

Disciples 1231

Chapter 1231: A Way to Increase the Speed

There was a lot of information and historical data that proved that the Unknown Land had many human activities. It was used as a place to train; it was an excellent place for cultivators to improve their strength. At the very least, green lotus cultivators, white lotus cultivators, and black lotus cultivators did this. The weaker golden lotus cultivators and yellow lotus cultivators did not have this privilege.

Kong Wen had investigated this ancient forest previously, and after listening to Kong Wen, Lu Zhou decided to activate his Birth Chart here. As long as he did not cause too big a commotion, no one would discover him even if he stayed here for eight to ten years. Moreover, with Lu Wu, whose strength was comparable to a Venerable Master, and him here, even Venerable Masters would suffer a great loss.

Everyone scattered and found places to cultivate and rest.

Mingshi Yin brought out two decent life hearts and passed them to Yu Zhenghai and the other to Yu Shangrong.

Without caring for place and time or if he would be interrupted, Yu Shangrong immediately absorbed the life heart.

Compared to the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, Kong Wen was not so bold. Instead, he held the life heart and looked at it admiringly as though he was dreaming. After confirming it was truly a life heart, he carefully put it away. Following that, he asked Yan Zhenluo for some talismans and put them at the periphery of the ancient forest.

Yan Zhenluo asked curiously, "What are they for?"

"Tracking..." Kong Wen said, "Tracking talismans can track the aura left behind by the target in the air, and they can also hide auras. However, when hiding auras, many forget the talismans leave auras of their own. Hence, I need to disguise the traces of the talismans..."

Yan Zhenluo nodded. "You're really skilled."

Kong Wen said with a smile, "Since the old sir treats me so well, it's natural for me to do my best for him."

"Are you interested in joining the Evil Sky Pavilion?" Yan Zhenluo asked carefully.

A delighted expression appeared on Kong Wen's face. If he could join the Evil Sky Pavilion, he would be at ease for the rest of his life. Just a strand of hair from Lu Zhou's leg was enough to protect him for half his life. Alas, there were so many experts in the Evil Sky Pavilion; even Lu Wu seemed to only serve as a foil. Hence, he was unsure of his chances.

"W-we... Are we qualified?"

"It depends on your future performance. However, I think there shouldn't be any problem," Yan Zhenluo said.

"Truly?" It was the first time Kong Wen was being praised, even if it was an indirect praise. He could not help but feel a little embarrassed.

Yan Zhenluo smiled and no longer said anything.

Meanwhile, Little Yuan'er and Conch chose to rest together near an ancient tree as well. Whizard was with them.

Mingshi Yin flew over and put down two bags. "Junior sisters, it's been hard on you. I'm going to have a look around now..."

Little Yuan'er nodded. "Oh. Thanks for your hard work, Fourth Senior Brother."

"Don't worry about it." Mingshi Yin yawned and stretched before he flew to the trees in the distance.

Conch said, "Master said not to go too far away, but Fourth Senior Brother is running around here and there..."

"It's fine. You'll get used to it. Fourth Senior Brother knows what he's doing so he'll be fine..." Little Yuan'er said as she pulled the bags over.

"What are these?"

A very faint red light was discernible through the bags.

"I don't know, but we'll know once I open it," Little Yuan'er said as she opened one of the bags.

A dark red ball rolled out.

The two girls looked at each other with widened eyes.

Little Yuan'er said curiously, "I don't remember master obtaining such a life heart..."

"Me too." Conch nodded.

Little Yuan'er picked up a branch and poked the egg before knocking it a few times. The sound it made was muffled.

Conch said, "I remember now! Master passed it to Fourth Senior Brother earlier!"

Little Yuan'er blinked her big eyes and said with a mischievous smile, "Then, it must be a treasure."

Then, Little Yuan'er threw the branch away, feeling more at ease, and poked the egg with her finger. There was no reaction as it continued emitting a faint dark red light so she poked harder.

Crack!

A tiny crack appeared on the phoenix egg.

Little Yuan'er and Conch looked at each other speechlessly.

'It's over! I broke it!'

"Ninth Senior Sister, it's an... egg...."

“An egg?” Little Yuan’er studied it carefully. Indeed, it was an egg, but it was several times bigger than an ordinary egg. The shell was black and emitted a dark red light. Then, she hurriedly stuffed it into her pocket and acted as though nothing had happened before she lay down and placed her head on the tree root. Without saying anything, she closed her eyes to rest.

“Ninth Senior Sister?” Conch was baffled. ‘What is she doing?’

When she regained her senses, she hurriedly closed her eyes like Little Yuan’er.

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The next morning.

It was still dark in the Unknown Land.

When Lu Zhou opened his eyes, one-third of the divine power had been recovered. Perhaps, he had used the divine power from his blue avatar as well, the recovery speed was slightly slower this time. Fortunately, with the Purple Glazed Ceramic, it was not too slow.

Then, he checked on his Birth Palace and nodded in satisfaction.

Activating a Birth Chart in the human region of the Birth Palace was truly easy. At this time, the life heart was already half-submerged. With this speed, it would take two days to enter the Birth Palace completely, then, it would take at most seven or ten days to absorb the lifespan.

It was also for these reasons he had asked everyone to rest in this place for ten days.

“The speed of activating the Birth Chart is still too slow. Just activating a Birth Chart in the human region takes ten days to half a month. I’ll have to think of a way to increase the speed... How about the Purple Glazed Ceramic?”

The Purple Glazed Ceramic could increase the speed of cultivation, perhaps, it could also speed up the process of activating Birth Charts.

“Let’s try it.”

Lu Zhou activated the Purple Glazed Ceramic before he guided its energy into his Birth Palace.

The energy that spilled out of the Purple Glazed Ceramic was like a clear current of water, flowing through his Eight Extraordinary Meridians and into his Dantian’s sea of Qi, which was the key to forming avatars. At this time, the energy tried entering the Birth Palace.

In a way, the Birth Palace was like the core of the Dantian’s sea of Qi. It was a vital and important place. This was why many people would not easily use their avatars and lotuses in combat even if their defenses were strong unless they had no choice.

“No?” Lu Zhou refused to accept this. He tried to urge the energy from the Purple Glazed Ceramic in Dantian’s sea of Qi again.

“Still a no?” After trying more than ten times, there was still no effect at all.

When Lu Zhou was about to give up, he suddenly saw his blue avatar. Then, after he moved it away, he saw the life heart in his Birth Palace was spinning twice as fast now.

“So that’s how it is...”

The blue avatar occupied his Dantian’s sea of Qi and blocked the flow of the energy.

When he was cultivating, he never noticed this problem. His problem with his Dantian’s sea of Qi freezing back then was also related to the blue avatar.

Now, with the help of the Purple Glazed Ceramic, the speed of activating the Birth Chart had increased quite a lot, but Lu Zhou thought it still was not enough.

He really needed to find a way to increase his speed. After all, he would have to soon consider his second Birth Trial.

Chapter 1232: The Divine Bird is Hatching

It was not a problem to activate his tenth Birth Chart in the human region of his Birth Palace using a beast king’s life heart. However, he would need better life hearts to activate Birth Charts in the earth and heaven region. After all, it would affect his strength significantly.

Lu Zhou thought about the Fire Phoenix.

The Fire Phoenix was known as the Immortal Bird. Did it really mean that it could not be killed? It was unlikely. After all, if it was truly immortal, there was no need for it to run away earlier and even abandon its child.

“It’s a pity... If I only I can obtain a divine beast’s life heart...” Lu Zhou shook his head. In any case, a beast emperor’s life heart was very good for now. He would think about divine beasts’ life hearts in the future.

Lu Zhou observed the changes in his Birth Palace. The rate it was sinking was not bad; it was better than he had expected. He nodded in satisfaction.

Taking advantage of his free time, Lu Zhou activated his power of hearing.

The closest ones were Little Yuan’er and Conch.

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“It won’t crack open, right? Conch whispered.

“It should be fine. I didn’t use much strength...”

“We didn’t know it’s not a life heart; life hearts are very strong...” Conch said.

“Should we tell master?” Little Yuan’er asked.

Crack!

A clear cracking that was more distinct than the one before rang from the bag.

The two girls looked at each other again.

Little Yuan'er opened the bag to have a look.

The crack that was like a strand of hair before now resembled a spider web.

"Ah!"

Little Yuan'er was really afraid the egg would crack open. If it broke, the consequences would be unimaginable. She hurriedly said, "Let's look for master."

Little Yuan'er no longer hesitated. She carried the bag and made her way toward an ancient tree not far away.

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At the same time, Lu Zhou cut off the power of hearing.

'This girl, what crack? What kind of trouble did she cause again?'

Lu Zhou leaped down from the ancient tree and left his lotus on the tree.

After waiting for a while, he saw Little Yuan'er and Conch walking over nervously with the bag.

When the two girls saw their master standing under the tree, they fell to their knees immediately.

"I admit to my mistake. I accidentally broke master's treasure!" Little Yuan'er said truthfully.

"Broke it?"

After telling Lu Zhou what happened, Little Yuan'er brought the phoenix egg out from the bag.

Lu Zhou looked at the phoenix egg with web-like cracks on it. He found it strange. How could a phoenix egg break so easily? There were many comprehensive records of fierce beasts in the ancient books, and their classifications, mammals and non-mammals alike, were similar to those on earth. The difference between the beasts here and the ones on earth was that the beasts here knew how to cultivate. Through cultivation, the fierce beasts' bones, meridians, hearts, and vital parts were much stronger than ordinary beasts. This should apply to their eggs or offspring as well.

Moreover, the egg was laid by a divine beast, the Fire Phoenix. Its toughness should not be any less than that of a heaven-grade weapon. There was no reason for it to break after being poked once.

"Alright. Don't worry. Let me have a look."

With that, the two ignorant girls accompanied the old man who pretended to know everything and looked at the egg. They surrounded the egg and studied it carefully.

Crack!

The cracking sound this time was louder than the previous two times, shocking the trio.

Little Yuan'er exclaimed, "Oh, it's hatching!"

Lu Zhou frowned. It did not make sense. He witnessed the Fire Phoenix laying the egg; how could it hatch so quickly? Was that not too fake? There was only one possibility: the Fire Phoenix had laid the egg a long time ago and was trying to protect it. However, the imbalance disrupted its plan. The appearance of the Equalizer frightened it, and it had no choice but to abandon its egg to lure the Equalizer away.

Lu Zhou nodded. 'So the strange noises it made before... Was it telling me to take care of its child? This... This seems like the only explanation...'

Lu Zhou rolled up his sleeve and pushed his hand out.

A lotus imbued with the divine power fell on the phoenix egg, and the egg absorbed the rich vitality energy.

After a short while...

Crack!

It cracked again!

"..."

'You're still cracking! It seems like it's really about to hatch...'

After thinking about it for a moment, Lu Zhou thought it would be inconvenient to carry a cracked egg around. Hence, he decided to help it hatch. He sent even more lotuses out, but he did not use too much divine power. Even then, it should be enough.

After two hours...

Kacha!

The top part of the shell flew away as a small red turkey-like bird popped its head out.

The trio could not look away from it.

"It's a turkey?"

"It's a Fire Phoenix," Lu Zhou corrected Little Yuan'er. Then, he flicked his sleeve.

The egg cracked open, revealing a very small Fire Phoenix. Its body was red, and only a few feathers on its tails were green. It looked much better than a chicken. Its feathers were longer, and it was more slender. It had a red phoenix crown that pointed at the sky. It wobbled as it took its first step out of the shells. Then, it began to chirp.

"Hello, little one." Little Yuan'er waved her hand.

The Fire Phoenix used its wings to support itself before it fell on the ground. It tried standing a few times and kept falling before it finally managed to find its footing.

Lu Zhou studied the little Fire Phoenix carefully. Apart from the lack of flames, it resembled the divine beast from before.

The little Fire Phoenix raised its head and took its first proper look at the world. Then, it suddenly spread its wings and squeaked before it pounced toward Little Yuan'er.

Little Yuan'er was startled. She hurriedly leaped up and hovered in midair. "Hey, hey, hey, I didn't mean to hurt you before this!"

The little Fire Phoenix spread its wing and flapped it clumsily as though it was preparing for battle. It had to be said that the fierce beasts' adaptability was very good. In less than 15 minutes, it was standing steadily and was no longer wobbling like before. Its wings' positions were also no longer awkward.

The little Fire Phoenix stared at Little Yuan'er, who was hovering in midair, before it flapped its wings. Just as it rose a few meters into the air, it suddenly fell headfirst.

Swoosh!

"..."

Conch looked at it helplessly.

The little Fire Phoenix quickly rose to its feet again and began to fly again, following its instincts.

"Master, what do we do now?" Little Yuan'er asked as they watched the little Fire Phoenix flying and falling.

Lu Zhou did not know what to do. He could only keep watch for now. However, he did not have much time to spare. In the end, he said, "Yuan'er, take care of it. If there are any changes, report to me immediately."

"Ah?" Little Yuan'er looked at the little Fire Phoenix that was still flying and falling. "Take care of it?"

Lu Zhou glanced at Little Yuan'er and said, "This little Fire Phoenix came from the Fire Phoenix, a divine beast, earlier..."

Recalling the magnificent scene of the Fire Phoenix soaring into the sky earlier, Little Yuan'er's eyes lit up. "So it'll become a divine beast in the future?"

"Maybe..." Lu Zhou was not too sure so he only answered ambiguously. After all, not all fierce beasts could turn into divine beasts. It could only be said that the little Fire Phoenix's genes were better so it had a higher probability of becoming a divine beast.

Little Yuan'er said happily. "Alright, I'll look after it!"

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "It's still young, but its features are quite distinct. Find a way to disguise it..."

After thinking for a while, Little Yuan'er said, "That's easy. I'll get to it!"

"Alright, you may leave."

Little Yuan'er flew toward the little Fire Phoenix and caught it in her hands.

The little Fire Phoenix squeaked and flapped its wings to struggle.

Conch. "..."

Little Yuan'er asked, "Junior sister, since you know the beast language, what is it saying?"

Conch shook her head, indicating that she did not know.

Little Yuan'er patted its wings and said, "Don't be afraid.. I'll take good care of you."

Chapter 1233: The Ancient Ruins of Transient City

After his two youngest disciples left, Lu Zhou leaped up and returned to the ancient tree.

"Hmm?" Lu Zhou discovered the life heart had already sunk completely, leaving the Birth Palace smooth. With this, he had entered the second stage of activating the Birth Chart. He checked the system panel and discovered his remaining lifespan had already started to decrease as well.

The process was much smoother than he had expected. All he had to do now was wait for the Birth Palace to absorb enough lifespan, and the activation of the Birth Chart would be complete.

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At the same time, outside of a white palace.

Lan Xihe looked at the blue sky, lost in her thoughts.

After a long time, a female attendant walked over. She bowed and said, "Master, the Sacred Hall has said the imbalance will only increase. Chaos has descended on the Unknown Land..."

"Did they discover anything unusual?"

"The Unknown Land is too vast. It's difficult for the people of the Sacred Hall to keep an eye on everything," the female attendant replied.

Lan Xihe sighed.

With the imbalance bringing chaos, it was indeed difficult to obtain information.

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Five days later.

Click!

A crisp sound rang in the air before Lu Zhou felt a surging energy in his Dantian's sea of Qi. He opened his eyes and saw his tenth Birth Chart flashing. He discovered his lotus seat seemed to have expanded a little as well. This meant that he could continue activating his Birth Chart.

After sensing his tenth Birth Chart, he brought his astrolabe, which was flashing with ten Birth Charts, out. The most dazzling one was his ninth Birth Chart; it was also his first Great Birth Chart. His ninth Birth Chart also came from Lu Wu's life heart.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction. After putting away his astrolabe and lotus, he leaped down. He had already started thinking about where he could activate his next Birth Chart.

Subsequently, Lu Zhou ordered everyone to gather.

Soon enough, everyone, except for Mingshi Yin, gathered in front of the ancient tree.

Little Yuan'er stood in front with the little Fire Phoenix and Conch.

The little Fire Phoenix's appearance seemed to have changed. Its tail was tied in a circle, and its feathers have changed completely.

Lu Zhou frowned, "This is the Fire Phoenix?"

"Master, no one will be able to recognize it now that I've dyed it! I've given this careful thought. I'll dye it again when we return!"

"..."

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion were even more speechless. If they did not know it was a Fire Phoenix, they would really think it was a little turkey from a common household.

Over the past few days, everyone had gone from being shocked to being acceptant and envious. It was very probable that when the little Fire Phoenix matured, it would not be any weaker than Lu Wu. Who would not be envious with such a beast? Moreover, the scene of the Fire Phoenix soaring the air and beating up the two Venerable Masters was still vivid in their minds. Hence, they were slightly speechless when they saw what Little Yuan'er had done.

Lu Zhou said, "Remember that this little Fire Phoenix has to be kept a secret. I won't let anyone who leaks this out off easily."

Everyone bowed.

At this moment, Kong Wen and his three brothers stepped forward and fell to their knees. Then, he said, "Old sir, I have a request."

"Speak."

"The four of us would like to join the Evil Sky Pavilion. I hope that you'll give us a chance," Kong Wen said without beating around the bush.

In fact, Lu Zhou felt that it was a little difficult for these four people to join the Evil Sky Pavilion. In terms of strength, they were not as good as Sun Mu and his brothers. However, their performance so far had been commendable. With this, he also realized he had to alter his recruitment strategy slightly. The recruitment should not be based on strength alone, but it should also be based on one's character.

Lu Zhou stroked his beard and examined the four people in front of him. "Are you sure you want to join the Evil Sky Pavilion?"

Kong Wen said, "I've spoken to Envoy Yan for a few nights now so I understand the rules. Moreover, we, brothers, have also thought about it very carefully. In order to show our sincerity, we'll give you this life heart."

Kong Wen then brought out the life heart that Lu Zhou had previously rewarded him with.

Lu Zhou was rather surprised by this. After all, Zhu Yan's life heart was that of a beast king.

Kong Wen continued to say, "I know that all of you are strong so the beast king's life heart will be useful to all of you. It's a bit of a waste for me to keep it."

Then, the four brothers bowed in unison. "Please accept this, old sir!"

Everyone nodded. Kong Wen and his brothers were much more sensible than Sun Mu and his brothers.

'Since they've shown so much respect, I'll return the favor.'

Lu Zhou stroked his beard and said, "How can I accept something that I've given away?"

"Ah?" Kong Wen grew slightly anxious. "Is the old sir unwilling to accept us?"

Lu Zhou shook his head. "Since you've thought it through, I'll allow you to join the Evil Sky Pavilion."

As soon as the four brothers heard these words, they fell into a daze.

Kong Wen had thought it was very unlikely that they would be accepted. After all, their cultivation was not high enough. Moreover, they were only skilled in one tracking technique. Over the past few days, he had learned from Yan Zhenluo that the Evil Sky Pavilion was very stringent. Therefore, he had been prepared to be rejected.

At this time, Yan Zhenluo reminded them, "What are you waiting for?"

Kong Wen regained his senses and led his brother to kowtow. "Pavilion Master, thank you!"

"Ding! Recruited four subordinates. Reward: 4,000 merit points."

Lu Zhou stroked his beard and nodded. "Rise to your feet."

"Understood."

After the four brothers stood up, Kong Wen said, "This life heart..."

Lu Li interjected, "Since the Pavilion Master gave it to you, you can keep it. We're not going to take it from you..."

Yan Zhenluo added, "Don't worry. The Evil Sky Pavilion doesn't lack these things."

Kong Wen scratched his head as the others smiled.

Perhaps, Kong Wen and his brothers had experienced many twists and turns in the Unknown Land and seen the ups and downs of human relationships so they were slightly taken aback by this scene. After a while, the four of them laughed along with the others. Their loyalty had increased greatly.

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Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction and said, "Alright. Let's get back to business. Is there a more suitable place in the Unknown Land to activate Birth Charts?"

"Pavilion Master, what do you mean?" Kong Wen did not understand Lu Zhou's intention.

“Little Yuan’er and Conch have sprouted their tenth leaf for a while now. Logically speaking, both of them should be the first to reach the Thousand Realms Whirling stage...” Lu Zhou said.

Realization dawned on Kong Wen. “In fact, there’s a really suitable palace.”

“Speak.”

“Humans used to live in the Unknown Land, but time has brought great changes to the place. Many things that were left behind by the ancient Saints have disappeared, but some are still around. About 5,000 kilometers to the west, near the heart of the Unknown Land, there’s a place called the Transient City. It’s an ancient city left behind by the Saints. It’s said that there’s ancient formation there that will increase the speed of cultivating and activating Birth Charts,” Kong Wen explained.

“There’s such an amazing place? Then, why doesn’t everyone go there?” Yan Zhenluo asked curiously.

Kong Wen shook his head. “There are naturally downsides as well. There are many fierce beasts there so ordinary cultivators can’t even hope to approach that place. On the other hand, Venerable Masters or those who are stronger are unable to cross the red line so how can they go there? They’d attract the Equalizers’ attention. However, since the imbalance has occurred, things are likely different...”

Lu Zhou nodded his head. The place fit his needs perfectly. Now that he had an enhanced Reduction Card, he was not afraid of Venerable Masters.

Moreover, Little Yuan’er and Conch successfully become Thousand Realms Whirling cultivators, they would be able to complete their apprenticeships, and as a result, he would be rewarded with special items that would be beneficial to him in the Unknown Land.

At this time, Lu Wu’s huge head descend from the sky. It asked, “You’re going... to the ruins of... Transient City?”

“You know about Transient City?” Lu Zhou raised his head and looked at Lu Wu.

“That place... is evil... It’s the holy land of ancient reptiles... Evil...” Lu Wu said.

Duanmu Sheng frowned and asked, “How many times have I told you to stop using reptiles to describe humans?”

“Young Master...”

“Don’t call me Young Master,” Duanmu Sheng said.

Lu Wu sighed. “I won’t... do it... again...”

Everyone laughed upon hearing these words.

Lu Zhou was not too bothered.. After all, he understood that humans and fierce beasts possessed different ways of thinking. After a while, he asked, “Have you been to Transient City?”

Chapter 1234: Great Migration

Lu Wu lifted its head proudly to look at the dark sky. It looked as though it was recalling some unpleasant memories as it said, "Master Duanmu went... there once... He lost... 1,000 years of life... there..."

"Lost 1,000 years of life there?" Duanmu Sheng frowned.

Kong Wen said, "Indeed, there are rumors about this. This place has its advantages, but it also has its disadvantages. It says that people age faster there. That's why it was given the name 'Transient City'."

"..."

Everyone exchanged a look. Little Yuan'er and Conch looked particularly concerned.

In the end, Little Yuan'er could no longer hold back and said, "Then, let's not go. I can break through to the Thousand Realms Whirling stage no matter where I am."

"Me too," Conch echoed Little Yuan'er's sentiment.

Lu Zhou looked at his two youngest disciples and said tonelessly, "Both of you have already sprouted the tenth leaf. It'd be very easy for you to break through to the Thousand Realms Whirling stage there. Moreover, there's even a chance for you to form the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar there and activate your second or even third Birth Charts there."

Yu Zhenghai asked with a smile, "Junior sisters, are you afraid of the pain?"

Yu Zhenghai could still recall the excruciating pain he experienced when he first formed the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. At that time, it took him several days to successfully form the avatar in the Southern Kingdom's Land of Chaos.

"Of course not!" Little Yuan'er said, "Let's go then!"

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The little Fire Phoenix flapped its wings and flew until it drew level with Little Yuan'er's height. Then, it opened its beaks widely, emitting a red light.

Little Yuan'er caught it in her hands and said, "Be good. I'll find you something delicious to eat later..."

Everyone. "..."

It was rather difficult to imagine, at this moment, that the little Fire Phoenix in front of them would be a divine beast in the future.

After a moment, Kong Wen continued to say, "In fact, this is a really good opportunity. Due to the strangeness of Transient City, we might be able to find ancient treasures. We might also run into one or two decent fierce beasts. With Pavilion Master's strength, it'd be easy to take them down."

At this time, Kong Wen had no doubts that Lu Zhou was a Venerable Master. With a Venerable Master leading them, victory was in their grasp. Even if they run into danger, a Venerable Master would be able to easily protect them and bring them away.

For example, Qin Renyue had brought the 49 Swordsmen away safely. Ye Zheng could have protected his men as well if he did not offend Lu Zhou and Lu Wu.

Lu Zhou nodded. "Alright. We'll rest here for another two days before we set off..."

Everyone bowed.

Then, Lu Wu looked at Lu Wu and asked, "Do you hate Ye Zheng very much?"

Lu Wu said, "Yes. I didn't escape, I would've... broken his bones... and skinned him... before killing him!"

After saying that, Lu Wu turned around and left. It was obvious that something unpleasant had transpired between it and Ye Zheng.

Duanmu Sheng bowed and said sheepishly, "Master, I'll teach it well..."

Lu Zhou studied Duanmu Sheng for a moment before he said, "It seems like you've improved a lot during this time..."

Duanmu Sheng was delighted by his master's praise. He said with a smile, "It's all thanks to master's guidance."

Lu Wu. "?"

Lu Zhou continued to say, "Continue to work hard. Also, I've already taught Lu Wu the Breaking the Formation technique so it could teach it to you. Remember not to slack..."

"Yes, master."

After saying that, Lu Zhou leaped back up onto the ancient tree.

Duanmu Sheng leaped onto Lu Wu's back and asked, "My master taught you the Breaking the Formation technique?"

Lu Wu turned slightly, wanting to look at Duanmu Sheng. When it could not see him, it sighed lightly before it said, "I'll teach you in the future."

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Yannan's Blessed Land.

Ye Zheng, who was soaking in a tub of steaming medicinal liquid, suddenly opened his eyes. A hint of joy could be seen in his eyes at this moment.

A disciple bowed and said, "Congratulations on becoming a Venerable Master again."

Ye Zheng manifested his astrolabe and looked at the 18 Birth Charts that lit up. Alas, their light was not bright enough.

Upon seeing this, the disciple said, "The elder has said that although you've returned to being a Venerable Master again, due to the Primal Qi storm, you lost quite a bit of strength. You'll need to cultivate for some time before you can return to your peak."

Ye Zheng remained silent for a moment. Then, he nodded and said, "I know what to do."

“The elder has also said there are three beast kings in the back mountain...”

Ye Zheng nodded before asking expressionlessly, “What else did he say?”

“He said that you have to seek revenge for the death of the disciples and the destruction of the 36 Big Dipper Flag Formation. He hopes that you’ll recover your strength as soon as possible...” the disciple replied.

Ye Zheng sighed and closed his eyes. His mind was filled with the image of the 36 Confucian scholars being roasted by fire. After a while, he asked, “Where are the four elders?”

“The four elders went to the Unknown Land to bring the Pillar of Impermanence back. Only the Pillar of Impermanence will be able to help you...”

Ye Zheng did not know what to say upon hearing these words.

Yannan had placed all their hopes on him, and yet, he failed to live up to their expectations.

“You may leave.”

“Understood.”

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After successfully activating his tenth Birth Chart, Lu Zhou could tell after sensing his Dantian’s sea of Qi that the improvement this time was not as significant as the Great Birth Chart. Nevertheless, it was not too bad.

The three regions, human; earth; and heaven, were further divided into twelve. Even after he had completely opened the heaven region, he would still have to return to the human region. Hence, it was all the same to him.

The activation of Birth Charts was first easy before it would turn difficult. The key point is to choose the life hearts carefully. There should not be duplicates of abilities and elementary life hearts should not be used in the heaven region to avoid wastage.

Following that, Lu Zhou used the power of sight. The situation in the golden lotus domain was normal apart from the bad weather so he decided to observe the red lotus domain.

Lu Zhou discovered that Si Wuya was preparing to sprout the tenth leaf.

Jiang Aijian had left Peng Island and was staying in the Sky Martial Academy. He even brought a bunch of swords and asked Wang Dachui to reforge them.

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Two days later.

Early in the morning.

The weather in the Unknown Land seemed to be calmer, but the darkness and the dark fog did not relent at all.

At this time, everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion had already gathered.

“Let’s go.”

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Everyone, including Whizard, leaped onto Lu Wu’s back.

Whizard particularly enjoyed the feeling of being carried.

Duanmu Sheng stood at the front, holding the Overlord Spear in his hand, as he said, “Lu Wu, it’s been hard on you this time.”

Meanwhile, Kong Wen and his brothers could hardly contain their excitement. Not even in their wildest dreams did they imagine they would be able to sit on a beast emperor’s back.

Lu Wu said arrogantly, “Sit tight!”

Boom!

Lu Wu stomped on the ground and leaped up into the black fog.

Everyone cried out in surprise, taken aback by Lu Wu’s terrifying speed.

Lu Wu deliberately showed off its strength. Every time it landed, it would not stop before it leaped up into the clouds again, crossing thousands of meters.

The journey that would normally take ten days to half a month would only take them two to three days due to Lu Wu’s speed.

During this time, Lu Zhou would use the Disguise Card and Concealment Card to maintain his disguise.

Halfway through the journey, Lu Zhou saw a terrifying number of beasts migrating. Their number was even more terrifying than what he had seen the first time he came to the Unknown Land.

The fierce beasts were all heading east.

“It’s been a long time since I saw such a large-scale migration...” Kong Wen said.

“Can migration really solve the problem of imbalance?” Lu Li asked as he looked at the fierce beasts heading east.

“I don’t know.” Kong Wen sighed. “Even Venerable Masters aren’t sure...”

“What happens if they don’t migrate?”

Everyone fell silent upon hearing these questions.

“There are many problems in the cultivation world. Imbalance isn’t the most difficult one. When chaos reaches its peak, peace will be restored. In comparison, the heaven and earth shackles are much more difficult to understand and solve,” Kong Wen replied with a smile.

Everyone nodded. Until now, no one has solved the mystery of the heaven and earth shackles.

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Three days later.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion were drawing close to the ruins of Transient City.

“Our journey is really smooth. We didn’t run into any human cultivators or powerful beast emperors.”

“Lu Wu is a beast emperor. Others would definitely avoid it. Moreover, the Unknown Land is vast. It’s not easy to meet other humans...”

At this time, Lu Wu said, “We’re about to arrive at Transient City.”

After a while, Lu Wu landed on the ground as agile and quiet as a cat.

Duanmu Sheng commented, “It’d be great if you’d be this quiet every time.”

Lu Wu. “...”

Mingshi Yin said with a smile, “Third Senior Brother, humans and beasts are different. They’re just like dogs. Every time they arrive at a new place, they have to make a fuss, letting everyone know their location. They’re declaring their territory!”

“Then, this time...” Duanmu Sheng scratched his head.

“This is Transient City. There are many natural treasures here; there might even be a beast emperor,” Kong Wen said, reminding everyone.

Everyone looked at the foggy area up ahead. It was like a barrier isolating Transient City from the rest of the Unknown Land.

Suddenly, a scream rang from Transient City.

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, a figure flew out from the direction of Transient City and landed on the ground. The figure was completely drenched in blood.

The person looked up and said in a panic, “No, don’t go there. Don’t go there!”

Lu Zhou frowned and said, “Why are you so afraid?”

The person panted heavily. “Monster. A never-seen-before monster!”

Lu Wu lowered its head and looked at the frightened cultivator.

If Lu Wu did not lower its head, its four limbs would be like pillars that towered into the sky.

At the moment Lu Wu lowered its head, the cultivator looked up and met its gaze. Then, his eyes rolled back and he fainted.

“...”

Mingshi Yin said, “He’s so timid, and yet, he dares to come here. He should stay at home and look after his children...”

Lu Zhou imbued a little divine power into the cultivator.

When the cultivator regained consciousness, he suddenly got up and rushed away without saying anything.

Suddenly...

Crash!

The sound of rocks falling rang from the ancient ruins of Transient City.

Chapter 1235: The Strange 'Monster'

Following the crashing noises, silence returned.

Everyone looked at each other; their expressions were grim.

Only Lu Zhou's expression remained the same. He stroked his beard and observed the surroundings before he silently recited the incantation for the power of hearing.

The sound of the rustling wind and grass within a kilometer entered his ears. Apart from the sound of the wind, Transient City was completely silent.

'Who cares what kind of monster it is? Let's just go and have a look...'

After cutting off the power of hearing, Lu Zhou rested his hands on his back and led the others into the ruins of Transient City.

When they stepped foot into Transient City, a strange sensation descended upon them. It was as though water was flowing around them. The Primal Qi was rich, and everything seemed to move faster.

Yu Shangrong tapped his toes lightly and flew to stand on a broken stone pillar in just a blink of an eye. He looked around before he said, "As expected of a holy land of cultivation..."

Yu Shangrong could already sense the rich Primal Qi that was gathering several times faster compared to other places.

Buzz!

Yu Shangrong manifested his golden halo. The eleven leaves surrounding the halo flew out one after another.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Following that, millions of energy swords flew around before they shot into the Longevity Sword.

Yu Shangrong's movements were smooth and skilled; they were at the peak of perfection.

Although Kong Wen had witnessed Yu Shangrong's skills before and did not doubt Yu Shangrong's strength, he still could not understand how a Hundred Tribulations Insight cultivator could be so strong.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sounds of huge rocks falling rang from up ahead again.

"There are movements..." Mingshi Yin said.

Yu Shangrong said with a smile, "I'll go and take a look."

Yu Shangrong moved gracefully as he flew. In just a few breaths, energy swords bloomed in the sky.

Lu Zhou's figure flashed and vanished as well.

With that, the others no longer hesitated. They flew out together.

Only Lu Wu lay on the ground, uninterested. After traveling for so long, it took advantage of Transient City's special environment to rest.

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Lu Zhou hovered in the sky and looked down.

Yu Shangrong put away his Longevity Sword and retreated to his master's side.

When everyone arrived, they saw a strange monster that struck fear into people's hearts.

The creature's body was dark and was about three to four meters tall. It had a humanoid form. It had a nose, a pair of eyes, and four limbs. Its eyes, however, resembled those of owls. The strange and most difficult thing to understand was the huge hole on its chest.

Little Yuan'er retreated behind Lu Zhou before she peeked out and asked, "W-what... What kind of fierce beast is this?"

The two sides looked at each other.

At this time, the information of the creature appeared before Lu Zhou's eyes.

Name: Gore

Identity: Void Chest tribe

Cultivation base: Thousand Realms Whirling

In fact, all this time, Lu Zhou had been feeling curious. Regardless of whether they were from the Foreign tribes or not, everyone he had met was classified as humans. Only Chen Zhu from the Triverso Tribe was different. After leaving Great Yan and visiting the red lotus domain, the black lotus domain, and the white lotus domain, it was the same; everyone was classified as humans regardless of tribes.

What was the Void Chest tribe?

Kong Wen, who was like a walking encyclopedia of fierce beasts, was stunned as well. After thinking for a moment, he said, "It's Void Chest tribesman."

"Void Chest Tribesman?"

Kong Wen gulped before he said, "A long time ago, like I said before, humans lived in the Unknown Land. The seasons changed, and there were sunrises and sunsets. Many species lived here at that time. Later, a disaster fell and some species gradually vanished. The Void Chest tribe was one of the Six Great Deformed Tribes."

"Six Great Deformed Tribes?"

“As you can see, despite being vaguely humanoid, they’re not humans at all. That’s why their tribes were called the Deformed Tribes. The Bowelless Tribe and the Odd Numbered Arms Tribe disappeared first; it’s said that they left the Unknown Land. Later, only the Three Bodies Tribe, Three Heads Tribe, One Hand Tribe, Void Chest Tribe were left. However, they were said to have gone extinct a long time ago...” Kong Wen said in disbelief.

Little Yuan’er closed her eyes and stopped looking at the creature with a hole for its chest. She was unwilling to even think about the other five Deformed Tribes that Kong Wen mentioned. Just from their names alone, she could already imagine how they looked. Having too rich of an imagination was not always a good thing. This was really not in line with her aesthetics.

Swoosh!

At this time, a thick and strong-looking stick flew in front of the 4-meter-tall ‘person’ with an empty chest. Then, the stick flew into the hole.

Following that, two other ‘people’ with holes for chests, who were shorter than the original one, ran out. They jumped up and flew forward, allowing the stick to enter the holes on their chest.

The trio looked like a skewer.

One of them said, “Leave Transient City.”

“Why?” Lu Zhou asked tonelessly.

‘This thing actually knows human language...’

“This isn’t a place you should stay,” Gore said hoarsely, “You’ve already taken everything you could take from the Unknown Land, what else do you want?”

Kong Wen explained in a low voice, “According to ancient records, the four remaining Great Deformed Tribes were ostracized by humans. Therefore, they should hate us, humans, very much...”

Lu Zhou was not surprised. Since they did not conform to the standards of human appearance, humans would naturally find their appearance hard to accept. Conversely, these tribes would also find humans’ appearance hard to accept. For example, these creatures from the Void Chest tribe likely found it disgusting that humans had solid chests.

Lu Zhou looked at the Void Chest tribesmen and asked, “Does this mean Transient City is your territory?”

Gore nodded.

Kong Wen immediately objected. “Nonsense! Transient City has always been independent. Moreover, 120,000 years ago, this place was occupied by humans. When did it ever belong to the Void Chest tribe?”

Gore looked at Kong Wen and said determinedly, “This place belongs to us now.”

These matters were common in the history on earth as well. For a city, blood could be shed, let alone Transient City that was the holy land of cultivation.

At this moment, another five or six tall Void Chest tribesmen ran over from the distance.

“Drive them out!”

The five ‘people’ straightened their backs before the hollow parts of their chests lit up.

“Birth Chart Power?”

Subsequently, five beams of light shot toward the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

Lu Zhou raised his hand and manifested his astrolabe.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The astrolabe with a diameter of 100 meters shone with a golden light and blocked the five beams of light.

Gore, who was standing the closest to them, suddenly spun around.

The two smaller Void Chest tribesmen suddenly flew out from the stick that joined them like a cannonball. They bared their fangs and brandished their claws as they pounced over.

“I’ll deal with them!” Duanmu Sheng held the Overlord Spear upside down as the purple dragons glowed on his arms again. His eyes flashed as he rushed out.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Duanmu Sheng thrust the Overlord Spear out at the small Guanxiong tribesmen.

All of a sudden, the holes on the two small Void Chest tribesmen’s chests shot two waves of energy out.

Boom! Boom!

Everyone retreated.

Duanmu Sheng tightened his grip on his spear. At this time, he emitted a dark aura from his body; it was as though he had become a different person. He hovered in the air, completely unaffected by the explosions.

Gore raised his head. “Demon?!”

Once he emitted the dark aura, Duanmu Sheng’s movements became unrestrained. The Overlord Spear grew in size as the two purple dragons shot out and twined around its shaft. He continued to attack Gore relentlessly.

Bang!

The energy spears hit the Void Chest tribesman with a loud bang, causing sparks to fly in all directions.

“Amazing!” Everyone was filled with praise.

At this time, Mingshi Yin moved to Kong Wen’s side and asked in a low voice, “What are the weaknesses of these creatures?”

Kong Wen shook his head and said, "I don't know. However, I know that they can release very strong explosions like you saw earlier. Also, they can release an incredibly corrosive poison..."

Duanmu Sheng and Gore continued to fight fiercely for hundreds of rounds, but they seemed to be evenly matched.

"Thousand Waves!" Duanmu Sheng continued to advance. At this time, he brought his Overlord Spear down heavily on Gore's shoulder, smashing half of Gore's body into the ground. His sturdy body and powerful defenses made the others gasp in admiration.

At this moment, the five tall Void Chest tribesmen suddenly leaped over and surrounded Duanmu Sheng.

Chapter 1236: Breaking the Formation and Fatal Points

The Overlord Spear in Duanmu Sheng's hand expanded several times in size. The two purple dragons swam back and forth along the Overlord Spear.

The fierce beasts hidden in the corners were frightened and fled in a hurry.

Although Duanmu Sheng was fighting the six Void Chest tribesmen alone, he was not at a disadvantage at all.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong did not immediately step forward to watch. Instead, they hovered in the air and watched.

In a way, this could be considered a test for Duanmu Sheng. No one in the Evil Sky Pavilion was more hardworking than him; it was unfortunate that diligence was far from enough. Compared to Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai, his actual combat experience was too little. After all, real battles were usually life-or-death battles.

"Scorching Field Hundred Strikes!" The longer Duanmu Sheng fought, the bolder he became. He did not retreat from his opponents' terrifying defenses. Instead, he increased the force of his attacks.

"Thousand waves!" Duanmu Sheng stabbed at Gore's abdomen. The energy spears increased in numbers, and they attacked violently like a storm.

They were so dazzling that the others sighed in admiration.

"T-third Senior Brother, aren't you tired?" Little Yuan'er asked as she tentatively poked her head out from behind Lu Zhou. The little Fire Phoenix that was standing on her shoulder peeked out as well, mirroring her movements.

Yu Shangrong turned around and said with a faint smile, "Third Junior Brother had been practicing his spear techniques with the four elders all year around. Moreover, Elder Hua's defenses have increased greatly after master bestowed him the Square Box. In terms of experiences with attacking opponents with such high defenses, even I am inferior to him..."

Yu Zhenghai also nodded and said, "You're right. I didn't expect Third Junior Brother to improve so quickly over such a short time."

Little Yuan 'er looked at the battle and asked tentatively, "Then, can Third Senior win this battle?"

"This..."

Although Duanmu Sheng was not at a disadvantage, it was extraordinarily difficult to defeat these five or six Void Chest tribesmen.

Bang!

Duanmu Sheng leaped into the air at this time. The purple dragons continued to swim around the Overlord Spear as he spun 180 degrees before he swooped down.

"Imperfect Divine Intervention." The energy spears seemed to gain corporeal forms as they gathered and shot toward the head of one of the Void Chest tribesmen.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The series of energy spears landed, pressing the Void Chest tribesman's body half into the ground.

At the same time, the other Void Chest tribesmen took advantage of this moment to surround and attack.

With this, Duanmu Sheng swung his Overlord Spear horizontally, sweeping the Void Chest tribesmen away.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The five Void Chest tribesmen retreated in the air. As soon as they retreated, the void on their chests shone again.

At this time, Lu Zhou leaped up and rose into the air as Unnamed in the form of a sword appeared in his hand.

"Insight Card."

This was the best time to use the Insight Card. Not only could he see the weaknesses of the Void Chest Tribesmen, but their weaknesses would be made obvious to him.

As expected, a red dot appeared three inches below the armpits of the Void Chest tribesmen. There were two to three red dots directly under the armpits as well.

Lu Zhou flew over. "Retreat."

Duanmu Sheng obediently retreated.

At this time, five pillars of light shot out from the five Void Chest tribesmen's chests.

Unnamed instantly turned into a shield and blocked all five pillars of light.

After Duanmu Sheng returned to normal, he said, "Master, give me a little more time. I'll definitely find their weaknesses."

Lu Zhou shook his head. "It's not that I don't trust you, but there's no need to waste time on them."

Swoosh!

Unnamed transformed into a spear from the shield.

“Watch carefully.”

Unnamed in the form of a spear was 30 meters long. It shone with a bright golden light. It looked as though Lu Zhou was holding a golden dragon in his hand.

Soon enough, streaks of golden light shot out and pierced the six Void Chest tribesmen.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The energy spears were even more dazzling than Duanmu Sheng’s energy spears.

“Spear technique!”

“Master rarely uses spear techniques. I didn’t expect that he’s so highly skilled in spear techniques as well.”

Lu Zhou’s spear technique was truly a sight to behold. The energy spears looked as though a thousand houses had lit up at the same time. They looked majestic as they swept out, looking like soldiers that Lu Zhou had sent onto the battlefield. Each of the energy spears accurately pierced three inches below the armpits of the Void Chest tribesmen; each of the energy spears was like a lightning bolt.

The Void Chest tribesmen did not expect the old man in front of them to be so fast. All of them wore shocked expressions on their faces.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The Void Chest tribesmen, including the one who had sunk half into the ground, were all pierced and sent flying by the energy spears.

Lu Zhou suddenly stopped moving. He turned around and raised the spear with one hand before he thrust it out at 4 degrees.

Bang!

The spear accurately pierced three inches below the armpit of one of the Void Chest tribesmen that were falling from the sky.

The battle ended with the Void Chest tribesmen sprawled on the ground.

Silence returned to Transient City again.

The people seemed to be used to such a scene despite being in awe. Lu Zhou’s display this time was not as fierce as the ones that seemed capable of destroying the world. Nevertheless, it did not take away from his skills and still looked magnificent. Every move was precise; there was no unnecessary movement at all. It was truly breathtaking.

At this time, Lu Zhou asked Duanmu Sheng, “Did you have a good look? That spear technique is called Breaking the Formation.”

Duanmu Sheng nodded happily. "Thank you, master."

After a short silence, Kong Wen took the lead to clap.

The abrupt and lonely applause pulled everyone back to their senses.

Kong Wen smiled sheepishly as he looked at Yan Zhenluo and said, "I'm sorry. I really couldn't help but clap..."

Crack!

One of the Void Chest tribesmen crumbled like rocks.

"Ding! Killed a Thousand Realms Whirling Void Chest tribesmen. Reward: 3, 500 merit points. Domain bonus: 1,500 merit points. Species bonus: 1,000 merit points."

Lu Zhou frowned, perplexed. He was familiar with domain bonuses, but what were species bonuses? Fierce beasts were another species as well, but he was not rewarded with species bonuses after killing fierce beasts. He thought the system's judgment and logic did not make sense.

Crack!

The Void Chest tribesmen crumbled like rocks one after another.

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Lu Zhou shrugged. Regardless, it was a good thing to be rewarded. Killing the Void Chest tribesmen made up for 30,000 merit points he used to buy the Insight Card.

At this time, only one Void Chest tribesman was still alive; even then, he was on the brink of death. He was still shocked that the old man before him had easily pierced the Void Chest tribe's high defenses.

Meanwhile, everyone rushed over and crowded around the last Void Chest tribesman. They looked at it and clicked their tongues in wonder.

"How's he human? He's clearly a monster..."

They looked at the crumbled Void Chest tribesmen. The surfaces on their bodies were like those of rocks. Their internal organs and blood were green. Despite crumbling, there was very little blood. It looked more like lumps of dried earth.

Lu Zhou casually waved his hand, withdrawing the last energy spear that was lodged in the Void Chest tribesman who was still alive.

Boom!

The Void Chest tribesmen fell to the floor, still alive.

The people from the Evil Sky Pavilion drew closer.

“Master, how did you break their defenses?”

“Their fatal points lie three inches below their armpits. They don’t have avatars or Birth Charts,” Lu Zhou said as he stroked his beard.

“Since their weaknesses lie three inches under the armpits, does this mean we can kill them easily as long as we can pierce their fatal points?” Mingshi Yin asked curiously.

Lu Zhou shook his head. “Heaven is fair. When I was fighting them, I discovered they had many fatal points. However, their defenses are extremely high so it’s not easy to pierce them. Moreover, they have more than one fatal point. Look here...”

Lu Zhou pointed at the armpit of the Void Chest tribesmen who was on his last breath before he continued to say, “Every three inches, there would be a fatal point. He has four fatal points in total...”

Upon hearing these words, the Void Chest tribesman widened his eyes in fear as he stared at Lu Zhou like he was staring at a monster.

Chapter 1237: Lifespan

“I remember now!” Kong Wen smacked his thigh and said, “Pavilion Master’s words are similar to what I’ve read!”

Little Yuan’er rolled her eyes. “Can you lower your voice? You scared me!”

“Sorry, sorry, I couldn’t help myself.” In Kong Wen’s eyes, Lu Zhou was growing even more powerful.

“These fatal points are like the Birth Charts of cultivators. You have to destroy all the fatal points before you can kill them. Look there are patterns here. It’s as master has said; there are vague marks every three inches...” Mingshi Yin said as he used his Separation Hook to move the Void Chest tribesman’s arms up to reveal his armpit.

Everyone saw four small vague circles under the Void Chest tribesman’s armpit. The sizes were not regular, but they were all within three inches of each other.

“Amazing! Mr. Fourth, you’re really astute!” Kong Wen said as he cupped his fists together at Mingshi Yin.

“It’s nothing. I’m a knowledgeable person, after all,” Mingshi Yin said as he patted Kong Wen’s shoulder. Then, he pointed at Kong Wen and said, “I noticed that you’re rather interesting. I like honest people like you the most. Do you want to see my weapon? It’s called the Separation Hook. With the help of the Sky Martial Academy, it had been forged with three fire spirit stones for 15 days. It’s been purified with fire and forged with 300 kilograms of refined iron. What do you think? Don’t you think it’s beautiful?”

“Indeed, it’s beautiful!” Kong Wen exclaimed.

“Look at the patterns? Don’t they look cool? Look here. The hook’s blade is the essence of the hook! You can touch it...”

“...”

Everyone shook their heads speechlessly. Mingshi Yin was showing off again.

At this time, Gore, the last Void Tribesman, asked fearfully, “W-who are you?”

Lu Zhou looked down at Gore who was lying on the ground and said, “This isn’t where you should be...”

“Why?”

“The time flow in Transient City is much faster compared to the outside world. You don’t have Birth Charts so if you continue staying here, you won’t live long,” Lu Zhou said.

Gore’s words seemed to be stuck in his throat. After a while, he finally said, seemingly resigned to his fate, “Is that so...”

Lu Zhou asked, “How long have you been here?”

Gore did not respond to Lu Zhou’s question. He could feel his life draining out of him, and the speed was getting faster and faster as well. Green blood was flowing out of his fatal points.

“Aren’t you going to answer my questions?” Lu Zhou looked at Gore.

There were definitely more Void Chest tribesmen in Transient City.

“3... 300 years ago...” Gore replied.

“300 years ago... There’s no reason you’re unaware of this. It seems like in order to improve your cultivation, you’re willing to sacrifice your lifespans...” Lu Zhou said.

As the saying went, ‘Fortune favors the bold’.

There were many kinds of people in this world; some would spend money to buy lives while some would use their lives to earn money.

At this moment, Gore’s eyes widened suddenly as blood flowed out even more rapidly than before from his fatal points. Following that, he stiffened before he crumbled.

“Ding! Killed a Thousand Realms Whirling Void Chest Tribesman. Reward: 3, 500 merit points. Domain bonus: 1,500 merit points. Species bonus: 1,000 merit points.”

Lu Zhou checked his merit points.

Remaining merit points: 111,760

“He died just like that?” Little Yuan’er walked over timidly. Still feeling a bit disgusted, she ran to the back again.

“Continue moving forward,” Lu Zhou said.

Everyone followed Lu Zhou and made their way to the depths of Transient City.

As they ventured further into the city, they saw towering ancient trees with exaggerated branches and vines and skeletons scattered all over the place.

The fierce beasts that occasionally fled past them were much larger compared to the ones outside as well.

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At the same time, four people arrived at the other side of Transient City. All of them were old men with white hair. Two of them were dressed in gray robes, and the other two were dressed in black robes.

"We've arrived at Transient City."

The other three old men nodded and looked at Transient City.

"120,000 years ago, Transient City was the holy land of cultivation in the Unknown Land. Every year, many cultivators would come here to train and increase their strength. Every 30,000 years, before the Great Void Seed matured, Transient City would be even livelier. Now, there aren't too many people who would come to Transient City..."

"Let's be careful and avoid the powerful fierce beasts."

"That'll depend on how strong the fierce beasts are. If they're weaker than beast emperors, we can take them down. During our journey here, we encountered so many beast kings that my hands have already begun to itch..."

The four elders chuckled. However, after a moment, they sighed.

"To think that someone managed to destroy Venerable Master Ye's Birth Chart... If he didn't manage to escape in time, I'm afraid the Ye clan would've lost its light. Our mission this time is of utmost importance..."

"Ye Zheng has always been stubborn and unwilling to listen to our advice. I hope that the deaths of the 36 disciples and the destruction of the 36 Big Dipper Flag Formation will teach him a lesson..."

"Let's just focus on the Pillar of Impermanence for now."

"I have a sacred object here that has 5,000 years of life. It should be enough to take out the Pillar of Impermanence."

"Alright."

The four elders nodded before they rushed into the darkness toward the Pillar of Impermanence.

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Although Lu Zhou and the others did not move particularly past, it did not take long before they entered the depths of Transient City. During their journey, they did not meet any other Void Chest tribesmen.

As they moved deeper and deeper into the city, Lu Zhou suddenly raised his hand and said, "Stop."

Everyone was puzzled.

“Master, what’s wrong?”

“The flow of time has increased,” Lu Zhou said. He looked at his lifespan on the system interface and discovered it would decrease by a day every once in a while.

The difference of one or two days was very difficult for most people to detect. After all, all of them had long lives.

“The time is flowing faster?” Ming Shiyin ran out before he smacked his hand on the ground.

Vines began to grow at a speed visible to the naked eye.

Then, Mingshi Yin retreated further back before he grew the vines again to check their growth rate. It was really a beat slower.

Mingshi Yin frowned. “Master, the flow of time...”

“Only Venerable Masters can control the flow of time. Slowing down and speeding up time are the power of the Dao. Transient City is absorbing our lifespans...”

“Absorbing our lifespan?”

Everyone was surprised.

Little Yuan’er hurriedly touched her cheek. Fortunately, everything felt normal. She patted her chest, trying to calm down. It would not be ideal if she had aged.

“This Transient City... It’s very aptly named...”

“In fact, this place didn’t have a name. Due to its characteristic, the human cultivators who came here named it as such...”

Mingshi Yin pointed up ahead and said, “If we go any further, the absorption rate would double. Master, what should we do now?”

‘This is like a dead end. Going in is no different from suicide...’ Lu Zhou stroked his beard as he fell deep into his thoughts. The loss of some years was not completely unacceptable; great opportunities would come with sacrifices.

Chapter 1238: The Master of Transient City

Lu Zhou was not in a hurry to make a decision. After all, this matter involved everyone’s lifespan, and they needed to consider it themselves.

Everyone’s talent was different, and not everyone would benefit from this. Some of them might lose some of their lifespans without gaining anything in return from the ruins of Transient City.

Lu Zhou turned around to look at the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion and said, “I won’t talk about the benefits and disadvantages of moving ahead. Whether you choose to move forward or stay behind, I won’t blame you for your choices...”

It had been a long time since Lu Zhou had spoken so seriously. After all, Transient City was filled with uncertainties. He needed to be responsible for everyone. However, losing years of life by cultivating in the heart of Transient City would undoubtedly bring great benefits.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong rushed to Lu Zhou's side without any hesitation.

"How can I not be present?" Mingshi Yin said with a smile before he walked over with Qiong Qi.

"It's just losing a little of our lifespans..." Kong Wen said as he looked at his three brothers. Then, the four of them walked toward Lu Zhou without any hesitation. Their general cultivation bases were around the Four Chart Thousand Realms Whirling stage so they had about 4,600 years of life.

Initially, Little Yuan'er and Conch were hesitating. However, when they saw their master and senior brothers boldly walking ahead, they followed suit. After all, what was there to be afraid of when their master and senior brothers were present?

Yan Zhenluo said with a smile, "Let's go, Old Lu."

Lu Li said, "Well..."

"I almost forgot. You only have five Birth Charts, and you're injured as well. It's best if you stay with Lu Wu. Lu Wu is as strong as a Venerable Master so you'll definitely be safe if you stay next to it..."

Upon hearing Yan Zhenluo's provocative words, Lu Li, who was hesitating slightly, said, "I almost died before this. Living another day is already a gift in itself. What's there to be afraid of?"

Lu Li walked over.

Yan Zhenluo no longer said anything. He patted Lu Li's shoulder before walking toward the others.

"It is not a matter of life and death. Don't make it sound so serious," Mingshi Yin said with a smile.

Lu Zhou stroked his beard and looked at Lu Li before he said, "Show me your Birth Palace."

Lu Li nodded and manifested his lotus.

Everyone looked over.

In the Black Lotus seat, five Birth Charts could vaguely be seen. Lu Li was clearly recovering. However, his Birth Palace could clearly only hold five Birth charts. There was no room for him to activate another Birth Chart.

Similar to astrolabes, one could manipulate the size of one's lotus as well. However, it would not affect one's Birth Palace. As the lotus grew, the regions on the Birth Palace would grow accordingly as well. In other words, one would not be able to activate more Birth Charts just by manipulating the size of one's lotus.

Lu Li's Birth Palace could only hold five Birth Charts. This was the limit of his cultivation base, and he would stay in this realm for the rest of his life.

Lu Zhou said, "The Great Void energy can raise your limit. You don't have to worry too much..."

Lu Li nodded. He did not have much hope previously. After all, many powerful warriors had participated in the previous Great Void Expedition; many of them had fallen, but none of them had been blessed with the Great Void energy. How could he have any thoughts about the Great Void energy? However, he saw a glimmer of hope now after listening to his ancestor's words.

At this time, Mingshi Yin asked curiously, "Based on the looks of things, the Unknown Land is much more dangerous than rumored. The heart of the Unknown Land must be even more dangerous. Back then, the strongest person who participated in the Great Void Expedition was Lan Xihe with 13 Birth Charts. How did they deal with the dangers then?"

"The Great Void Expedition?" Kong Wen was confused.

"Isn't there anything like it in the green lotus domain?"

Kong Wen shook his head.

It seemed like only the black lotus domain and the white lotus domain had such plans. As for Ji Tiandao, he should have come to the Unknown Land alone without forming a team.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion continued moving forward until they arrived in a ruins in Transient City.

The buildings here were even more damaged than those they had seen so far. All kinds of incomprehensible symbols were carved on the walls of the buildings.

Yan Zhenluo flew up to the top of a towering pillar and looked around. "It does look like a place where humans used to live."

"There must be something with these ruins. This place has existed for such a long time, but the buildings haven't crumbled into dust...."

The terrain of Transient City was on the lower side. It was surrounded by mountains and forests so there was hardly any wind blowing in.

Upon closer inspection, one would see that the symbols on the walls formed a picture of mountains and rivers from perhaps, over 100,000 years ago.

Kong Wen moved to an empty place and scattered a large number of tracking talismans. Soon after, he said, "To the left."

Everyone moved left and traveled for about 5,000 meters before they saw several Void Chest tribesmen on the ground.

Kong Wen leaped forward and checked on the Void Chest tribesmen before he said, "Pavilion Master, they're all dead."

The corpses on the ground had crumbled, and what were left were riddled with holes.

Mingshi Yin rode on Qiong Qi and flew around. Shortly after, he called out, "There are a few of them here as well! They're also dead!"

The others expanded their search area.

“There are so many corpses of the Void Chest tribesmen. There are... about 500 of them...”

Everyone inhaled deeply before they looked at Lu Zhou. All of them were slightly worried about this.

Just as Lu Zhou was about to activate his Heavenly Writing Power to observe the surroundings, the faint sound of fighting rang from up ahead.

Lu Zhou took the lead and flew into the air.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The others followed suit.

Soon enough, they saw more than ten Void Chest tribesmen and dozens of human cultivators fleeing in fear.

The Void Chest tribesmen fled in groups of three; the bigger ones would carry the smaller ones as they leaped away like frogs.

On the other hand, the human cultivators supported each other and flew away. Their bodies were drenched in blood.

Both the human cultivators and Void Chest tribesmen shared the same expression: fear.

A sharp screech that sounded as though it belonged to a witch suddenly rang in the air, forming a soundwave that chased away the human cultivators and the Void Chest tribesmen. All of them were frightened out of their wits.

Lu Zhou imbued the divine power into his hand and grabbed one of the fleeing cultivators before he asked, “What’s happening?”

“The master... The master of Transient City... The master of Transient City...” the man muttered repeatedly.

Lu Zhou let the man go.

Once the man was freed, he fled without looking back.

Another screech rang in the air; it was much sharper than before.

Yan Zhenluo and Lu Li frowned as they covered their ears.

Kong Wen and his three brothers stepped 100 meters away and stood in front of Lu Li.

The others who were unaffected looked at Yan Zhenluo, Lu Li, Kong Wen, and his three brothers curiously.

Kong Wen’s expression was grim as he looked in the direction of the commotion and said, “Yong He...”

Lu Li exclaimed in surprise, “Yong He? It’s skilled in mental attacks, right?”

“That’s right. Yong He can see through human weaknesses and release formidable negative energy to intimidate and attack. People with weak will lose themselves and their minds...” Kong Wen said.

“Yong He’s earlier cries were likely only to intimidate. It’ll heighten humans’ fears as well. It probably doesn’t intend to start killing yet...”

After the two cries, silence returned.

Lu Zhou stroked his beard and said indifferently, “I want to see how powerful this fierce beast is...”

As soon as Lu Zhou’s voice fell, four figures could be faintly seen in the distance.

Lu Zhou glanced at them and said, “Follow closely.”

Everyone followed Lu Zhou.

Kong Wen flew over decisively as well.

Lu Zhou led everyone and flew to the sky above the heart of Transient City.

As they looked down from the sky, they saw a square building that looked like a mausoleum. It was covered with vines and branches and shrouded in green fog. This also seemed to be the place where the sharp cries had come from.

“Yong He should be in the mausoleum... How strange. When did a mausoleum appear in Transient City?”

“Have you been here before?” Mingshi Yin asked.

“Uh, no... But I’ve heard many things about this place...” Kong Wen said.

In the horizon 1,000 meters away, the four vague figures grew more and more distinct.

Four old men, two dressed in black and two dressed in gray, faced Lu Zhou and the others. They were calm, silently observing Lu Zhou and the others.

Lu Zhou broke the silence first. “Who are you?”

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“I’m Ye Wei. These three are my companions.”

It was slightly unexpected that the old man had answered the question.

Lu Zhou stroked his beard and nodded. His expression remained the same as he continued to ask, “Why are you here?”

Ye Wei found this quite infuriating. He had thought his name would have an intimidating effect, but there was no reaction from the other party at all. Hence, he asked in a louder voice, “May I ask why you came to Transient City, old friend?”

Both sides were trying to probe each side’s intentions. This was important, after all. If there was a conflict of interests, then it meant that things could get troublesome. If there was no conflict, perhaps, they could briefly work together. They could stay out of each other’s way after that. Nevertheless, both sides would not easily reveal their intentions.

Lu Zhou said, “You should leave. This isn’t a place for you to stay.”

Lu Zhou did not think the other side could deal with Yong He that had scared away a large number of cultivators and Void Chest tribesmen. Those four people did not look like Venerable Masters, and Yong He was most likely a beast emperor.

Ye Wei chuckled and said, "Old friend, why do you say that?"

"This place is very dangerous," Lu Zhou bluntly replied.

"Dangerous?" Ye Wei continued to smile and said, "To tell you the truth, the four of us flew for half a month to Transient City to take something away..."

"Take something away?"

'What could be here in Transient City? All the treasures here should've been looted in the past 120,000 years... Moreover, the Venerable Masters of the past were not fools. Why would they leave treasures here?'

Ye Wei smiled. "Yes. Don't worry, we don't want anything else..."

"Alright..." Lu Zhou made a gesture of inviting them.

The four elders exchanged a look and did not move, worried Lu Zhou would stab them in the back.

Everyone turned to look and saw green smoke rising from the mausoleum.

At this time, Little Yuan'er who had keen eyes noticed the changes in the mausoleum and pointed at it.

"What's that?"

"It's a poisonous gas that can make one lose one's mind..." Kong Wen warned everyone.

Lu Zhou had the Purple Glazed Ceramic so he was immune to all poisons. As for others, it was hard to say.

The four elders took a look and nodded one after another.

Ye Wei said, "So there's a fierce beast."

One of the elders ignited a few talismans before tossing them out.

Upon seeing this, Kong Wen frowned. "You'll startle Yong He."

"Yong He?" Ye Wei was stunned. "Rumor has it that fierce beasts run rampant in Transient City. I didn't expect to meet Yong He here..."

The talismans continued to descend.

In order to obtain the thing they wanted, they had to startle the fierce beast.

The talismans spread out and surrounded the mausoleum at this time.

The green poisonous gas was quickly absorbed and neutralized by the huge seal that was formed from the talismans.

Rumble!

The mausoleum shook, causing pebbles to slide down.

Following that, a shrill cry rang in all directions from the mausoleum.

The trees trembled, and the cracks on the stone walls grew bigger.

The flying beasts and the fierce beasts in Transient City fled, and a few cultivators who were creeping over turned tail and fled.

The four old men erected a shield to block the sound wave.

Kong Wen and his brothers landed on the ground. They were sweating profusely, and their eyes were brimming with fear.

Yan Zhenluo and Lu Li were in better conditions, but there was still a hint of fear flashing in the depths of their eyes.

On the other hand, Lu Zhou's disciples were completely unaffected.

Lu Zhou thought about the Great Void Seeds.

Little Yuan'er had been unaffected by the Buddhist's sound technique in Runan previously. At that time, Lu Zhou had attributed it to her cultivation method, the Supreme Purity Jade Slip. However, it was clear to him now that the Great Void Seeds' effect was beyond his imagination.

All of a sudden, the frequency of the banshee-like screech increased by several times. Clearly, Yong He was enraged.

Gray fog began to gather around the mausoleum, covering a radius of several thousand meters.

Yan Zhenluo and Lu Li fell down at this moment. They were sweating profusely, and their eyes were filled with fear.

Kong Wen and his brothers seemed to have lost their senses as they charged at Yan Zhenluo and Lu Li as they cried out, "Don't kill me! Don't kill me!"

Kong Wen and his brothers began to launch energy seals at Yan Zhenluo and Lu Li who were still sound of mind.

"Kong Wen!" Yan Zhenluo shouted. However, it had no effect on Kong Wen.

At this time, Lu Zhou launched a palm seal from above.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Kong Wen and his brothers were restrained by the palm seal. They looked confused.

Kong Wu shouted, "Fierce beasts! I was beaten by a fierce beast!"

Kong Wen also looked as though he was being surrounded by fierce beasts.

The four brothers stayed in the Unknown Land, and the only thing they were afraid of was fierce beasts. At this time, their fear was magnified several times.

Lu Zhou shook his head as he sealed their Dantians' seas of Qi and knocked them unconscious. Since they had lost consciousness, Yong He could no longer manipulate their minds.

The four old men looked at Lu Zhou and said, "Good move."

The four of them were safely ensconced within a green shield, unaffected, as they calmly observed the situation.

Lu Zhou nodded. If this was the extent of Yong He's power, then it would be much easier to deal with.

Buzz!

At this moment, Lu Li suddenly manifested his astrolabe. His five Birth Charts glowed with unprecedented brightness. Then, he attacked with all his might as he raised his head at the sky and shouted, "No, I want to die! I want to die! Don't stop me!"

Upon seeing this, Yan Zhenluo reacted quickly and knocked Lu Li unconscious.

After Lu Li's astrolabe vanished, Yan Zhenluo took a deep breath to suppress his fear before he looked up and said, "Knock me out!"

Yu Zhenghai used the Great Dark Heaven Palm and quickly knocked Yan Zhenluo unconscious.

When Ye Wei saw that Lu Zhou, Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, Mingshi Yin, Little Yuan'er, and Conch were fine despite not using any barrier to protect themselves, he exclaimed in surprise, "You're all okay?"

Lu Zhou only glanced at the four old men and said, "Retreat 10 meters."

"Yes."

As the four old men retreated, they brought Yan Zhenluo, Lu Li, Kong Wen, and his brothers with them.

"Gather." Lu Zhou said to his disciples.

At this moment, another loud screech rang from the mausoleum before a huge shadow shot toward the horizon.

Yong He bared its fangs and brandished its claws. Its eyes were red and so was its mouth; its fur was yellow. Its mouth let out a screech that was 100 times louder than before.

Lu Zhou activated his protective energy that had been imbued with his divine power and shrouded everyone. With this, it was as though they were in a soundproof room. They could not hear anything at all.

They looked around.

The stone walls had shattered, and the patterns on them could no longer be seen. The trees had collapsed, and the vines in the vicinity lay wilted on the ground.

As the poisonous grass spread, the plants in the surroundings began to wilt.

The four elders retreated dozens of meters and looked at Yong He in shock. Then, they hurriedly joined their palms together to resist the powerful sound wave.

Yong He continued to release its intimidation ability without holding back.

“This can’t go on... Yong He is a beast emperor,” Ye Wei said.

“Then, do we give up just like this?”

“No. Look, that old man is able to single-handedly protect everyone. His strength can’t be underestimated. How can we leave when there are still people here?”

“What do you mean?”

“Let both sides deal with each other... They’re bound to exhaust each other...”

“What if that doesn’t happen?”

“Then we can only accept our fate. If he’s stronger than us, then there’s nothing we can do. We can only say Ye Zheng is unlucky,” Ye Wei said.

The other three elders nodded. This was indeed the best course of action now.

Then, the four elders turned to look at Lu Zhou.

Chapter 1240: Loyalty and Betrayal

Humans had many flaws.

Lu Li had once said that humans liked to fight among themselves. They fought and guarded against their own kind and disregarded the fierce beasts.

In a way, Ye Zheng, a Venerable Master, was a good example of this. He had guarded against Qin Renyue and thought he could fend Lu Zhou off. However, in the end, he, no, all of them, was manipulated by the Fire Phoenix so that it could become a divine beast. As a result, he lost a Birth Chart albeit only briefly.

At this time, Yong He looked at the humans standing at the sides and said in a voice that sounded as though two creatures were speaking at the same time, “Damn humans! I’ll give you a taste of hell...”

Yong He’s eyes shone even more intensely; they were like two suns as they shot out two beams of red light to the sky.

Everyone looked up as well.

“What’s happening?”

“I don’t know...”

As Lu Zhou looked at the two beams of light in the sky, sorrow, weariness, and all kinds of negative emotions surged in his heart.

Lu Zhou recalled his exhaustion from making a living on earth, not knowing what to do, but having to keep on living. Then, he recalled his anger that was brought upon by his disciples’ betrayal, and his hate for those on the Righteous Path and their crusade against those who did not conform to their standards. Scenes after scenes flashed before his eyes, dredging up forgotten feelings.

At this moment, in Lu Zhou's Dantian's sea of Qi, his blue avatar flashed, radiating a cool energy that woke Lu Zhou up like a bucket of ice water.

When Lu Zhou regained his senses, he discovered his heart was racing in his chest.

"This is Yong He's ability?" Lu Zhou frowned. "Retreat!"

Alas, no one listened to Lu Zhou's order.

Lu Zhou's frown deepened when he saw Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong. The duo's expressions were strange, and their eyes were filled with a little fear and defiance.

At this time, Yu Zhenghai, who was clearly trapped in the past, said, "I will kill whoever dares to trample on me! Kill! Master? Master! A master for a day, a father for life. Apart from my master, no one's allowed to trample on me!"

On the other hand, Yu Shangrong remained silent. Although his expression was slightly strange, his usual calmness and confidence made him appear restrained.

Lu Zhou was not surprised by this. Even he was almost overwhelmed by the two beams of red light, let alone his disciples. It seemed like the Great Void Seeds were not infallible; they did not make his disciples invincible.

On second thought, Lu Zhou thought this could be considered a test or experience for his disciples. Those with weak will would be easily trapped in the past.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong were both experienced. They had gone through many life-or-death situations and they had a very strong will as well. It would be very difficult for Yong He to maintain its hold on them for a long time.

As for Duanmu Sheng... Lu Zhou felt rather speechless.

Duanmu Sheng raised his Overlord Spear and pointed it at Lu Zhou as he shouted, "Master, let's fight!"

"Presumptuous!" Lu Zhou pushed Duanmu Sheng back with a palm seal. He saw a little fear and defiance in Duanmu Sheng's eyes as well.

Duanmu Sheng tightened his grip on the Overlord Spear and rushed over again.

Lu Zhou calmly raised his hand.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

After a few moves, Lu Zhou flashed forward and struck Duanmu Sheng's chest with his palm.

Bang!

Duanmu Sheng flew backward and crashed against a stone wall.

Boom!

The stone wall collapsed.

Lu Zhou nodded. He did not blame Duanmu Sheng. Moreover, it seemed like Duanmu Sheng did not have many negative thoughts. Duanmu Sheng only thought about improving his strength by challenging his master. This showed that Duanmu Sheng had great courage. The only thing was Duanmu Sheng's will needed to be stronger.

"Where's Old Fourth?" Lu Zhou turned and looked around. There was no sign of Mingshi Yin.

Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!

It seemed like Qiong Qi was unaffected by the attack from the same species. It barked frantically at the ruins.

A figure darted back and forth in the ruins of a building as countless vines weaved together, slowly hiding the figure inside.

Mingshi Yin kept muttering, "Why? Why? Why?"

Lu Zhou. "?"

'Why? What do you mean by why?' Lu Zhou was confused. He was not too worried about his first, second, and third disciple. On the contrary, he was slightly worried when he saw his fourth disciple's strange behavior.

All along, not counting the time when the Evil Sky Pavilion was just founded, his fourth disciple, Mingshi Yin, was his most reliable disciple. Why was his fourth disciple behaving in this manner now?

At this time, Little Yuan'er blinked her big eyes in confusion, looking to the left and the right, before she asked, "Master, what's wrong with them?"

Lu Zhou instinctively turned to look at her. "You... You don't feel strange?"

Little Yuan'er shook her head and pointed at the two beams of red light. "No, master. I'm sorry, I was distracted by the two red lights so I don't know what happened."

The two beams of light flashed in the sky, disturbing people's minds.

'Yuan'er isn't affected? It shouldn't be the Supreme Purity Jade Slip, and it's definitely not because of the Great Void Seed... What is it then? Why is she unaffected?' Lu Zhou was confused.

Under the red light, Lu Zhou looked into Little Yuan'er's clear eyes and saw unprecedented clarity. It was a kind of clarity that was untainted by worldly affairs and negative emotions. It was not wrong to say she was naive or slightly foolish.

At this time, Little Yuan'er turned to look at Conch and was stunned. "Junior Sister?"

Conch was sobbing softly at this moment.

Meanwhile, on the other side where the four elders from the Ye clan were standing, things were more chaotic.

"Ye Wei, you want the Pillar of Impermanence for yourself?!"

"Ye Yiqing, you old thing! How dare you slander me? Take this!"

Palm seals sailed in the air and collided.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The four elders began to fight among themselves.

One of the elders laughed. "That bast*rd Ye Zheng! Just because he's a Venerable Master, he looks down on us elders all the time! Why should we give him the Pillar of Impermanence?"

"I want the Pillar of Impermanence! The Pillar of Impermanence is mine!"

Boom!

"Die! I'm going to kill all of you!" Ye Wei manifested his astrolabe.

The astrolabe that covered the sky lit up with 17 Birth Charts.

Lu Zhou was a little surprised upon seeing this. He did not expect Ye Wei to be an expert with 17 Birth Charts; Ye Wei was only a Birth Chart away from his third Birth Trial and becoming a Venerable Master. However, the difference of this one Birth Chart was like the mud and the sky when compared to a Venerable Master.

Bang! [\[email protected\]](#) Bang!

The other three elders were sent flying and spat out blood.

Yong He smiled proudly as it watched this. Its eyes continued shooting out the beams of red light.

The ruins within a radius of 1,000 meters were cast in red light, making it look as though as it was stained with blood.

"Ye Wei, I'm going to fight you to the death!"

Soon enough, the other three elders brought out their astrolabes as well. Two of them had 15 Birth Charts, and one of them had 16 Birth Charts.

In just a moment, the entire place was turned into a battleground for the four elders. They fought fiercely and chaotically, causing the earth to tremble.

Energy seals began to sail in the air; they did not affect Yong He at all.

The battle was really too fierce, and some of the energy seals were flying toward Lu Zhou and the others.

Lu Zhou brought out the Confinement Seal. It enlarged to a size of a mountain immediately, blocking the red light.

Boom!

Following that, a sharp screech resounded in the air.

Then, Yong He grew 100 times in size and towered near the clouds.