhou replied as he tossed the bag of life hearts to Yu Zhenghai. Since Yu Zhenghai was his eldest disciple, he was most suitable to distribute the life hearts to his other disciples. Naturally, he kept Ying Zhao and Pu Yi's life hearts. He planned to use them when he returned and reuse them again.

At this moment, Yu Zhenghai, who had opened the bag to take a look, exclaimed, "Eleven?!"

"The number isn't high and the quality isn't too good, but let's use them for now," Lu Zhou said.

The Humble White Sect. "..."

11 life hearts were considered little? They thought about those who would die just for one.

Including Ying Zhao and Pu Yi's life hearts and the life hearts that the Black Tower Council and the White Tower Council handed over, Lu Zhou had 19 life hearts!

They sighed inwardly. This was a case of some dying from drowning and some dying from drought.

At this moment, Xiao Yunhe asked, "Brother Lu, what should we do with Ning Wanqing?"

"Take him away!" Lu Zhou said.

Shen Xi flew to Ning Wanqing. "Judge Ning, please follow me."

Ning Wanqing did not resist. "Perhaps, I would feel unresigned if I were defeated by King Chen of Wu or Liu Huan. However, I have nothing to say about being defeated by the old senior."

"You're a sensible person. Why did you come to the Land of Chaos to fight for Ying Zhao's heart?" Lu Zhou shook his head.

"The Tower Master needs it..." Ning Wanqing replied.

"Tower Master? Lan Xihe?" Lu Zhou said.

Ning Wanqing said calmly, "The winner takes all; I have no complaints. I admit the old senior's cultivation base is profound, but Tower Master Lan isn't weak either..."

Lu Zhou replied indifferently, "Those who oppose me have all died. Ning Wanqing, do you think I can't kill Lan Xihe?"

"This..." Ning Wanqing wavered. Before this, he thought Lan Xihe was the most powerful cultivator, the people from the Unknown Land notwithstanding. However, he was not so sure now.

"Shen Xi," Lu Zhou called out.

"Your subordinate is here!"

"Open the runic passage to the Imperial city in the red lotus domain," Lu Zhou said.

"This... This subordinate doesn't know how..." Shen Xi said with a troubled expression.

"I know how," Xiao Yunhe said.

"..."

Lu Zhou had forgotten he had an expert who used to be the Tower Master of the Black Tower Council with him. Although Xiao Yunhe only had seven Birth Charts, his experience and knowledge were superior to most. Finally, he said, "Thank you."

Xiao Yunhe pointed northwest and said, "There's a runic passage there."

Everyone nodded.

Lu Zhou turned and glanced at the people from the Humble White Sect and said, "You should all take care of yourselves..."

"..."

'Is that all?' The thousands of cultivators from the Humble White Sect did not know how to react for a moment.

Chen You and Elder Wu looked at the departing figures of Lu Zhou and the others. They were extremely vexed!

Elder Wu said, "Life and death are determined by fate; wealth and honor by the heavens. Sect leader, let's not wallow in regret..."

Chen You nodded before he ordered, "Return."

Elder Wu said, "Sect Leader Chen, please return first. I have some matters to attend to."

"What is it?" Chen You frowned.

Elder Wu sighed and said, "Previously, when I brought that Senior Lu to meet you, there was a slight conflict. I'm afraid of implicating the Humble White Sect so I plan to apologize."

Chen You nodded and patted Elder Wu's shoulder. "Elder Wu, you're really the pillar of the Humble White Sect! Go..."

"Thank you, Sect Leader Chen."

After the people from the Humble White Sect left, Elder Wu looked to the left and the right before he rushed toward the dark forest.

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Half a day later.

In a 100,000-foot white tower.

Lan Xihe stood near a window, looking at the vast land below.

A female attendant hurried over at this moment and said in a low voice, "It has been confirmed that First Elder Xu is dead."

A cool breeze swept past, lifting Lan Xihe's hair. Based on her calm expression, it was difficult to tell what she was thinking at this moment. After a moment of silence, she asked, "Ning Wanqing didn't come back?"

"Ning Wanqing is missing."

"Who took Yingzhao's life heart?" Lan Xihe asked in a soft voice.

"I've spoken to many sectless cultivators. Although the Black Tower Council, the Dark and Light Alliance, Great Yuan's royal court, and even the Humble White Sect were there, the person who obtained Ying Zhao's life heart is an old man with the surname Lu. He's from the golden lotus domain's Evil Sky Pavilion, and he has... he has 12 Birth Charts." The female attendant's voice grew smaller and smaller as she drew closer and closer to the end of her words.

"12 Birth Charts?" A hint of surprise finally appeared on Lan Xihe's expressionless face.

The female attendant fell to her knees immediately. "There are many witnesses. I daren't lie about this matter."

"Alright. You can leave now."

"Understood." The female attendant left in a respectful manner.

Lan Xihe continued looking at the scenery below as she murmured, "Evil Sky Pavilion..."

Chapter 1009: To Go For Wool and Come Back Shorn

Lan Xihe shook her head; she was tired of the world.

After Lan Xihe waved her hand, a female attendant walked over and bowed. "Tower Master, your orders?"

"Tell them I need to rest for a while. I don't want to see anyone," Lan Xihe said softly.

"What about the Evil Sky Pavilion?" the female attendant asked tentatively.

"Tell everyone in the WTC to focus on their duties. I'll consider the matters regarding the Evil Sky Pavilion carefully..."

"Understood."

Following that, Lan Xihe leaped out of the 100,000-foot white tower nimbly.

Upon seeing this, the female attendant hastily asked, "Tower Master, where are you going?"

"I'm going out to relax..."

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In a dark forest in the Southern Kingdom.

After confirming there was no one around, Elder Wu from the Humble White Sect dug a life heart out from the ground.

He looked to the left and the right again before he revealed a smile on his face. "Who would have thought I'd be so lucky to fish a pearl out of a lake? Who knew I'd be so lucky?"

Elder Wu was not young. In the Humble White Sect, he was the most knowledgeable about fierce beasts and Birth Chart Beasts. There were all kinds of strange things in the world; there were Birth Chart Beasts that had the ordinary appearances of fierce beasts.

The life heart in his hand was from a flying beast called Xuan. They were usually black and resembled swallows. However, the life heart in his hand was from a scarlet Xuan. Perhaps, it was still young, when it flew with the goshawks, it was difficult to distinguish it. When it was killed earlier, he had seized the opportunity and picked it up.

After Elder Wu kept the life heart and flicked the soil off his robes, he felt incredibly pleased with himself. He stroked his beard and muttered to himself, "I really don't want to stay in the Humble White Sect any longer. After forming the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, I have to think of a plan..."

He continued to think for a while when he suddenly thought about Lu Zhou. In his opinion, Lu Zhou must be a newly risen 12 Chart expert, therefore, Lu Zhou must be in urgent need of manpower. He thought, with his ability, Lu Zhou would surely accept him and make him an elder.

He nodded. 'Alright, It's decided then. Before that, I have to find a place to activate my Birth Chart.'

Following that, Elder Wu rushed in the southeastern direction and soon arrived at a ruin. He looked around cautiously and found a hidden corner.

At this moment, a voice rang from behind him.

"Hello."

Elder Wu shuddered and instinctively turned around. He saw a young man. "You are?"

"I'm looking for someone."

'... How does that answer my question?' Elder Wu asked skeptically, "Why are you looking for someone in the ruins?"

The Land of Chaos was fraught with dangers. Elder Wu was certain there was something wrong with the young man. He instinctively adjusted his robes and mulled over his next actions.

The young man straightened his back and said, "I'm looking for my senior brothers. They like to pretend to be cool. Compared to me, they're a little lacking..."

"..." Elder Wu shook his head. "I don't know anyone who could be your senior brothers."

"Alright then." The young man looked to the left and the right as he scratched his head and muttered to himself, "Strange. The black talisman was ignited here."

Elder Wu was a little annoyed. He pointed west and said, "You can go there and have a look."

"Thanks." The young man rushed into the distance.

Elder Wu shook his head. "Young man, you don't know the immensity of Heaven and earth. Don't blame me if you encounter fierce beasts."

He walked to the hidden corner again and sat down before he brought out his life heart. Perhaps, he had been looking forward to obtaining a life heart for so long, he was slightly unwilling to use it. He held it in his hand carefully and admired it.

As he continued to admire the life heart, tears began to stream down his face. 'It hasn't been easy...'

After a moment, he finally calmed down and manifested his avatar. He was filled with excitement and nervousness when he looked at his lotus seat.

He inhaled deeply. He was about to place the life heart on the lotus seat when...

Woof!

The sudden barking of a dog interrupted him, causing him to jump. He turned around in annoyance. When he saw a fierce beast that resembled a dog, he exclaimed in shock, "Qiong Qi, the growth-type fierce beast?"

"Oh, you recognize it?" The young man standing on the crumbling wall looked surprised.

"..."

Elder Wu looked up in shock. "Y-y-you... How did you..."

"Oh, my apologies. My dog greeted you first before I could. Are you planning to activate your Birth Chart? I didn't mean to interrupt you; please continue. Don't mind me..."

"..." Elder Wu was in a very bad mood at this moment. 'When you pee, will you let others watch?'

In the end, Elder Wu took a deep breath and said, "I still have something to do; I'll take my leave first." Following that, he rose to his feet, preparing to leave.

"Don't be anxious... I have something to say..."

"Speak."

"The place you pointed out earlier... There's no one there..." Mingshi Yin said.

"What does that have to do with me? If there's no one there, you can look elsewhere, right?" Elder Wu felt speechless.

"I was just asking for directions. Don't be angry," Ming Shiyin said when he saw how flustered the other party was.

"Young man, this is the Land of Chaos. You're fortunate you ran into me..." Elder Wu said before he turned to leave.

Ming Shiyin nodded and said, "Thank you for your advice, senior. How should I address you?"

Elder Wu rested his hands on his back before he said, "I'm the First Elder of the Humble White Sect."

"I'll remember it... We'll meet again in the future."

"Aren't you looking for someone?"

"What's the point? My Second Senior Brother is so elusive that it's impossible for me to find him. I'm just doing a cursory search and trying my luck with finding a life heart..." Mingshi Yin said with a smile as he looked at Elder Wu's waist.

"..."

Elder Wu frowned and glanced at Qiong Qi. "Young people are ignorant and fearless. Which sect are you from? If you want a life heart, join the Humble White Sect."

"That won't do. My master will beat me to death." Mingshi Yin quickly shook his head as he continued to look at Elder Wu's waist.

"Your master?" The more Elder Wu looked at Qiong Qi, the more pleasing Qiong Qi looked to him. A hint of greed flashed in his eyes before he quickly concealed it.

Mingshi Yin cleared his throat and said, "My master is the Pavilion Master of the Evil Sky Pavilion."

'The Evil Sky Pavilion Master? Why does it sound so familiar?' Elder Wu racked his brains for a moment. He could not remember where he had heard of it before.

At present, the rumor of a 12 Chart expert from the golden lotus domain was spreading like wildfire in the red lotus domain, the black lotus domain, and the white lotus domain. However, Elder Wu who had met the 12 Chart expert did not even realize he had met said person.

After a moment...

'Wait a minute... Didn't Shen Xi mention the Evil Sky Pavilion when he was talking to Wu Chao?'

“...”

Elder Wu's heart trembled as he asked, "Does your senior brother carry a saber at his waist?"

Mingshi Yin nodded. "That's right! Why? Is my Eldest Senior Brother so famous?"

An ominous premonition rose in Elder Wu's heart as he continued to ask, "Then, does your Second Senior Brother like to carry a sword in his arms?"

Ming Shiyin's eyes lit up. "What? My Second Senior Brother is so famous as well?"

"..." Elder Wu felt the urge to cry; he had offended another big shot again. He even proudly announced his identity, cutting all paths of retreat.

"Why do you look so pale? I'm not going to steal your life heart. I'm just asking for directions; is there a need to react like this?" Mingshi Yin asked as he waved his hand at Qiong Qi.

Elder Wu said with an unnatural expression on his face, "No, no, no, you misunderstand me..."

Mingshi Yin nodded. "That's good." Then, he called out, "Doggy, let's go!"

Woof! Woof! Woof!

"Stop barking! That's someone's life heart, not ours!" Mingshi Yin reprimanded Qiong Qi.

Elder Wu. "..."

Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!

Qiong Qi continued to bark relentlessly.

"Hey, why are you so stubborn?"

At this moment, Qiong Qi lowered its head and arched its back. A dog that was about to attack would not bark.

Elder Wu trembled as he began to retreat. He discovered Qiong Qi was actually growing bigger and bigger at this moment. In just a blink of an eye, its size was bigger than that of a horse.

Qiong Qi bared its fangs.

Elder Wu's expression was rather unsightly at this moment. "T-this fierce beasts... Why is its growth rate so strange?"

At this moment, Elder Wu saw a flash of strange energy in Qiong Qi's eyes. His eyes widened as he stumbled back. He fell to the ground; his entire body trembled violently. "Fierce beast from the G-great Void?"

Qiong Qi took a step forward.

Without any hesitation, Elder Wu took the life heart at his waist and toss it at Qiong Qi.

Qiong Qi easily caught it in its mouth. Its hair that stood on end earlier lay smoothly on its body now, and it was no longer in the posture of attacking.

At this time, Mingshi Yin leaped onto Qiong Qi's back and ordered sternly, "Doggy, return it to him!"

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Qiong Qi ignored Mingshi Yin and happily held onto the life heart.

Mingshi Yin said awkwardly, "I'm sorry. This mount is master's, not mine. It's usually quite obedient; I don't know why it's like that today."

"..." Elder Wu wanted to cry but had no tears. He could only say, "No, no, no, it's okay. I suddenly feel this life heart is too much for me..."

"How can I accept it for nothing?" Mingshi Yin asked.

Elder Wu was moved by these words. He straightened his back and said, "I was blind earlier and might have offended you. If it's possible, can you say a few good words about me in front of your master?"

"Alright. That's not a big deal. We'll consider the life heart a loan for now. I'll return it to you in the future," Mingshi Yin said.

"No, no, no, there's no need to return it..." Elder Wu waved his hand. Since the life heart had already been taken by Qiong Qi, he would just seize this chance. Moreover, if he really agreed to it, he might offend the Evil Sky Pavilion. Therefore, he asked, "Does the Evil Sky Pavilion need extra manpower?"

Ming Shiyin smiled. "You want to join the Evil Sky Pavilion? What's your cultivation base?"

"Ten-leaf stage," Elder Wu said awkwardly, "Although my cultivation base is low, I'm highly knowledgeable about fierce beasts. For example, this Qiong Qi. It's still in its infancy, but its growth rate is astonishing!"

"I can't make the decision on this matter, but I can put in a good word for you. Just find a day and look for my master..." Mingshi Yin. Then, he looked at the sky and said, "Well, I need to leave now..."

"Thank you for your trouble!"

"See you! Thank you again for the life heart," Mingshi Yin said before he leaped onto Qiong Qi's back and disappeared into the forest.

As soon as Mingshi Yin left, Elder Wu became listless. He sighed and kept pounding the ground.

"What bad luck is this? How vexing!"

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Mingshi Yin flew around for a while. When he did not see anyone, he flew toward the Southern Mountain City.

"Doggy!"

Woof!

"Give it to me!" Ming Shiyin stretched his hand out.

Qiong Qi reluctantly spat the life heart out.

The life heart was cold to the touch.

Mingshi Yin studied it for a moment and nodded. "It's a good life heart. It's close to an intermediate life heart. 1,800 years..."

Woof! Woof! Woof!

"Don't simply bark. Don't be a dog that only relies on its owner power!"

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Meanwhile, in the capital.

Li Yunzheng who had received news of Lu Zhou's arrival personally led the civil and military officials and experts to welcome him.

After Lu Zhou and the others landed, Lu Zhou said, "Old Second, summon Old Seventh."

"Yes." Yu Shangrong left to summon Si Wuya.

Li Yunzheng walked over and called out, "Grandmaster."

When Li Yunzheng was about to bow, Lu Zhou said as he walked with his hands on his back, "No need. You're now the ruler of a country. You have to look like the ruler of a country."

The current Li Yunzheng was no longer the rash youth of the past. He looked a little more mature and more stable. With the help of the civil and military officials, Great Tang's political affairs were gradually becoming easier to handle.

"Yes, grandmaster."

Lu Zhou walked side by side with Li Yunzheng toward the Preservation Hall. "Did you fall behind on your cultivation?"

"I dare not. I make sure to take at least four hours off every day to cultivate," Li Yunzheng said with a smile, "Grandmaster, I'll enter the Mystic Enlightening Realm soon!"

"Alright..."

Xiao Yunhe and Wu Chao. "..."

Shen Xi reminded the duo in a low voice, "Do not judge the Evil Sky Pavilion using common sense."

Xiao Yunhe, Wu Chao, and a few subordinates at the Thousand Realms Whirling stage nodded.

When they arrived in front of the Preservation Hall, everyone halted in their tracks.

Li Yunzheng said, "Grandmaster, after you left, I ordered people to reinforce the halls and carved Dao inscriptions. I did this especially for you."

"Very good." Lu Zhou nodded.

"Grandmaster, I have a question," Li Yunzheng said.

"Why waste time? Speak," Lu Zhou said indifferently.

“Shanbei Circuit is under the influence of the Seeking Heaven Sect. Since I took control, everything has been going rather smoothly. However, I encountered a few difficult problems with the Heaven Seeking Sect. You see...” Li Yunzheng said with an expression that showed he was asking for help.

Lu Zhou knew Li Yunzheng was rather intelligent. Those who posed problems to him could only be cultivation experts. He looked at the people around him, thinking about who to send to deal with this matter.

When Lu Zhou was about to select Shen Xi, Xiao Yunhe said, “Wu Chao, you should accompany His Majesty!”

Wu Chao bowed and said, “Understood.”

A troubled expression appeared on Li Yunzheng’s face as he asked, “Grandmaster, what about my senior uncles and the others?”

“Wu Chao is enough.” Lu Zhou waved his sleeves and walked into the hall with his hands on his back. “I’m tired.”

Li Yunzheng could only say, “Farewell, grandmaster.”

Wu Chao smiled and said, “Your Majesty, you mustn’t underestimate me!”

“Are you stronger than my senior uncles?”

“Uh, well...” Wu Chao said a little awkwardly.

Xiao Yunhe wanted to have a long talk with Lu Zhou but considering that it was already late, he thought for half a day before he finally left.

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In the Preservation Hall.

Lu Zhou sat down cross-legged. Finally, he had time to rest peacefully.

He opened the system panel.

Merit points: 509,510

Remaining lifespan: 652,370 days (1,787 years in which 263 years are from Reversal Cards)

Items: Enhanced Deadly Strike Card x1, Impeccable Card x1, Critical Block Card x145(passive), Golden Taixu Mirror, Appearance Alteration Card x2, Synthesis Card x3, Disguise Card x1, Reversal Card x35

Mounts: Whitzard, Bi’an, Ji Liang, Qiong Qi, Dang Kang(resting), Di Jiang

Most of the merit points Lu Zhou obtained were from the beast tide in Southern Mountain City. There were also the merit points from killing the two First Elders of the Black Tower Council and the White Tower Council.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction. The harvest was great this time!

When he looked at the price of the Myriad Supreme, he saw the price was still a row of question marks.

“ ... ”

He frowned slightly. What was he supposed to do with so many merit points then? Lucky draws?

Soon after, he recalled that Dang Kang was in a resting state and was reminded of his eighth disciple. Unfortunately, he could check on his eighth disciple since he had depleted his supreme mystic power. However, he was not too worried since his eighth disciple was no different from the emperor in the yellow lotus domain.

After he closed the system notification, he took out Ying Zhao and Pu Yi's life heart.

“Ying Zhao, the ability to control? Pu Yi; water ability, flight ability, and sea control?”

Based on abilities, it seemed like Pu Yi's life heart was more outstanding than Ying Zhao's life heart.

“Well, both of them are useful anyway.” It did not matter which was better.

Lu Zhou held Ying Zhao's life heart as he studied the Birth Chart map carefully.

Ying Zhao and Pu Yi were both top-tier life hearts so they could embed in the heaven zone. However, to embed them in the heaven zone, he had to have at least six Birth Charts. Otherwise, they could only be embedded in the earth zone.

Embedding them in the earth zone was a slight overkill, but the power of the life heart would be incredibly strong as well once he had enough life hearts.

The disadvantage of embedding in the early stage was that it would be a little overkill, but the advantage was that when the standby lattice was sufficient, the life lattice power would be high-level, and the same level would be much stronger.

Lu Zhou's gaze fell on the Besieging Master position in the earth zone. This was the most suitable position for life hearts with control ability. There was even an example of Ying Zhao's life heart on the map.

With the map, he easily found the Besieging Master position in his Birth Palace and placed Ying Zhao's life heart there.

The sound was different from rudimentary life hearts when he placed it in position. It was more distinct.

Following that, Lu Zhou's Birth Palace began to flash.