

Disciples 1131

Chapter 1131: Rescue

“Fusion grade?” Lu Zhou could feel the energy contained in the weapon. Only fusion-grade weapons would have this unique energy. Their unique energy was the reason why it was so difficult to upgrade swords, sabers, spears, and halberds to the fusion grade. Unlike the Sea Spirit Pearl and the Purple Glazed Ceramic, these weapons would improve tremendously after reaching the fusion grade.

“That’s right. I was lucky enough to find the mystic microstones needed to repair it.” Xiao Yunhe’s body moved like the willow as he rushed to the top of the Star Gathering Formation. When he reached the highest point, the hexagonal weapon in his hand grew several times in size again.

The hexagonal weapon looked like a cone-shaped drilling machine as it fell on the formation.

Boom!

The Star Gathering Formation rumbled thunderously under the attack of the hexagonal weapon. The ground shook as stones rolled down the mountains.

“As expected of a formation from ancient times...” Xiao Yunhe said before he attacked with his hexagonal weapon again.

Boom!

Rocks continued to roll down the mountains as the ground shook, but the formation’s barrier remained standing. It showed no signs of breaking at all; it was bright and beautiful, and it shone with a blue that was like seawater. Its light did not dim at all.

‘This is f*cking awkward...’

Wu Chao and the others felt awkward when they saw this. Inwardly, they were cheering on Xiao Yunhe, hoping he would not drop the ball at such a critical moment. No matter what, he was an influential figure who once stood at the peak; it should not be that difficult to break a formation.

At this moment, Xiao Yunhe cleared his throat and said, “I only used thirty percent of my strength earlier... Pavilion Master Lu, please be careful. I’m going to unleash my full strength next...”

Wu Chao and the others retreated.

Xiao Yunhe prepared to unleash all his strength in one move. This one move would definitely shake the world; his strength was peerless, and the shockwave would be fierce!

“Let me do it...”

Before Xiao Yunhe could unleash his world-shaking move, a voice rang from a mountain peak behind them.

Si Wuya stood on the mountain peak. His pair of golden wings that spanned dozens of meters made him look unusually cool.

Lu Zhou said, “Let him do it.”

Xiao Yunhe looked at Si Wuya on the mountain peak and said, "This is the Star Gathering Formation... Even when I attacked it earlier, I was unable to break it. Are you sure you can... uhh... break it..." He trailed off.

Before Xiao Yunhe finished speaking, Si Wuya had placed one hand on the ground. With that, the barrier of the Star Gathering Formation was disappearing swiftly. Then, he straightened his back and said, "This spot is the heart of the Star Gathering Formation, and it controls the formation. The formation isn't something that can be broken with brute force..."

'Brute force...'

Xiao Yunhe: >_<|||

Following that, Si Wuya leaped into the Star Gathering Formation and bowed at Lu Zhou. "When I learned that something had happened to Ning Wanqing, I rushed over immediately. I apologize for making master worry."

'Master?' With this, Xiao Yunhe said, "As it turns out, you're Brother Lu's disciple. I apologize."

Si Wuya only smiled perfunctorily in response.

Lu Zhou said, "The four elders are still trapped under the cliff. Save them."

Xiao Yunhe said, "I'll do it. The inner part of the Star Gathering Formation is complex and ever-changing. If you're not careful, it'll be dangerous..."

Without waiting for a reply, Xiao Yunhe rushed into the inner part of the formation.

Before Xiao Yunhe could get far, Si Wuya said, "The four elders have already been rescued."

Xiao Yunhe, who was originally flying in a straight line, swayed to the side and stumbled when he heard these words. He could only smile awkwardly and return.

Si Wuya said, "I was studying the formation earlier. Due to the Li Lis' evil energy, the four elders were resting in the forest on the mountain."

At this moment, the four elders rushed over from the mountain peak and landed outside of the formation

"Greetings, Pavilion Master."

Zuo Yushu, Hua Wudao, Leng Luo, and Pan Litian were all safe and sound. Apart from looking a little disheveled, they did not look any worse for the wear.

Si Wuya had already warned them about Lu Zhou's change in appearance so apart from being briefly surprised, they quickly accepted and adapted to the change.

"No need for formalities," Lu Zhou said as he waved his hand.

The four elders were experienced and had lived a long life so they could sense something was not quite right based on Lu Zhou's expression.

At this moment, Zuo Yushu said anxiously, "Duanmu Sheng, that child, he..."

The four elders had accompanied Duanmu Sheng to cultivate here. Due to his age, the four elders had long begun to treat him as their disciple as well. They had used all their strength to send him up from the bottom of the cliff because they did not want him to encounter any danger..."

Lu Zhou did not hide anything from them and said, "He's been taken away by Lu Wu. I don't know if he's alive or dead..."

"..."

Everyone frowned.

Lu Zhou looked at Si Wuya and said, "Let's return to the capital first. Li Yunzheng is probably in a terrible state; you shouldn't leave at this time."

"Yes."

Lu Zhou called out Ying Zhao.

Ying Zhao was still trembling from shock after witnessing the earlier battle. Perhaps, he finally understood one thing; he finally understood how powerful his master was.

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The four circuits in Great Tang suffered heavy losses due to the beast tides. Who knew how many people had died, how many people were injured, and how many had lost their homes. This was the time the ruler of the country had to step up.

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During the journey back to the capital, Lu Zhou activated the Purple Glazed Ceramic to recover as much supreme mystic power as he could.

When he arrived at the Preservation Hall, he checked in on Duanmu Sheng again. Just like earlier before he depleted his supreme mystic power, it was dark. He even briefly suspected Duanmu Sheng had died. However, the mission to educate Duanmu Sheng was still listed on the system interface; this meant Duanmu Sheng was not dead. In the end, he still could not figure the situation out.

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On the other hand, it was just as Lu Zhou had expected, Li Yunzheng and the civil and military officials were extremely busy. They had to deal with the aftermath of beast tides in Great Tang's four circuits. They had to rebuild the cities and pacify the families of the fallen.

As soon as they returned, Si Wuya had gone to Li Yunzheng and went to work immediately.

The capital and the royal palace were located in the heart of Great Tang; they were far away from the four affected circuits and the Star Gathering Formation. Therefore, they were not too badly affected. Although there were fierce beasts that attacked, Shen Xi, Meng Changdong, and the members of the White Tower Council easily repelled them.

Due to worries that the fierce beasts might attack again, the members of the White Tower Council and the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion did not leave and continued to guard the four circuits.

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In the evening.

Preservation Hall.

Xiao Yunhe could not help but sigh when he heard about what happened from Meng Changdong, the Guardian of the Evil Sky Pavilion. He said, "If I knew Great Tang would suffer such a calamity, I wouldn't have left that day..."

Lu Zhou shook his head and said, "Hindsight is 20/20..."

"20/20?"

Lu Zhou did not want to explain so he swiftly changed the topic. "I heard you have three blue crystals, right?"

Xiao Yunhe said, surprised, "Brother Lu, are you looking for the blue crystals?"

"That's right." Lu Zhou nodded.

Xiao Yunhe sighed before he said, "I spent nearly ten years to find the three blue crystals, but only one of them has the Great Void energy. I tried to absorb it, but it couldn't repair my Birth Palace. If Brother Lu needs them, I'll give them to you..."

"In return, I'll use my healing ability to repair your Birth Palace," Lu Zhou said.

Xiao Yunhe was overjoyed when he heard this. "Really?"

"Are there any benefits to me lying to you?" Lu Zhou said, "However, since you've recovered ten Birth Charts, the healing energy might not be very useful..."

"I'm satisfied enough that Brother Lu is willing to help me. Let me go back and get the blue crystals..." Xiao Yunhe said before he eagerly left the Preservation Hall.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction. Following that, he looked at his mission with Duanmu Sheng on the system panel; it was still there. He sighed softly.

After a moment, he checked the system interface.

Merit points: 446,760

Remaining lifespan: 1,861,302 days (5,099 years of which 600 years are from Reversal Cards).

Items: Deadly Strike Card x1, Critical Block Card x133(passive), Golden Taixu Mirror, Disguise Card x2, Deconstruction Card x3

Currently, he had very few trump cards left.

Fortunately, Lan Xihe had used her life-threatening grand technique and wiped out a huge number of their enemies. Otherwise, he would not have many merit points left now. All in all, he did not lose many merit points; he only bought the final ordinary Deadly Strike Card to deal with Lu Wu at the last minute.

Lu Zhou no longer bothered with his merit points and began to meditate on the Heavenly Writing.

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After two days, Lu Zhou had recovered most of his supreme mystic power.

He ordered someone to bring the life hearts of the three beast kings in Jiangbei Circuit back.

While Lu Zhou waited for Xiao Yunhe's return, he used the Heavenly Writing's power of sight to check in on Duanmu Sheng again. Unfortunately, it was still dark.

An idea suddenly appeared in Lu Zhou's mind. 'Wait, could he be unconscious? Why didn't I think of this earlier?'

After mulling over it, he thought it was highly likely that Duanmu Sheng was unconscious.

Lu Wu was very intelligent; it was not inferior to humans. If it really wanted the Great Void Seed, it would not kill Duanmu Sheng immediately. In fact, it would try to save him. If a person died, the Great Void Seed would be destroyed. The Great Void Seed or its energy could only be harvested or absorbed if the host was alive. Back then, when the White Tower Council's Lian Xing wanted to obtain Zhao Yue's Great Void energy, she could only absorb it bit by bit as well.

After that, Lu Wu looked at the progress of the blue crystal mission. He currently possessed four blue crystals. If he counted the three blue crystals from Xiao Yunhe, he would have seven blue crystals. He was only missing two blue crystals.

With this, he was reminded of his fourth disciple. He wondered if his disciple had found the blue crystals.

'Let's have a look...'

Lu Zhou activated the Heavenly Writing's power of sight.

Zzzzz!

Zzzzz!

"..."

Chapter 1132: Reward

Mingshi Yin was sleeping again.

Lu Zhou frowned. What was his fourth disciple doing all day? He was about to scold, but his rationality stopped him. It would consume too much supreme mystic power to transmit his voice across such a distance. Moreover, he recalled Mingshi Yin's previous behavior and thought Mingshi Yin was probably cultivating the Bluewood Heart Technique.

He was about to cut off the power of sight when...

Woof! Woof! Woof!

The sound of Qiong Qi's urgent barking rang in his ears.

Swoosh!

Ming Shiyin rushed out of the vines and flew into the air.

Based on the surroundings, Lu Zhou could tell Mingshi Yin was in a Daoist temple. It looked unique and peaceful.

Mingshi Yin looked at Qiong Qi that was next to him and asked, "Did you sense someone?"

Woof! Woof! Woof!

Mingshi Yin tidied his long robes before he looked at the foot mountain. However, no one could be seen after he waited for a long time. "Stop barking. I'll return in half a year to report to master. It's not easy to find the blue crystals after all. Although it took me less than a month to find the blue crystals, I must tell master it took me a year and a half to obtain them. I'll say we went through many hardships and were even surrounded by a large number of experts, and as a result, were heavily injured. That's right, that's what I'll say..."

Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!

Qiong Qi continued to bark.

"You must also report the situation to master. Let him know it's very dangerous and awful. Let him know the witchcraft cultivators here are so powerful... Eldest Senior Brother and master hate witchcraft cultivators the most..."

Woof! Woof! Woof!

"It's good that you agree with me. I'll find a few witchcraft cultivators in a few days and let them give you a massage," Mingshi Yin said as he returned to the Daoist temple.

He was stretching his limbs when he sensed a slight movement at his waist.

"Hmm?"

Mingshi Yin brought the talisman out and ignited it.

Soon enough, Meng Changdong appeared in front of his eyes.

Meng Changdong bowed and said, "Mister Fourth, the Pavilion Master has ordered for your immediate return."

Ming Shiyin scratched his head and said, "What's the rush? I haven't found the blue crystals yet. Give me a little more time."

Meng Changdong said, "Mister Fourth, I'm only conveying the Pavilion Master's orders. You... You should decide what to do..."

"Hey, hey, hey, don't go! Don't go!"

Meng Changdong's projected image disappeared despite Mingshi Yin's protest.

Ming Shiyin turned around and glared at Qiong Qi who was sitting on the side and sticking its tongue out like a pug. "What are you looking at? Our happy days are over!"

Woof! Woof! Woof!

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Lu Zhou waved his arm and cut off the power of sight.

Earlier, he had asked Meng Changdong to convey his order to his wicked disciple immediately. He must have been too lax recently that his fourth disciple had learned to slack off and enjoy himself.

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At noon, Lu Li and Yan Zhenluo returned to the royal palace with the three beast kings' life hearts.

"Pavilion Master, these are the life hearts of Henggong Yu, the Scarlet-eyed Boar Demon, and Dang Hu," Yan Zhenluo said after placing three life hearts in front of Lu Zhou.

These three life hearts were the biggest spoil from the beast tides.

Lu Zhou nodded and looked at the duo. "Are you injured?"

"They're only minor injuries; they're not serious," Yan Zhenluo replied. Despite his words, it had not been easy for him to lead the group of people to defeat the fierce beasts and stop the three beast kings in the beginning.

Lu Zhou sent a blue lotus out toward the duo to heal them.

This was the first time the duo was healed by the blue lotus so they did not think much about it in the beginning. When they saw more than half of their injuries had been healed, they were shocked.

"Many thanks, Pavilion Master!"

"Alright. You may take your leave and rest well."

After the duo respectfully left the hall, Lu Zhou looked at the three life hearts in front of him, in addition to Hu Jiao and the Nether Wolf King's life hearts, he now possessed five beast kings' life hearts.

Nevertheless, he could not simply use them. They had to be used according to their attributes. After all, blindly using life hearts to activate Birth Charts might result in waste.

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The next day.

Xiao Yunhe finally returned to the royal palace. As soon as he entered the Preservation Hall, he brought the blue crystals out.

"Brother Lu, it took me a lot of effort to obtain these blue crystals," Xiao Yunhe said with a smile as he presented the blue crystals to Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou glanced at the blue crystals and nodded before he casually waved his hand. The three blue crystals flew into his hand immediately.

"Ding!"

"Second avatar: collect all blue crystals (7/9)."

Subsequently, Lu Zhou nodded and said, "Bring your Birth Palace out..."

Xiao Yunhe swiftly brought out his lotus.

Lu Zhou did not waste words and sent a blue lotus out and used the supreme mystic power to repair Xiao Yunhe's Birth Palace.

Xiao Yunhe felt the strong vitality energy, and he could see the damaged part of his Birth Palace slowly being repaired. Although the recovery speed was much slower than the first time, he was still impressed and excited.

After about fifteen minutes, the treatment finally ended.

Lu Zhou looked at the Birth Palace; there were still two damaged zones. He said, "After resting for a while, you can recover another Birth Chart, but it'll take a lot of hard work."

"I'm very satisfied that I can recover another Birth Chart; I don't dare to ask for more," Xiao Yunhe said excitedly as he bowed.

Lu Zhou asked, "Xia Zhengrong has agreed to fight you in a month. Are you confident?"

What Lu Zhou meant to say was Xiao Yunhe should delay the fight. Xiao Yunhe should wait until he recovered his 11th Birth Chart; at that time, it would not be a problem for him to defeat Xia Zhengrong.

Xiao Yunhe said, "Brother Lu, don't worry. After all, I trained him. If I didn't fall for his tricks, he wouldn't have been my match. Moreover, he only has 10 Birth Charts now."

"Aren't you afraid he'll trick you again?" Lu Zhou did not know much about Xia Zhengrong. However, based on their few encounters, he knew Xia Zhengrong was very cautious. After all, Xia Zhengrong was someone who rather hid behind the relative safety of the Dao inscriptions than leave the Black Tower Council.

Xiao Yunhe said, "I won't make the same mistake twice."

"Since you gave me the blue crystals, you can ask me for a favor. This includes Xia Zhengrong's life..." Lu Zhou said indifferently.

This was the tone of a bigshot. Even the Tower Master of the Black Tower Council was nothing.

Xiao Yunhe said, "We have enmity between us. If I ask Brother Lu to kill him, it'll be difficult for me to kill the demons in my heart."

"Alright."

At this time, Little Yuan'er's voice rang from outside.

"Master, Fourth Senior Brother Is back!"

"Let him in."

Soon after, Little Yuan'er supported a limping Mingshi Yin into the hall.

Mingshi Yin wore a pained expression on his face as he kneeled and said, "Greetings, master. I'm lucky I managed to bring the blue crystals back and didn't disappoint you..."

Lu Zhou ignored Mingshi Yin's theatrics and extended his hand. "Blue crystals."

Ming Shiyin respectfully brought the blue crystals out.

Upon seeing this, Little Yuan'er said, "Let me help you!"

As Little Yuan'er handed the blue crystals to Lu Zhou, she said, "Master, Fourth Senior Brother really went through many hardships. He was chased by many experts and suffered a lot of injuries..."

Mingshi Yin forced a smile on his face and waved his hand. "My injuries aren't worth mentioning. This is my duty after all. I definitely don't dare to ask for a reward."

"Did I mention a reward?" Lu Zhou asked.

"I didn't mean that. I was just doing my job," Mingshi Yin hastily said.

"How are your injuries?" Lu Zhou asked.

"They're just minor injuries... I feel like I can still go out and kill some fierce beasts. Don't worry, master," Mingshi Yin said.

Lu Zhou nodded. "Since that's the case, there are still some remaining fierce beasts outside of the capital. Go and deal with them."

"Ah?"

"Do you have any objection?"

"N-no, no, I-I will go immediately," Mingshi Yin said before he left the Preservation Hall with an aggrieved expression on his face.

When Little Yuan'er caught up to Mingshi Yin outside of the hall, she asked, "Fourth Senior Brother, you're not limping anymore?"

"Ouch! It hurts! It hurts!"

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"Ding!"

"Second avatar: collect all the blue crystals (9/9)."

"Ding! Mission completed."

Chapter 1133: Unique

"Ding! Obtained a complete blue crystal. After using it, you'll be able to unlock your potential. Requires 300,000 merit points to use."

Lu Zhou frowned slightly when he heard the final sentence.

Xiao Yunhe, who was next to Lu Zhou, did not know what Lu Zhou was thinking. He looked in the direction where Mingshi Yin and Little Yuan'er left as he said, "Brother Lu, I'm really envious you have such a capable disciple. I spent ten years looking for three blue crystals, but he only spent half a year to find two. What a rare talent!"

Lu Zhou regained his senses and asked, "Half a year? You think he found the blue crystals in half a year?"

"Could it be that he took three to five years to find the blue crystals?" Xiao Yunhe asked with a smile.

Lu Zhou said, "That wicked disciple of mine found the blue crystals in a month. However, because he's lazy and wanted to live leisurely, he stalled for half a year. His merits and flaws offset each other. Therefore, I only sent him to clean up the remaining fierce beasts as a punishment."

Xiao Yunhe. "..."

There was really no way to stay in the capital! It was not easy for him to recover ten Birth Charts, but when he returned, he suffered one critical hit after another. He felt really suffocated!

Lu Zhou glanced at Xiao Yunhe and asked, "Do you have something on your mind?"

"No, no, no." Xiao Yunhe waved his hand. "Although my Birth Palace has been repaired, I still need to recuperate. I won't waste Brother Lu's time; I'll take my leave now."

Lu Zhou turned his head and glanced at Xiao Yunhe. "Do you have something on your mind?"

"Alright." Lu Zhou nodded.

After Xiao Yunhe left, Lu Zhou opened the mission tab. He looked at the mission in confusion.

"The activation of the second avatar requires 300,000 merit points?"

He only had about 440,000 merit points left, and he did not have many trump cards left. If he spent 300,000 merit points, he would only be left with a little more than 100,000 merit points. It was not enough to even synthesize a high-level card.

However, since his cultivation base had improved greatly, there were not many instances where he had to use the item cards. The earlier crisis was mostly resolved by using the Impeccable Card. It was a pity he had used one out of three chances to synthesize the Impeccable Card. Apart from that, he did not use too many Deadly Strike Cards as well.

With all these thoughts in mind, Lu Zhou finally sat cross-legged and muttered under his breath, "Activate."

The nine blue crystals formed a complete blue crystal that appeared in front of him. The core of the crystal seemed to contain soil that glowed with a bright blue light.

Crack!

The blue crystal shattered, and the soil within the crystal floated in the air like dust. The soil circled Lu Zhou's body before specks of light landed on his body, melting into his skin.

He felt a sense of restlessness in his Eight Extraordinary Meridians immediately. Heat coursed through the meridians and spread throughout his body. It felt as though tens of thousands of fiery ants were crawling all over his body.

The heat circulated his entire body before it surged toward his Dantian's sea of Qi.

His Dantian's sea of Qi was immediately filled to the brim by vitality energy. The wall of the sea of Qi creaked like a dam that was about to burst.

"Supreme mystic power."

Lu Zhou used the supreme mystic power to calm and stabilize his Dantian's sea of Qi.

With that, heat continued to surge into his Dantian's sea of Qi the entire night.

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The next morning.

Lu Zhou's Dantian's sea of Qi had returned to normal.

He stood up, feeling suspicious. 'It returned to normal just like that?'

He stretched his limbs and body and did a few simple exercises, but he did not find any improvements.

Then, he tried to mobilize the vitality energy in his Dantian's sea of Qi and found that the stuck feeling that he felt previously had vanished. After the first time his Dantian's sea of Qi was blocked, he always checked his Dantian's sea of Qi before he mobilized vitality energy or Primal Qi. This would make him imperceptibly slower, but in a fight between experts, just a millisecond slower could spell death.

"There's no change in my cultivation... I still have seven Birth Charts," he murmured to himself.

He opened the system interface again. The second avatar's mission had disappeared, and 300,000 of his merit points had disappeared as well.

"The second avatar?"

Lu Zhou sat back on the futon before he flicked his sleeve.

Buzz!

A miniature golden Thousand Realms Whirling avatar appeared in front of him. On the lotus seat, seven Birth Charts shone dazzlingly. He had looked at it so many times that it had gotten boring. Now that he looked at it again, there was nothing new.

Lu Zhou flicked his sleeves again and withdrew his avatar.

At this moment, Lu Zhou felt a subtle change in his Dantian's sea of Qi. He felt a cool energy flowing into his Dantian's sea of Qi. Although the energy was weak, he could feel it clearly.

Lu Zhou waved his sleeve again. "Avatar."

Buzz!

A faint blue energy gathered in front of him before it formed a humanoid shape. It was small, very small. He did not intentionally minimize its size; this was its actual size.

"This... This is the second avatar?" Lu Zhou was surprised. He could feel his supreme mystic power being consumed. Nevertheless, the consumption was almost negligible. This was because the avatar was completely bare like a baby's Basic Taiji avatar.

"Basic Taiji?"

With his current cultivation base and the supreme mystic power, it was not a big problem for him to deal with Eight or Nine Chart cultivators without using item cards. However, who could he fight with the Basic Taiji avatar?! With the supreme mystic power, he could turn his golden avatar and his palm seals blue for a moment. Was this Basic Taiji avatar not a duplicate?

"Ding! The Basic Taiji avatar has been activated. Upgrading to the next level will cost ten years of life."

Upon seeing this notification, Lu Zhou suddenly felt the system was, intentionally or unintentionally, guiding him to cultivate the blue energy. From the time he obtained the Heavenly Writing from the lottery, forming his avatar, the extraordinary power, the Heavenly Writing power, and the supreme mystic power.

"Is it possible that the supreme mystic power is a special cultivation path?" Lu Zhou wondered out loud. Then, he cursed the system inwardly, "F*ck, others need time to cultivate, but I need to use my life to cultivate!"

However, after thinking about it, was time not equal to life?

"Upgrade," Lu Zhou muttered.

There were no changes in the blue avatar.

After trying a few times, there were still no changes.

Lu Zhou looked at the fist-sized avatar; it looked pitifully weak.

Lu Zhou mobilized the energy in his Dantian's sea of Qi just like a normal cultivator would when upgrading their avatars.

Buzz!

The blue avatar finally moved. It began to spin swiftly.

Accordingly, Lu Zhou could feel his lifespan decreasing as well as his vitality energy surged toward the blue energy.

In just a few breaths, the blue avatar absorbed ten years of his life. It grew from the size of a fist to the size of two fists. However, it still looked like a baby.

"Two Transformed Powers?"

"To upgrade to a Two Transformed Power avatar will cost fifty years of your life."

"Damn it!" Lu Zhou frowned. Then, he continued to upgrade the avatar.

The benefits of meditating on the Heavenly Writing all year round showed themselves at this moment. With enough supreme mystic power, it was easy for the blue avatar to reach saturation.

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About two hours later.

Three blue lotuses appeared above the blue avatar's head before disappearing in a flash.

This was the Three Condensing Flowers avatar.

Lu Zhou looked at the system notification again. To upgrade it to a Mighty Four Quadrants avatar would cost him 100 years of life.

"Fortunately, I have enough years..."

He did not care about this small number of years. Moreover, he still had half of the Green Cicada Jade.

"Upgrade." Lu Zhou raised his hand. The blue avatar hovered above his palm and began to spin again. Just like before, his vitality surged toward the blue avatar.

Chapter 1134: 1,000 Year at a Glance

Naturally, as the avatar's level increased, the upgrading of the avatar would be more difficult as well.

However, since Lu Zhou was now a Seven Chart cultivator who had formed the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar and possessed the supreme mystic power, the speed of upgrading such a weak avatar was much faster than ordinary cultivators. It was like a walk in the park for him.

100 years of life was a lot back in the golden lotus domain.

Even if one had nine or ten leaves, they still would not easily give up on 100 years of life. It was only when one entered the Thousand Realms Whirling stage that one would possess the ability to disregard the loss of 100 years of life.

"Does this mean that from the beginning, the Heavenly Writing Power can form an avatar?" Lu Zhou speculated.

While he was distracted, the three flowers gathered at the top of the avatar had already absorbed 50 years of life. At the same time, the avatar's size continued to increase.

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Outside of the Preservation Hall.

The four elders of the Evil Sky Pavilion had come to visit Lu Zhou. When they drew near, they felt the familiar fluctuation of energy. They stopped in their tracks immediately.

"What a familiar feeling... Let's not go in for now..." Pan Litian said.

The other three elders nodded.

"It feels like the energy when one's forming the Mighty Four Quadrants avatar. Although it's weak, it's obvious. However, the vitality is really strong," Leng Luo said as he glanced at the Preservation Hall.

After so long, the four elders had already gotten used to strange things like this.

Zuo Yushu's eyes lit up as she said, "Is it possible that Elder Brother is using this method to regain his youthful appearance?"

"The art of rejuvenation is very difficult. Back then, when no one had sprouted the ninth leaf, many cultivators tried to regain their youth. In order to maintain their youth, they did not hesitate to cultivate secret techniques, witchcraft, or evil unorthodox techniques. Nevertheless, many people failed..." Leng Luo said.

"You're saying the Pavilion Master is cultivating some secret technique?" Pan Litian asked.

"We can't rule out this possibility."

Everyone nodded. They continued discussing among themselves when the energy fluctuation suddenly changed.

Leng Luo frowned. "The fluctuation is no longer that of the Mighty Four Quadrants. Now, it feels like someone is forming the Five Energies Universe avatar!"

"Hey, I can cultivate in this manner as well!" Pan Litian manifested his Ten-leaf avatar. Then, he suppressed its power and shrank it. The lotus leaves disappeared soon after. He spent a lot of effort before he finally managed to transform it into a Basic Taiji avatar. Then, he turned it into a Two Transformed Powers avatar.

Everyone shook their heads. There was clearly something wrong.

"Let's see what I can do," Zuo Yushu said before she manifested her avatar. Based on her own knowledge and techniques, she turned her avatar into a Basic Taiji avatar as well.

The result was the same. It was not difficult to transform the avatar into a Two Transformed Powers avatar. However, despite the appearances of their avatars, something did not seem right.

"That's it! Our avatars are the Hundred Tribulations Insight avatars. No matter how we changed their appearances, the energy inside still belongs to the Hundred Insight Tribulation avatars..."

"You have a point."

"Forget it... We'll come back another day to visit the Pavilion Master."

As soon as the four elders left, Lu Li and Yan Zhenluo walked out from the nearby corridor and looked at the four elders' retreating backs.

"Brother Yan, I don't doubt you when you said the Evil Sky Pavilion can't be judged using common sense. However... What was that? People rise, and water flows down; it's natural for things to advance instead of regressing. Can you please explain the meaning of changing one's avatar to the Basic Taiji avatar?" Lu Li said with a confused expression.

Yan Zhenluo scratched his head and said, "It's best not to ask so many questions. Let's just keep a low profile..."

Then, as Yan Zhenluo walked away, he kept muttering to himself, "Keep a low profile. Keep a low profile. Keep a low profile."

Lu Li turned to look in the direction of the Preservation Hall and muttered to himself, "So when I first met the Pavilion Master, he was just pretending?"

Lu Li frowned at this thought. 'How cunning!'

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It took 100 years to form the Mighty Four Quadrants avatar, but it took 300 years to form the Five Energies Universe avatar. That was three times more than before. The further he advanced, the more lifespan it would consume.

Lu Zhou gauged his supreme mystic power and discovered that so far only a little was consumed. The blue avatar's consumption of energy was not a lot, similar to back when he still had the extraordinary power.

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After half a day had passed, the sun was finally setting.

The sunlight shone through the window into the Preservation Hall.

The sunlight contrasted the blue of the avatar, making the blue even more vivid and pure.

Lu Zhou muttered under his breath, "I wonder if the blue lotus domain exists..."

Regardless of whether it existed or not, he could only depend on himself on this path of cultivation.

The blue crystal came from the Great Void; the blue crystal was the soil from which the Great Void Seeds grew; Ji Tiandao obtained the Great Void Seed from the Great Void. Was the blue lotus related to the Great Void?

Buzz!

The avatar suddenly increased one time.

"Ding! Completed the formation of the Five Energies Universe avatar."

"Ding! Advancing to the next stage will consume 900 years of life."

"..."

'10 years and 100 years aren't a lot. However, if it takes 900 years to advance to the next stage, wouldn't forming the Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar consume 10,000 years of life?! Even housing prices aren't so ridiculous!'

However, Lu Zhou only complained in his heart. In the end, he still decided to advance.

As time passed, the difference between the blue avatar and the golden avatar became more and more obvious.

The difficulty and time needed to upgrade the blue avatar were much more compared to the golden avatar. Based on his rich experience, he speculated that even if a genius cultivator only cultivated the blue avatar, they would be stuck at the Five Energies Universe for two to three years.

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It took two full days before for the Five Energies Universe avatar to advance into a Six Recombinant Trigram Lines avatar.

“Ding! Completed the forming of the Six Recombinant Trigram Lines avatar.”

“Ding! Advancing to the next stage will consume 2,000 years of life.”

Lu Zhou flicked his sleeve. He decided to stop at the Six Recombinant Trigram Lines avatar. He only had half of his 5,000 years of life left. If he used up another 2,000 years, he would not have many years to live.

Following that, he manifested his Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. He looked at it and wondered if he could increase the level of his golden avatar using external energy instead of his lifespan.

“It’s not worth it to use my own lifespan.”

Lu Zhou waved his sleeve again.

Buzz!

The blue Six Recombinant Trigram Lines avatar appeared next to the golden Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. One was tall; one was short. One was big; one was small.

“So I can manifest two avatars at the same time...”

After a while, Lu Zhou withdrew both avatars. There was no point testing the strength of the blue avatar now. After all, it was still very weak.

At this moment, a voice rang from outside of the hall.

“Master, the White Tower Council’s judge, Ning Wanqing, requests an audience with you...”

“Come in.”

With this, Lu Zhou no longer dwelled on the matters of avatars any longer.

Little Yuan’er led Ning Wanqing into the Preservation Hall.

“Greetings, Pavilion Master Lu.” Ning Wanqing bowed.

“What’s the matter?” Lu Zhou asked.

“Tower Master Lan wants to meet Pavilion Master Lu,” Ning Wanqing said.

“Meet me?” Lu Zhou was puzzled.

Ning Wanqing sighed before he said, "Tower Master Lan doesn't have much time left. The battle with the beast emperor made it worse. I'm afraid that..." He trailed off before he changed the topic and said, "Tower Master wanted to come to Great Tang's capital, but she really can't make the trip over..."

"I will keep my promise," Lu Zhou said.

Ning Wanqing was overjoyed when he heard these words. "Great Ming is eyeing us greedily; they're only waiting for Tower Master Lan to leave. With Pavilion Master Lu's words, I feel greatly relieved."

Lu Zhou suddenly asked, "Aren't you a member of Great Ming?"

"..."

Ning Wanqing was taken aback. An embarrassed expression appeared on his face. "I was from Great Ming, but that's all in the past. Previously, Mister Seventh's words helped me come to my senses so I no longer dare to play any petty tricks..."

"Just as distance tests a horse's strength, time will reveal a person's intention. Your performance so far saved your life..." Lu Zhou said.

"Thank you for your understanding, Pavilion Master Lu."

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Lu Zhou said, "When you return, tell Tower Master Lan I won't go back on my words."

Ning Wanqing said, "Yes."

Ning Wanqing straightened his back. He did not leave; his eyes were staring blankly at the air. He could sense the fluctuation of energy and little Great Void energy that had yet to disappear. After a moment, he said, "There's a question I'd like to ask..."

"Speak."

"Brother Duanmu is Pavilion Master Lu's third disciple, and he possesses the Great Void Seed. Tower Master Lan has also previously mentioned that the Evil Sky Pavilion's sixth disciple, Miss Ye, possesses the Great Void energy. I... I... It's not that I want to pry, but... there are some matters that I can't say out loud..." Ning Wanqing stammered.

"I allow you to speak freely. If you have anything to say, say it," Lu Zhou said.

"Brother Duanmu probably didn't participate in the Great Void Expedition. With his cultivation base now, he couldn't have entered the Unknown Land. The same goes for Miss Ye. Therefore, whether it's their Great Void Seed or Great Void energy, I figure they must have been bestowed by Pavilion Master Lu," Ning Wanqing said. He paused for a moment before he asked, "If that's the case, why didn't you use the seed or the energy on yourself?"

Lu Zhou calmly replied, "The heaven and earth shackles."

No matter what the heaven and earth shackles were, he could use it to answer many tricky questions. After all, he could not tell people that he had the blue lotus that was even more awesome than the Great Void Seed, could he?

Ning Wanqing thought to himself for a moment before he nodded. "I see..."

Lan Xihe was facing her end. She had once sought the Great Void energy to solve the problem, but it was useless. The Great Void energy could break the shackles of the eight or nine leaves' limit, but it could not rectify the mistake in Lan Xihe's cultivation.

At this time, Ning Wanqing suddenly bowed and said, "I promise to keep the matter of Brother Duanmu possessing the Great Void Seed a secret. If the secret leaks out even a little, I'll die a horrible death."

"Are you afraid I'll kill you to silence you?" Lu Zhou asked.

"I..." Of course, Ning Wanqing was afraid Lu Zhou would kill him to silence him. However, he said, "I just think this matter should be kept strictly a secret as to avoid unnecessary trouble..."

Lu Zhou looked at Ning Wanqing. After a moment of silence, he asked, "Who do you think dares to covet my things in this world?"

Ning Wanqing said, "Pavilion Master Lu's cultivation is unfathomable; you're the mightiest. However..." He paused before he said, "The Four Great Uncharted Lands have been isolated from us for a long time. Apart from the Great Void, there are three other Uncharted Lands. There might be experts who possess more than 15 Birth Charts."

"15 Birth Charts?" Lu Zhou raised an eyebrow.

"I'm young, and my knowledge is shallow. These are only things I've heard about so I'm not sure they're true," Ning Wanqing said.

Lu Zhou thought of the Young Master of the Qin clan, Qin Moshang, whom he had met near the Cold Pond on the peak of the snowy mountain. The green lotus domain's existence had been confirmed, and the Qin clan's ghost servant had also come to the red lotus domain. Ning Wanqing's words were not without truth. It seemed like everyone's bound by the heaven and earth shackles. If his seventh disciple's speculation was right, what were the other two places then?

After a moment, Lu Zhou said, "You should return and report to your superiors. I'll visit the White Tower Council in three days."

Ning Wanqing nodded and said, "Understood."

After Ning Wanqing left, Lu Zhou sent someone to summon Meng Changdong, the Guardian of the Evil Sky Pavilion, to the Preservation Hall. Then, he sent Meng Changdong and Zhao Hongfu to summon and bring Ye Tianxin to the capital in the red lotus domain.

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In the Evil Sky Pavilion.

Ye Tianxin was puzzled when she learned of her master's orders.

"Fifth Senior Sister, did master say why?" Ye Tianxin asked.

Zhao Yue shook her head and said, "Guardian Meng only conveyed the order and didn't say anything else. In any case, you've been in the Evil Sky Pavilion for a long time so it's good for you to go out and have some fun. I want to go out, but I can't get away yet."

Ye Tianxin nodded and said, "Since master has given the order, I will naturally obey. I'm just worried about leaving Cheng Huang behind."

The runic passage was not that big. Although Cheng Huang had shrunk a lot in size, he was still too big for the runic passage.

"Sixth Junior Sister, you're worrying for nothing. Who dares to covet Cheng Huang?"

Zhao Yue had a point.

Ye Tianxin did not waste time and bade farewell to the people in the Evil Sky Pavilion and left for the red lotus domain through Zhao Hongfu's runic passage on the same day.

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Just when the sun was about to set, Zhao Hongfu led Ye Tianxin to the entrance of the Preservation Hall. Then, she said casually, "Miss Sixth... Aih, I really don't like being so formal. Sister Ye, the Pavilion Master is inside..."

Ye Tianxin did not mean this casual form of address. As long as it was pleasing to the ears, it was fine. She asked with a smile, "You're Zhao Hongfu, the runic genius that master recently recruited, right?"

"Sister Ye, you've heard of me? I'm already so famous!?" Zhao Hongfu said, delighted.

Ye Tianxin smiled and said, "Thank you for bringing me here."

"Don't mention it, don't mention it," Zhao Hongfu said before she made an inviting gesture.

This was the first time Ye Tianxin left the golden lotus domain, it was only natural she was still not used to her new surroundings. She looked around curiously when she entered the hall before her eyes landed on a handsome and dignified man sitting cross-legged with a calm expression on his face.

'Is this master?'

Although Si Wuya had discreetly told everyone in the Evil Sky Pavilion about the change in their master's appearance, she was still shocked when she saw their master.

At this moment, Lu Zhou slowly opened his eyes. His eyes found the white-clad Ye Tianxian who seemed frozen and said, "Sit."

'What a familiar voice and attitude...;

Ye Tianxin kneeled on the ground immediately. "Greetings, master."

"No need for formalities," Lu Zhou said.

"Thank you, master." Ye Tianxin rose to her feet before she kneeled again on a futon nearby.

Lu Zhou sensed her aura briefly before he said, "Your cultivation is progressing very fast."

"It's all thanks to master's guidance that I manage to progress so much," Ye Tianxin said.

"When did you learn the art of flattery from Old Eighth?" Lu Zhou asked, perplexed.

Ye Tianxin lowered her head in embarrassment.

Lu Zhou said indifferently, "Forget it. I called you here because I have something to hand over to you."

"Master, what are your orders?"

"I want you to take over the position of the Tower Master of the White Tower Council," Lu Zhou said.

Ye Tianxin was stunned.

Lu Zhou said, "The White Tower Council is one of the main forces that maintains the balance in the white lotus domain. You've met the Tower Master, Lan Xihe..."

Ye Tianxin recalled the peerless woman she met with Cheng Huang previously. She asked, "So she's the Tower Master of the White Tower Council?"

"That's right."

Ye Tianxin immediately kowtowed and said, "Master, I'm loyal to the Evil Sky Pavilion and have no other intentions. It's better to hand the position over to another person!"

Lu Zhou shook his head and said, "I've already agreed on your behalf."

"This... Master, my cultivation is too low. I'm afraid it'll be difficult for me to take on this important task. If I don't perform well, I'm afraid I'll embarrass master, I..." Ye Tianxin said.

Lu Zhou interjected, "Out of everyone in the Evil Sky Pavilion, you're the most suitable for this position. You were once the Palace Master of the Derived Moon Palace so you have the ability to lead. Your Eldest and Second Senior Brother are both men so it's inconvenient; your Third Senior Brother's whereabouts are currently unknown; Zhao Yue needs to stay in Great Yan; Little Yuan'er and Conch are too young. Therefore, you're the most suitable candidate..."

These words made Ye Tianxin hesitate.

At the same time, Si Wuya's voice rang from outside.

"Sixth Senior Sister, we have the runic passages now; you can come and go as you like. Moreover, with master's support, what are you afraid of?"

After Si Wuya walked in, he kneeled in front of Lu Zhou. "Greetings, master."

"Rise to your feet and speak."

Si Wuya said, "Sixth Senior Sister, this is also an opportunity for you. After all, no matter how strong master is, master is only one person. There are many things he can't do at once..."

In other words, as a disciple, Ye Tianxin should share her master's burdens.

Ye Tianxin's heart moved when she heard this. She immediately said, "Since master trusts me, I'll do my best."

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "If you really don't like it, you can leave at that time. Alright, you can rest first. Come and see me again in two days."

"Understood."

After Ye Tianxin left, Lu Zhou spoke to Si Wuya about Great Tang. Everything was in order so he let Si Wuya go as well.

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Two days later.

Inside the 100,000-foot-tall white tower.

Lan Xihe stood on the 72nd floor and looked at the ground.

The blue-clad female attendant asked, "Tower Master, do you really plan to hand over your position to Pavilion Master Lu's disciple?"

"Do you think there's anyone more suitable than Pavilion Master Lu's disciples?" Lan Xihe asked in return as she raised her head to look at the sky.

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The blue-clad female attendant shook her head and said, "I don't know..."

Lan Xihe did not chide her. Instead, she said, "There's no one who's perfectly suitable. I originally wanted to cultivate someone for this position. Unfortunately, there's not enough time..."

"Pavilion Master Lu's cultivation is fine, but his conduct..."

"Have you ever thought that if he were even a little selfish, he wouldn't have given his disciple the Great Void Seed?"

The blue-clad female attendant was rendered speechless by these words.

At this moment, another female attendant flew up from below before landing nimbly like a lark. She bowed and said, "Tower Master, Pavilion Master Lu is here."

"Bring them to the training hall."

"Understood."

Lan Xihe seemed to have vanished into thin air before she reappeared in the training hall on the 80th floor in just a blink of an eye.

After 15 minutes, Lu Zhou entered the training hall with three of his disciples.

Lan Xihe's gaze quickly swept over everyone, identifying them one by one. Ye Tianxin was on the left; Si Wuya was in the center; Little Yuan'er, the youngest, was on the right. She had met all of them before. Finally, she said, "Please take a seat."

Lu Zhou glanced at Lan Xihe. She looked a little different even though he could not tell what was different. In the end, he only said, "You look well."

Little Yuan'er greeted her as well. "Sister, we meet again."

A bright smile appeared on Lan Xihe's face when she heard Little Yuan'er's greeting. She said, "Little girl, if you don't mind, sit next to me."

"Alright, alright..." Little Yuan'er skipped to Lan Xihe's side.

"Don't be rude," Lu Zhou chided Little Yuan'er lightly.

"Okay." Little Yuan'er restrained herself and sat down obediently next to Lan Xihe.

Ye Tianxin and Si Wuya cupped their fists together and called out, "Tower Master Lan..."

Lan Xihe nodded and said, "I really envy Pavilion Master Lu for having so many outstanding disciples."

Lu Zhou sighed and said, "You only see them when they're well-behaved; you didn't see them when they were rebellious."

Si Wuya and Ye Tianxin lowered their heads immediately while Little Yuan'er played with her pigtails and pretended she did not hear anything.

Lan Xihe smiled and said, "A teacher for a day is like a parent for life. I understand Pavilion Master Lu..."

After speaking, Lan Xihe coughed lightly. A hint of listlessness appeared on her face. Although she tried to suppress it, she could not help but cough again.

Lu Zhou asked in puzzlement, "Have you really exhausted every means?"

Lan Xihe said helplessly, "If I didn't exhaust every means, would I have come to this point? If I want to solve this problem, the only way is to have a breakthrough in my cultivation. It's unfortunate I made a fatal mistake in my cultivation..."

Lu Zhou no longer asked any questions.

Lan Xihe's real-life experience far surpassed everyone present. She was also a survivor of the Great Void Expedition. How could someone like her not exhaust every means available? There were the blue crystals, advanced life hearts, sacred items... even the great blood sacrifice. However, women were vain creatures. Even if the great blood sacrifice could grant them immortality, it was unlikely they would attempt such a thing.

"Ye Tianxin," Lu Zhou called out.

Ye Tianxin rose to her feet and stood in front of everyone. Her white hair blended in with her white robes. Her untainted air and her snowy white robes that complemented the White Tower Council made her look like the master of this place.

Lan Xihe nodded in satisfaction. However, when she glanced at Si Wuya and Little Yuan'er from the corners of her eyes, she thought everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion was suitable to be the Tower Master of the White Tower Council.

"What do you think?" Lu Zhou asked.

"I'm very satisfied... Ye Tianxin is undoubtedly the best candidate to be the next Tower Master of the White Tower Council," Lan Xihe replied.

At this moment, the blue-clad female attendant walked in and said with a bow, "Tower Master, the elders and the judges request an audience with you..."

"No," Lan Xihe said decisively.

"But... They said if you refuse to see them, they'll barge in..." the blue-clad female attendant said.

Before the blue-clad female attendant could finish her words, a group of people barged into the training hall. There were more than ten white-clad cultivators; half male and half female. All of them bowed.

"Greetings, Tower Master!"

Just as Lan Xihe was about to chase them out, Lu Zhou said, "Why don't you let them stay?"

Lan Xihe sat back down and waved her hand.

The group of white-clad cultivators bowed at Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe.

Then, one of the white-clad cultivators said, "I hope you'll forgive us, Tower Master. However, this matter concerns the future Tower Master of the White Tower Council."

Lan Xihe said, "Speak. What do you have to say?"

"Tower Master, Pavilion Master Lu. We don't dare to covet the position of Tower Master. We have no objection if Pavilion Master Lu takes over the position. If it's someone else, their cultivation base should be profound with virtue and talent to match..." an elder said.

"Virtue and talent?" Lan Xihe raised an eyebrow.

"The White Tower Council's power is diminishing day by day. Great Ming is also getting bolder in provoking us. If the new Tower Master isn't someone with virtue and talent, the White Tower Council will collapse..." an elder said worriedly.

Another person added, "This is the reason we asked to see you. We've been with the White Tower Council for so many years after all. We hope to get an explanation so we can also give an explanation to those from the Lower Council. Otherwise, they're bound to get anxious and the morale of our members will plummet... It'd be extremely detrimental to the unity of the White Tower Council."

In fact, this kind of situation was very normal. From the smallest family to the biggest country, the slightest changes would cause anxieties.

Lan Xihe said, "I can assure you that the person who replaces me will surpass me..."

Someone who would surpass Lan Xihe? What kind of expert was this?

Everyone was shocked.

"Who is it?"

At this moment, Ye Tianxin turned around and cupped her fists at the group of white-clad cultivators. It could be considered as a greeting.

Everyone sized Ye Tianxin up immediately; her temperament, appearance, and behavior were all fine. However, none of them dared to ask about her cultivation base. After all, it was a very impolite question to ask.

However, how could Ye Tianxin not understand their thoughts? She smiled and said to one of the white-clad cultivators, "I'm Ye Tianxin, please advise me."

"Ding Ling, please advise me."

As soon as her opponent's voice fell, Ye Tianxin swiftly raised her hand and attacked. A golden flower seal flew out followed by a golden butterfly seal; one was fast, and one was slow.

"Butterfly Love Flower?"

Lu Zhou nodded his head in satisfaction. He had only briefly taught her this move, but she had comprehended it so quickly.

There was no pattern to the flower seal's movement. It was very difficult to dodge, and one could only slap it away. On the other hand, the butterfly flapped its wings; when it flew, it was as fast as lightning, catching everyone by surprise. They advanced and retreated in sync.

For a moment, Ye Tianxin actually had the upper hand.

However, Ding Ling was an elder of the White Tower Council, after all. After she was forced back a few steps, she felt rather humiliated. She did not hesitate and brought her astrolabe out before pushing it forward.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The butterfly and flower made from energy dissipated while Ye Tianxin flew backward before landing lightly like a butterfly.

"That's enough." Lan Xihe stopped Ding Ling.

Ding Ling could only obey. However, she said, "Tower Master, with her strength, I'm afraid it'll be difficult to convince everyone. I'm not being disrespectful to Pavilion Master Lu. Even if we agree, there'll always be others in the White Tower Council and Great Ming who won't accept this. I hope Tower Master and Pavilion Master Lu can understand where we're coming from..."

The other elders followed and said, "Tower Master, Pavilion Master Lu, please try to understand us."

Lu Zhou smiled faintly and said, "Your name is Ding Ling?"

Ding Ling turned around and said, "The Sixth Elder of the White Tower Council greets Pavilion Master Lu."

"When did you form the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar?" Lu Zhou asked.

"10,000 years ago."

“What’s your cultivation level?”

“Only six Birth Charts... Pavilion Master Lu, I’m sorry,” Ding Ling said.

Someone next to her quickly added, “Although Ding Ling only has six Birth Charts, she’s extraordinarily talented. She activated six Birth Charts within 1,000 years. She’s also an elder that the Tower Master personally appointed. It won’t be long before she passes her Birth Trial...”

Lu Zhou did not reply to the white-clad cultivator. Instead, he looked at Ye Tianxin and asked, “Ye Tianxin, how many years has it been since you followed me to cultivate?”

Ye Tianxin replied, “I’ve been with the Evil Sky Pavilion for 45 years.”

Everyone was shocked.

Lu Zhou asked again, “When did you form the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar?”

“Less than a year ago,” Ye Tianxin said.

Everyone was further shocked.

“How’s that possible?” Ding Ling exclaimed in shock.

Chapter 1137: The True Dangerous Place

There were many Thousand Realms Whirling cultivators in the White Tower Council, and it was on par with the Black Tower Council. However, in all of Great Ming, there were actually only a small number of Thousand Realms Whirling cultivators. It was just that most of these cultivators were in the White Tower Council. After all, those who could join the White Tower Council were all outstanding figures.

Ding Ling was considered a highly talented cultivator in the Elder Council. It was rare that someone with six Birth Charts was appointed as an elder; this showed how talented she was.

However, Ye Tianxin who had entered the Thousand Realms Whirling stage less than a year ago and had also activated two Birth Charts was like a slap to the elders’ faces.

Ding Ling asked skeptically, “Pavilion Master Lu, are you saying that your disciple entered the Thousand Realms Whirling stage before reaching 100 years old?”

Lu Zhou asked, “Are you implying that I’m lying?”

‘I don’t like to lie. However, even when I tell the truth, people doubt me.’

Ding Ling naturally did not dare offend Lu Zhou. She hurriedly said, “I don’t dare.”

In the cultivation world, the strong ruled. This was even more so among Thousand Realms Whirling cultivators. No one dared to judge someone based on their appearances. Take Lan Xihe for example, she looked no older than Little Yuan’er, but how many people dared to challenge her or act like an elder in front of her?

Ye Tianxin said earnestly, “Since I plan to take over the position of Tower Master, I can’t lie. How can a person who lies convince the masses? Moreover, I can lie for a while, but how can I lie for a lifetime?”

Everyone was at a loss for words.

“Even if you doubt me, you should trust Tower Master Lan. When she first met me, I only had ten leaves. I didn’t even have a Birth Chart. In fact, my first life heart was given to me by Tower Master Lan,” Ye Tianxin said.

Lan Xihe nodded and said, “That’s enough. Don’t use your own understanding and knowledge to judge a genius.”

Ding Ling. “...”

‘I really want to say that I’m a genius as well. However, compared to Ye Tianxin, I’ve been demoted to a fool.’

An elder shook his head and said, “Tower Master Lan, this... is really too unbelievable. How can someone activate their first Birth Chart, form a Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, and activate their second Birth Chart in less than a year? I-it’s impossible!”

It was as though the full score was 100, and someone had obtained 150. It looked rather fake.

Lu Zhou really wanted to say all ten of his disciples from the Evil Sky Pavilion were capable of doing that. What was so impossible about it? However, it was better to say less to avoid unnecessary trouble.

Lan Xihe’s gaze swept across the elders before it landed on Ye Tianxin. Then, she said, “It’s because she has the Great Void energy.”

“...”

Everyone fell silent and instinctively turned to look at Ye Tianxin.

“Are you satisfied with this answer?” Lan Xihe asked.

Talent was something that one could not obtain even if one worked hard. From birth to death, one’s talent would stay the same. However, the Great Void energy trumped talent.

Cultivators had never given up on the exploration and pursuit of the Great Void. The more they explored and the more they learned, the more respect and reverence they had for the Great Void and anything to do with it.

It was a very interesting phenomenon. Anything that came from the Great Void, even the most useless item, was a treasure that cultivators fought over in a frenzy. The Great Void Seed was one of the most precious treasures of them all. There were even rumors that the supreme beings had all retreated to the Great Void, isolating themselves from the rest of the world.

Ding Ling was the first to break the silence. She said sincerely, “Please forgive me for my previous offense.”

All the others bowed as well.

An elder standing on the left said, “It seems like there’s no longer a problem for Miss Ye to be the next Tower Master. However, everyone covets the Great Void energy. What if someone causes trouble after the Tower Master leaves?”

There were many geniuses who were killed before they could become stronger, nipped in the bud.

Lu Zhou said, "Ye Tianxin is my disciple. Who dares to cause trouble for her?"

No one dared to argue.

Lan Xihe said, "It's easy to dodge an open spear but hard to guard against a hidden arrow. Just keep the matter of Ye Tianxin possessing the Great Void energy a secret."

All the elders nodded.

"All of you may leave."

The white-clad cultivators no longer had any objection so they left the training hall one after another.

Following that, Lan Xihe said apologetically, "Pavilion Master Lu, I've made a fool of myself."

"Everyone makes mistakes. They're from the White Tower Council, and they'll be Ye Tianxin's subordinates in the future. If we can't convince the masses, even if they agree today, it'll be a big problem in the future," Lu Zhou said.

Lan Xihe nodded and said, "You're right." After a moment, she said, "Pavilion Master Lu personally brought Ye Tianxin to the White Tower Council to fulfill his promise. This is truly admirable. Ever since the battle with the beast emperor, I've been feeling slightly ashamed. I wonder how Duanmu Sheng is doing now..."

Lu Zhou said, "It's just as Ning Wanqing said, this might be a blessing in disguise. If Lu Wu truly covets the Great Void Seed, it'll have to think of a way to keep him alive. The great blood sacrifice had injured him greatly. If he was not taken away, perhaps, even I might not be able to save him..."

At this moment, Lan Xihe suddenly rose to her feet. She flew forward before she came to a stop a few meters in front of Lu Zhou. She stared at Lu Zhou for a few seconds before she boldly asked, "Pavilion Master Lu, do you dare to go to the Unknown Land?"

"..."

Previously, when Lu Zhou was at the red lotus domain's Southern Kingdom that was near the Unknown Land, he did not dare to venture too far. After all, back then, his cultivation level was far too low. However, currently, his cultivation level was also not very high; he had seven Birth Charts, far fewer in comparison to Lan Xihe. If he really went to the Unknown Land now, would he not be in danger?

Seeing that Lu Zhou was distracted, Lan Xihe called out, "Pavilion Master Lu?"

Lu Zhou stood up and asked, "Do you know where Lu Wu is?"

"I'm not sure."

This meant that Lan Xihe thought there was a possibility Lu Wu was in the Unknown Land.

"Then I'll go to the Unknown Place," Lu Zhou said.

Lan Xihe said to the blue-clad female attendant next to her. "Pavilion Master Lu and I will be back soon. Don't neglect the guests..."

The blue-clad female attendant bowed. "Understood."

Si Wuya also stood up and said, "Master, the Unknown Land is very dangerous. Please be careful."

Lan Xihe said with a smile, "A few thousand years ago, the White Tower Council left an extremely hidden runic passage in the Unknown Land. The Unknown Land is indeed very dangerous, but as long as we're careful and don't cause a commotion, nothing will happen. Moreover, your master's cultivation far surpasses mine; fierce beasts won't be able to harm him..."

Lu Zhou. "..."

'This old man is a little flustered.'

After saying that, Lan Xihe flew out of the training hall and descended.

Lu Zhou followed suit.

The elders were waiting downstairs, but when they saw the duo entering the Runes Hall, they did not dare to ask any questions.

After entering the runic circle, Lan Xihe gently flicked her sleeves.

The runic passage lit up and a pillar of light shot up.

The duo disappeared in just a blink of an eye.

When Lu Zhou saw the light in the runic passage was much brighter than usual, he asked, "Did you go to the Unknown Land often in the past?"

He noticed Lan Xihe's movements were very skillful as though she had done this many times before. Her aura was sometimes strong and sometimes weak as she powered the runic passage. It was rather strange, but he could not put his fingers on it.

Lan Xihe shook her head. "No."

"The runic passage will shoot out a pillar of light to the sky. This means we might attract unwanted attention. If the runic passage is destroyed, we'll be in really big trouble..."

Traveling through the runic passage was like walking on the Milky Way. Stars could be seen on both sides and the space seemed to ripple.

After about 15 minutes, there was a little turbulence in the passage.

At the same time, Lan Xihe said, "We're here."

The scenes on both sides of the passage changed. First, only thick fog could be seen. As the fog gradually thinned, the silhouettes of mountains, towering ancient trees could be seen. Before long, they could see a sea of clouds that stretched as far as the eyes could see.

"This is the Unknown Land that leads to the Great Void."

"It's so high up?"

The two of them were hovering in the sky above an extremely tall mountain peak that towered over the clouds. Since the runic circle on the peak could only fit one person, both of them had mobilized their Primal Qi at almost the same time and flew up into the sky, overlooking the gloomy and mysterious Unknown Land.

Lan Xihe's long hair and long robes fluttered in the air as she said, "This way, the pillar of light will be hidden in the clouds. However, we still risk attracting flying beasts. Nothing is absolute, after all."

Whoosh!

The fierce wind raged; the coldness was bone-chilling.

The amazing thing was that the towering ancient trees below were lush and verdant, not affected by the cold at all.

The two of them continued to observe their surroundings from the high sky.

After a moment, Lan Xihe said, "Go south."

Lu Zhou noticed there was a faint light in the distant sky, but he did not pay attention to it and followed Lan Xihe.

Lan Xihe did not fly very fast to prevent alerting the fierce beasts.

After flying for a short while, they heard a thunderous sound.

"Fierce beast."

The duo landed on a mountain peak and looked up into the sky.

In the dense fog, a huge creature that looked like a dinosaur slowly passed through the forest. The mutated ancient trees only reached its calf. The beast's skin was like that of a rock, and its eyes glowed with a greenish-black light. Its mouth was filled with sharp jagged teeth that glinted in the light.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

"This fierce beast is at the level of a beast king," Lan Xihe said softly, "It's very territorial just like beast kings. If we go further, there should only be weak fierce beasts, and there won't be any beast kings or fierce beasts at the level of a beast king."

The two of them leaped into the air silently. They flew past the quiet ancient forest and the chaotic stone mountain. As expected, they saw countless small, sharp-toothed beasts moving in groups at the foot of the mountain.

Lan Xihe looked ahead and said, "Increase your speed."

In just a blink of an eye, Lan Xihe had appeared several hundred meters away. After stabilizing herself, she turned around. Then, she looked at Lu Zhou with a confused expression. "Pavilion Master Lu?"

Chapter 1138: Mystic Life Grass

Lu Zhou moved at a speed that was neither too fast nor too slow as he swept past the mountain peaks. He said, "The faster you move, the more likely you'll attract attention to yourself. The ones we need to

be wary of are those highly intelligent fierce beasts like the beast emperors. Strong fluctuation of Primal Qi will only attract trouble.”

Lan Xihe nodded and said, “Not only is Pavilion Master Lu’s cultivation base profound, but Pavilion Master Lu is wiser than I am as well. I’ve learned a lot from you...”

The light in front of the duo grew dimmer. The sunlight was weak, and the sky was gloomy. Their environment decreased their visibility significantly.

The dense fog above them made it impossible to see anything. It felt as though a fearsome dragon would suddenly rush out of the fog. The stone peaks of the mountains that stood in the forest pierced through the clouds.

Occasionally, they would see groups of huge fierce beasts passing by.

After a while, Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe landed on an ancient tree overlooking the dark crater-like area up ahead. An astonishing sight appeared in their eyes immediately.

“Li Lis...” Lu Zhou frowned slightly.

“These Li Li might not be from the same colony as the ones that were transported to the Great Tang. Due to their reproduction rates, there are many Li Lis in the Unknown Land. Their corrosive energy is really terrifying. Even the plants in the Unknown Land that are hardier than ordinary plants can’t resist the corrosive energy. Over time, they were isolated by the other fierce beasts. This must be one of their nests...” Lan Xihe said.

Lu Zhou felt a slight chill running up his spine when he looked at the densely packed Li Lis. After a moment, he asked, perplexed, “So is Lu Wu nearby?”

Lan Xihe shook her head and said, “This is the furthest I’ve been in the Unknown Land. If we go any further, your guess will be as good as mine. Moreover, the route we traveled earlier is the only one I traveled. The Unknown Land is too vast; what I’ve seen is just the tip of the iceberg.”

A low groaning noise rang from the sky at this moment.

The duo instantly looked up.

In the swirling mist, a flying beast flapped its wings that seemed as though they spanned the sky as it slowly flew past. Its wings resembled that of a Devil Fish, and its 300-foot-long tail shone with a strange light.

Lan Xihe placed her index finger against her lips, gesturing to Lu Zhou to stay silent. Her hands looked soft, and her fingers were slender. This was a rather unexpected action by the Tower Master of the White Tower Council.

It did not take long before that flying beast disappeared into the horizon.

With that, Lan Xihe said, “I’ve been searching for the secrets of the heaven and earth shackles and exploring the Unknown Land. There were many times I wanted to travel deeper into the land, but the fierce beasts were too strong...”

Lu Zhou said, "Fortunately, you didn't give in to your impulse. This place is still very far from the heart of the land..."

The image of Ji Tiandao retrieving the ten Great Void Seeds flashed in his mind. That area slightly resembled the scene in front of him, but it was much darker.

"Perhaps." Lan Xihe nodded.

"You are one of the survivors of the Great Void Expedition... Where did you find the blue crystal?" Lu Zhou asked.

Lan Xihe said, "300 years ago, there was a large-scale migration of fierce beasts and sea beasts. Therefore, human cultivators joined forces and took the opportunity to enter the Great Void. However, many of them lost their lives in the Unknown Land. No one knows if that place is the heart of the land, but based on how the Great Void Seeds grew from the soil there, that should be the right place..."

"Is that why you brought me here?" Lu Zhou asked.

"Of course, not." After saying that, Lan Xihe changed the topic and asked, "Pavilion Master Lu's disciple possesses the Great Void Seed. I'd like to ask how Pavilion Master Lu obtained the Great Void Seed..."

Lu Zhou turned around and looked at Lan Xihe silently. His eyes were deep and spirited.

An apologetic smile appeared on Lan Xihe's face as she said, "Don't misunderstand. I, myself, possess the Great Void energy, and I know it can't defy the heavens and change my fate."

The strong wind blew past their ears, bringing with it a bone-chilling coldness. However, since the duo had high cultivation, they were not afraid of the cold.

"Look." Lan Xihe pointed at the sky.

The dense fog was like water vapor rising from the calm surface of the water in winter. It moved rhythmically, sometimes in one direction and sometimes in another direction.

In the Unknown Land, all the fog and mist rose and converged in the sky. The dense fog swirled with rich vitality energy and pure Primal Qi. However, it carried with a stench of decay.

Lan Xihe said faintly, "If possible, I hope Pavilion Master Lu can discover the secrets of the Unknown Land one day."

Lan Xihe no longer looked at the gloomy but beautiful sky. It was too depressing.

Buzz!

The familiar sound of energies resonating rang from afar at this moment.

A massive green astrolabe swept past the forest and the peaks before disappearing into the horizon.

"Someone's here."

Lan Xihe and Lu Zhou moved with tacit understanding. With just a flash, they descended 100 meters and landed on a branch. The lush leaves around them hid them from sight.

Lu Zhou waved his hand, activating the Purple Glazed Ceramic that formed a sealed space around them. All the energies in the surroundings, the Primal Qi; vitality energy; and the corrosive energy, were kept outside of the barrier.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The fierce beasts with wings like the Devil Fish swooped down, followed a huge green lotus.

With just a flash, the green lotus vanished.

At the same time, the fierce beast let out a low and miserably cry and disappeared into the fog.

“Stop chasing it! The mission is more important. It’s extremely dangerous in the Unknown Land. It’d be troublesome if we attract a horde of fierce beasts over...”

Swoosh!

Two cultivators landed on a boulder 300 meters in front of the ancient tree.

Since the visibility was very poor, Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe could only vaguely see the two cultivators’ figures.

“All we need to do is focus on finding the mystic life grass.”

“They’re too rare. After searching for so long, we only managed to find three...”

“The mystic life grass is key to restoring Birth Charts. We need to look for more. Take care not to alert the fierce beasts...”

Following that, the two cultivators flew forward and came to a stop only a few dozen meters away from Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe.

The two looked at the crater below.

One of them exclaimed in surprise, “Li Lis’ nest!”

The other one frowned as his nose twitched. “No, wait... Someone is here...”

Lu Zhou tensed slightly. He knew the other person must possess a keen sense of smell from a life heart.

“Could it be someone from the Qin clan?”

The person with a keen sense of smell replied, “It’s possible. I heard that the Young Master of the Qin clan’s Birth Charts were destroyed by someone. Perhaps, they’re also looking for the mystic life grass.”

The other person chuckled. “That Young Master Qin is used to acting domineering all the time. I wonder which expert did it. How satisfying. Apart from that, I heard one of the Four Great Ghost Servants of the Qin clan died as well. They claimed the ghost servant was killed by a fierce beast; they think no one knows...”

“Wait.” The other person’s nose continued to twitch as he slowly turned around.

It was hard to completely restrain one’s scent. Even if one died, there would still be a scent, or more accurately, a stench. Wherever one went, one would leave a residual scent behind.

At this time, the two cultivators turned to look at the tree where Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe were perched on. They could not see anything, but the scent in the air told them someone must be nearby.

“There are two scents: one is a light floral scent, which should belong to a woman, while the other is a slightly sour stench like that of sweat, which should belong to a man.”

Lu Zhou furrowed his brows. He lifted his sleeve and sniffed. ‘What stench?’

How could he have a stench! Cultivators hardly, if ever, sweat. Wait, on second thought, perhaps the stench came from the purities that were expelled from his body after he formed his second avatar.

“Hey, two of you better come out.”

Chapter 1139: Discovered

Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe were both concealed by the Purple Glazed Ceramic. Under normal circumstances, they would not have been discovered. However, who knew the other party would have a dog’s nose? They exchanged a glance before they tapped their feet lightly on the branch and flew out. The cold wind blew, causing their long hair to flutter in the air.

Lan Xihe hovered in the air, looking at the two cultivators calmly, while Lu Zhou hovered in the air on the left side.

Amidst the fierce and frosty wind and the sounds of flying beasts flapping their wings and the heavy footfalls of the fierce beasts on the ground, the two sides looked at each other vigilantly and sized each other up.

Most cultivators who came to the Unknown Land came with the purpose of searching for treasures. People died for treasures while the beasts died for food. This has been the truth since time immemorial. Apart from that, how could those who came to the Unknown Land and survive the harsh environment be a weakling?

The two cultivators looked at the man and the woman in front of them

The man standing on the left was dressed in a Daoist robe. He had a steady temperament, his eyes were deep, and his expression was calm. The woman standing next to him was not inferior either. Her expression was calm like a pool of still water. A hint of killing intent could even be seen in her eyes.

The two cultivators wondered why the pair of man and woman were hiding. In the end, they maintained their composure and did not panic. Since the duo did not make a move, they still had a chance to explain themselves and resolve this peacefully. Although the law of the jungle applied in most situations, it was not inflexible. There were no eternal enemies in the world.

One of the cultivators took the initiative to speak first. “May I ask for your names?”

Lu Zhou did not answer the question. Instead, he asked in return, “Are both of you from the green lotus domain?”

The two cultivators grew even more cautious. However, they did not lie.

“Yes,” the cultivator replied truthfully. After all, he had just manifested his avatar. “Are you here to look for the mystic life grass as well?”

Lu Zhou could naturally see that the two cultivators were wary. He said, “There’s no need to be nervous. I don’t care about a mere mystic life grass...”

As soon as Lu Zhou’s voice fell, the two cultivators exchanged a look.

‘This man can really f*cking act. Indeed, cultivators are all liars. Well, at least, it seems like they’re not going to commit daylight robbery...’

“Since you’re not looking for the mystic life grass, we have no conflict. I advise you to leave as soon as possible. After all, the Unknown Land is incredibly dangerous. Farewell.”

The two cultivators did not say much; they did not want to get into unnecessary trouble. Their goal was to look for the mystic life grass, after all, not killing people. After they finished speaking, they cupped their fists at Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe before they turned to leave.

“Hold on,” Lu Zhou called out, stopping them.

Lan Xihe glanced at Lu Zhou from the corners of her eyes. She did not expect Lu Zhou to be even calmer than her.

Lu Zhou recalled the two cultivators’ conversation earlier. They had spoken about the Young Master of the Qin clan and the Four Great Ghost Servants. Since he had already made an enemy out of the Qin clan, how could he let go of such an opportunity to learn more about his enemy? Thus, he asked, “What’s the background of the Young Master Qin you mentioned earlier?”

The two people were startled by Lu Zhou’s question. They turned around and hastily said, “We two brothers were only speaking nonsense earlier. It’s fine you overheard our conversation, but you can’t take it seriously.”

Lu Zhou stared at the two cultivators and said, “That child is so young, but he already has nine Birth Charts. The Qin clan also has Four Great Ghost Servants who are so powerful. All of them are so outstanding. I’ve been looking for him everywhere, but I couldn’t find him. Are you sure you don’t know anything?”

The two cultivators exchanged a look again. Based on Lu Zhou’s tone, it seemed unlikely that he was a member of the Qin clan. Therefore, one of them said with a hint of impatience, “Qin Moshang, the Young Master of the Qin clan, is a genius. He’s one of the best among the younger generation in the Qin clan. He’s also the successor that Venerable Master Qin thinks highly of. Many people know about this so you can ask around...”

Lu Zhou muttered, “Qin Moshang...”

“I heard that Qin Moshang and the ghost servant went to the Unknown Land half a year ago and were injured by the fierce beasts. One of them died, and one of them lost a Birth Chart. If you’ve been searching for him for a long time, you should know this...” the other cultivator said with a mocking smile. He was now certain Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe were not from the Qin clan.

“Of course, I know that.”

The two cultivators nodded. However, inwardly, they were cursing.

'If you already know about it, why would you ask? The more you talk, the more I feel you're looking for trouble!'

Following that, Lu Zhou said in a dark tone, "That brat tried to ambush me. He's lucky I only destroyed his Birth Chart."

"..."

The two cultivators were stunned. Thousands of thoughts and all kinds of speculations about the identity of the person in front of them flitted past their minds immediately. This was rather unbelievable and shocking!

Lan Xihe turned to look at Lu Zhou and said in surprise, "Pavilion Master Lu actually has connections with the people of the green lotus domain?"

Lu Zhou nodded but did not provide an explanation.

Lan Xihe suddenly felt the matter was quite interesting. Therefore, she only stood silently at the side and watched.

One of the cultivators said, "Are you joking? It's not wise to offend the Qin clan."

The other cultivator asked, "May I know your name, sir?"

He was really curious about this person who claimed to have destroyed Qin Moshang's Birth Chart but still remained unafraid of retribution from the Qin clan. He was sure the person in front of him must belong to a force far more formidable than the Qin clan so he wanted to know his name.

Lu Zhou looked at the two of them and did not answer the question.

Then, after exchanging a look, one of them said, "I'm Wei Jingye."

"I'm Wei Jiangnan."

Only then did Lu Zhou say, "My surname is Lu..."

"Lu?"

The two cultivators racked their brains but could recall any big shot with the surname Lu.

Lu Zhou took the initiative to say, "I'm not from the green lotus domain..."

As soon as these words fell, Wei Jingye and Wei Jiangnan retreated a few meters instantly as Primal Qi began to surge in the surroundings.

The atmosphere that had already calmed down suddenly turned a little tense.

At this time, Wei Jingye had already mobilized his energy.

On the other hand, Wei Jiangnan placed a hand on Wei Jingye's shoulder and said in a low voice, "Don't act rashly. We don't know if they're foes or friends yet. In fact, there are many things we still don't know..."

Wei Jingye nodded and withdrew the energy seals on his body.

Following that, Wei Jiangnan forced a smile on his face and said, "Since we're traveling on different paths, let's pretend our paths didn't intersect today. Farewell."

Swoosh!

At this moment, the dense fog in the sky suddenly parted. Following that, the fierce beast that looked like a Devil Fish dove from the sky with its maw opened. Its tail stirred up a violent wind at the same time.

Upon seeing this, Wei Jiangnan cried out, "Let's go!"

Whoosh!

The fierce beast blocked the duo's path with its wings, forcing them to move in front of Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe.

"Should we kill it?" Wei Jingye said.

"No, this beast king is too big. We won't be able to kill it in a short time. If we alarm the beast emperor in the depths of the forest, we won't be able to escape," Wei Jiangnan replied with a shook of his head.

Wuuu!

A low noise rang in the air as soon as Wei Jiangnan's words fell.

"It has alerted the others."

On the land below, the sounds of fierce beasts stampeding on the ground rang in the air. It sounded as though tens of thousands of horses were galloping at the same time.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The Devil Fish-like fierce beasts flapped its wings, and a fierce wind began to rage immediately.

"Astrolabe."

The duo raised their hands at the same time and held their green astrolabes up in front of them.

At this time, Lan Xihe said, "Pavilion Master Lu, we can't stay here any longer. Let's go. Otherwise, we won't make it in time..."

The runic passage in the depths of this place showed its great value at this moment. However, there was still a distance between this place and the runic passage.

Bang!

The enormous wings moved as fast as lightning as it struck the green astrolabes with an earth-shattering sound.

"This is bad!"

Wei Jingye and Wei Jiangnan's expressions turned solemn when they saw the fierce beasts from every direction gathering near them.

Lu Zhou looked at the beast king silently.

Wuuu!

The beast king turned around and swept its tail around. More than ten peaks were destroyed with just a sweep of its tail.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Rocks rolled down the mountains, stirring up a cloud of dust.

Lu Zhou remained unmoving.

On the other hand, Lan Xihe had already brought the Sun, Moon, and Star Wheel out, letting it revolve around her.

"The Sun, Moon, and Star Wheel?" Wei Jiangnan and Wei Jingye said in surprise.

Lan Xihe was slightly taken aback that the duo recognized the Sun, Moon, and Star Wheel.

Bang!

At this moment, Wei Jingye and Wei Jiangnan were pushed back by the huge force. They flew back in the air and arrived behind Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe. Then, they said, "Don't fight! Don't use energy seals as well..."

The duo knew about the rule of survival in this place. Human cultivators were like tender sheep amidst a pack of wolves in this place. Even if the wolf pack could not see them, as long as they made the slightest noise and attracted attention to themselves, they would end up in the wolves' bellies.

Chapter 1140: A Never-Seen-Before Astrolabe

Upon seeing the tail that seemed to flash with electricity, Lu Zhou frowned slightly. Without thinking, he struck with an ordinary Deadly Strike Card. A vortex appeared in his palm immediately.

Following that, a strange scene appeared.

The fog and vitality energy that were originally converging upward began to converge toward Lu Zhou's palm like a vortex that was spinning in the counterclockwise direction.

Subsequently, a golden palm seal that increased to the size of the sky flew out.

Boom!

The golden palm seal landed on the Devil Fish-like fierce beast. It let out a heart-wrenching cry as it fell from the sky.

At this moment, Lu Zhou leaped up. Unnamed in the form of a sword appeared in his hand, and a streak of blue light appeared as he slashed the sword across the fierce beast's chest. He moved his hand, and

the ink-color Fiend Monk's Hand Seal penetrated the fierce beast's chest before it pulled the life heart out of the fierce beast's chest.

The fierce beast was like a weak goshawk facing a terrifying monster as the palm seal ruthlessly tore the fierce beast's life heart out of its chest, causing people's hearts to shake in terror. The palm seal was sometimes golden, sometimes blue, and sometimes black.

Wei Jingye and Wei Jiangnan gulped and thought in unison, 'This... He's an expert!'

Lu Zhou's movements were fluid. He held the life heart and returned to Lan Xihe's side at lightning speed. Then, he said, "Let's go."

At the same time, the fierce beast continued falling from the sky.

In the cultivation world, the strongest ruled.

"Ding! Killed a target. Reward: 8,000 merit points."

"Senior, wait for me!" Wei Jiangnan and Wei Jiangye called out when they regained their senses. They followed Lu Zhou and Lan Xihe and flew away.

Using the Sun, Moon, and Star Wheel, Lan Xihe burst forth with speed and vanished before everyone's eyes.

Lu Zhou. "..."

Lu Zhou turned around and glanced at Wei Jiangnan and Wei Jingye who were chasing after him and said with a straight face, "I'll wait for you."

Wei Jiangnan and Wei Jingye called out as they quickly flew past Lu Zhou, "Thank you, senior."

Following that, the duo vanished without a trace as well.

Lu Zhou used the supreme mystic power and Di Jiang's ability. With that, his flying speed soared immediately. In just a blink of an eye, he overtook Wei Jiangnan and Wei Jingye.

When the duo saw Lu Zhou's astonishing speed, Wei Jiangnan transmitted his voice to Lu Zhou, "Senior."

Lu Zhou came to a halt and hovered in the air. He turned to look in the direction where the fierce beast was falling.

Boom!

The sound of the fierce beast hitting the ground rang in the air.

Wei Jiangnan and Wei Jingye instinctively stopped and turned around to look.

"It seems like the other beasts aren't following us..."

"That's right. We should be safe for now. Restrain your aura."

The duo hovered in the air as they restrained their auras. However, when they looked up and saw Lu Zhou standing with his hands resting on his back, they were reminded of the shocking palm strike

earlier. When there were no other noises from the distance, they bowed and said in unison, "Please forgive us brothers for being blind."

Lu Zhou looked at the two of them indifferently and asked, "Do you know why I'm here?"

The duo shook their heads. Whatever the reason Lu Zhou was here, they were sure it was not for the mystic life grass. Why would an expert personally come here just to dig up the mystic life grass?

"The Li Lis." Lu Zhou pointed at the Li Li's nest in the distance. "I'm looking for something that has something to do with the Li Lis."

"Senior Lu just saved us. If it's within our capabilities, we'll definitely do our best to help you," Wei Jiangnan tactfully said.

"Have you seen Lu Wu?"

'Lu Wu?'

The duo was shocked again; they knew Lu Wu was a beast emperor. In fact, they were not afraid of beast kings at all. They could easily kill beast kings in another place. However, this was the Unknown Land. Killing a beast king would cause a commotion. If they attracted the attention of a beast emperor, the consequences would be unimaginable.

"Lu Wu isn't here. Senior Lu must have come to the wrong place... It's said that Lu Wu was tamed by a mighty figure a long time ago and became a mount for that person. After that person fell, Lu Wu returned to the mountains, never to be seen again. Lu Wu's intelligence isn't inferior to humans' so it knows how to avoid humans' detection. Previously, there was a rumor that someone had seen traces of it near the eastern abyss of the Unknown Land. However, no one knew where it went..."

"The eastern abyss?" Lu Zhou furrowed his eyebrows.

"To fly from here to the east, one has to fly for at least five years without sleep and rest. This is based on someone who has 10 Birth Charts," Wei Jiangnan said.

To think that the Unknown Land was so vast.

Buzz!

Lan Xihe appeared near Lu Zhou at this moment. She looked in the direction where the beast king had fallen and understood what was going on immediately. She said in surprise, "The commotion didn't attract the fierce beasts to us?"

Wei Jiangnan said, "If I'm not mistaken, the beast king must have died before it even landed on the ground. Beast kings are all territorial. The fierce beasts there are only low to mid-rank fierce beasts. Since the beast king is dead, there's no reason for them to chase after us..."

The beast king had died with a palm strike as well so the commotion was contained and did not spread. It was a combination of good luck and the beast king's quick death that they did not attract much attention.

Lu Zhou looked at Wei Jingye and Wei Jiangnan with his hands on his back and said, "If you can help me with two things, I definitely won't mistreat you."

"Please speak, Senior Lu," Wei Jiangnan and Wei Jingye said in unison.

"First, find Lu Wu's whereabouts. Second, investigate Qin Moshang's situation. I'll give you talismans to contact me, and you can take your time to investigate these matters," Lu Zhou said.

Wei Jiangnan shook his head and said with an apologetic smile, "If we're discovered to possess talismans not from the green lotus domain, we'll be severely punished. Please forgive us. As for the second matter, I can tell you about it now..."

"Speak."

"After losing a Birth Chart, Qin Moshang returned to the Qin clan. I heard he was so angry that he fell ill for seven days... Then, for some reason, he seemed to have become enlightened. He went to Venerable Master Qin's place to cultivate in seclusion. He's petty and would seek revenge for the slightest grievances. If Senior Lu is the one who destroyed his Birth Chart, then Senior Lu has to be careful. Nevertheless, Venerable Master Qin is said to be someone who distinguishes right from wrong and is highly respected by others. With him around, Qin Moshang won't dare to act presumptuously," Wei Jiangnan said.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Rustling noises rang from the duo's bodies.

With this, Wei Jiangnan hurriedly bowed and said, "I'm sorry, but we have to report back now."

Lu Zhou said, "Report back?"

Wei Jiangnan sighed and said, "If we want to survive, we can only rely on others. If we had a choice, we wouldn't have risked our lives just to search for the mystic life grass."

"Alright, I've never been one to force others. Since you missed this opportunity, it can only be said that you have no fate with fortune," Lu Zhou said.

Wei Jiangnan was stunned by these words.

At the same time, Wei Jingye kept tugging at Wei Jiangnan's sleeve.

Wei Jiangnan was in a daze as he recalled Lu Zhou's palm strike and sword attack. Seeing Lu Zhou was about to leave, he hurriedly called out, "This junior has a request. I hope Senior Lu will agree to it."

Lu Zhou stopped his tracks and asked, "What is it?"

"I know this request is a bit excessive, but I'd like to see your astrolabe, Senior Lu," Wei Jiangnan said.

"As you wish."

Buzz!

Lu Zhou raised his hand. His supreme mystic power burst forth as a blue astrolabe appeared. The astrolabe was like a bright moon during a dark night, illuminating the world. The patterns on the astrolabe flashed dazzlingly. The astrolabe only expanded a few meters in diameters before it vanished.

‘Is it golden or blue?!’

Wei Jiangnan and Wei Jingye were stunned and confused. They had heard about the golden lotus domain, but they had never heard anything about a blue lotus domain.

At this time, even Lan Xihe wore a complex expression on her face as she looked at Lu Zhou.