

Disciples 1241

Chapter 1241: Yong He, the Great Sage

Common sense said that sound and light usually traveled in a straight line. With that, cultivators should have special means to cut them off.

The fusion-grade Confinement Seal was like a mountain that easily blocked the sound and the light.

However, when Yong He grew bigger, its voice was 100 times louder and sharper, and its red light intensified in brightness.

Lu Zhou quickly recited the incantation for the Heavenly Writing Power.

To gain the power of speech recognition. To understand the words spoken by the tongues of the beings in the different worlds.

To gain the power of hearing so that one could hear the voices from all realms at will.

To gain enlightenment and the power of speech so that one could change the world with words and free the common people from suffering.

Lu Zhou did not use the Heavenly Writing Powers. Instead, he entered his meditative state and kept reciting the mantras. At this time, the faint light from his divine power shrouded his entire body, keeping the sharp cry and red light at bay.

At this time, Lu Zhou's four eldest disciples, Yu Zhenghai; Yu Shangrong; Duanmu Sheng; and Mingshi Yin, flew up into the air and pounced toward Lu Zhou.

Little Yuan'er was looking at everyone in confusion while Conch's expression suddenly changed before she pounced at Little Yuan'er.

Chaos and mayhem descended on Transient City immediately.

Lu Zhou erected his protective energy before he sent his disciples flying back. The differences between his cultivation base and his disciples' cultivation bases were too vast. Even if all of them worked together, they were no match for him.

Nevertheless, Lu Zhou could feel that his four eldest disciples' strength had improved a lot during their time in the Unknown Land. He was not too surprised by Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong's progress, but he was truly surprised that Mingshi Yin's offensive strength was on par with his two eldest disciples!

As for Duanmu Sheng, although Duanmu Sheng was still weaker than his two eldest disciples, Duanmu Sheng's improvements were the greatest. The corrosive energy and the Great Void Seed had almost merged into one; it was equivalent to four or five Birth Charts.

Lu Zhou was not in a hurry to wake his disciples from the trance they were in. The stronger Yong He's attack was, the more advantageous it would be for him. His divine power could suppress Yong He's ability, and Yong He's ability could restrain the four elders from the Ye clan.

"Junior Sister!" Little Yuan'er tossed the Nirvana Sash out as she fought with Conch.

Although Conch had inherited Luo Xuan's ability, she was skilled in music. She could not compare to Little Yuan'er's offensive strength, especially since they had the same cultivation bases.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Little Yuan'er kept circling around Conch, trying to use her Nirvana Sash to restrain Conch.

When Lu Zhou's palm seal landed on Conch's back, Little Yuan'er seized the opportunity and restrained Conch.

Little Yuan'er asked anxiously, "Master, what's wrong with them?"

Little Yuan'er's anxiety grew, making her restless and uncomfortable.

Under Yong He's attack, humans' negative emotions and flaws would be magnified thousands of times. This was one of the reasons why Yong He was so terrifying.

Little Yuan'er seemed to notice the abnormality of her feelings so she quickly suppressed her anxieties. She muttered to herself, "What was wrong with me earlier?"

Lu Zhou said, "Don't worry. Just keep an eye on Conch."

"Oh." Little Yuan'er nodded obediently.

High above the Confinement Seal, Yong He bared its fangs and brandished its claws. It swayed to the left and the right like catkins dancing in the wind. It seemed to be focused on the four elders who were still battling each other as it cackled.

Those who had lived for a long time had long gotten used to the cold and warmth of human relationships. These people were divided into two kinds. First, there were those who were able to deal with everything calmly and rise above worldly affairs. Second, there were those who would only grow more stubborn in their ways and would have more distracting thoughts accumulated over the years. After all, cultivators were still humans. Those who could shirk all human flaws were rare.

Ye Wei and his companions belonged to the second group.

"Die!"

Four astrolabes continued to crash against each other in the sky. Beams of light from the astrolabes filled the sky as well.

If Lu Zhou had not transmigrated here for a long time now, he would have thought he had entered a sci-fi world.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The ruins of the buildings were in an even worse condition now. Some of them had already been leveled and some had been pierced until they were riddled with holes.

"You old thing! You're not strong enough to kill me!"

Buzz!

Ye Yiqing was the first to manifest his avatar. His avatar that was 145 feet tall rushed to the sky like a giant.

Soon enough, another three avatars appeared as well.

At this time, Yong He, that was hovering near the mausoleum, screeched again. Then, it grew again until it was as tall as the avatars. It opened its maw and raised its head to the sky and let out the loudest and sharpest cry so far.

“...”

The cry spread through a radius of 50 kilometers in Transient City.

The wind and clouds surged as the sky changed colors.

The cultivators who had yet to escape descended into madness. It was as though they had been thrown into hell. As they lost their minds, a bloodbath ensued as they began killing each other.

Outside of Transient City, all the fierce beasts and cultivators who were passing by grew slightly listless. They were slightly affected by Yong He as well.

The sound waves rose and fell like the tides. It was as though doomsday had arrived.

Lu Wu, who was lying on the ground drowsily, lowered his ears to block the noise. It adjusted its posture before it continued to sleep.

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Meanwhile, Lu Zhou knew this strong sound wave was not something his disciples could withstand. He hovered in the air and joined his palms together.

“The Great Meditation Dharani!”

“The divine power!”

Although Lu Zhou was skilled in techniques from the schools of Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism, he rarely used large-scale techniques like the Great Meditation Dharani.

Lu Zhou began chanting the mantra. His voice was powerful as he chanted. With the divine power, the mantra easily penetrated his disciples’ ears and hearts.

Soon after, Lu Zhou’s disciples calmed down and landed on the ground one after another.

Lu Zhou continued to chant as he flew forward to have a look at the four old men.

They were drenched in blood, and their eyes were red. All of them were severely injured. Apart from Ye Wei, the other three had lost a Birth Chart each.

At this moment, Yong He closed its humongous mouth that was shaped like a trumpet and looked around. Its eyes were like red suns in hell and also like bright pearls stained with blood. “You... Why are you fine?”

Lu Zhou rose higher into the sky before he came to a stop above Yong He’s head. “Stop.”

Yong He laughed. Its laughter did not contain its ability. Its laughter was coarse as though it had injured its throat. After it stopped laughing, it said, "I am Yong He, the Great Sage."

"So what?" Lu Zhou looked at Yong He calmly.

"Lowly humans. Even if a Venerable Master came to Transient City, he or she wouldn't dare to act so presumptuously," Yong He said in a deep voice.

This was the holy land of cultivation. Every year, many humans came here, but none of them stayed for long. How could no one occupy such a good place? This was because the master of Transient City was not a human, it was Yong He, the Great Sage.

"Is a mere beast emperor worthy of being called the Great Sage?" Lu Zhou asked.

Lu Zhou's words successfully stoked Yong He's flames of fury. "I'm originally a divine beast. It's all the humans' fault!"

Lu Zhou looked at the sky shrouded by black fog. "Divine beast? Maybe if you die, you'll become a divine beast..."

Yong He laughed maniacally. "Stupid human, do you think I can't control them just because you knocked them out? I hope you enjoy the show!"

Yong He grew larger again until it towered above the clouds and black fog in the sky. At this moment, tentacles shot out from its body toward everyone.

Lu Zhou frowned slightly.

Not only could Yong He control their minds, but it could also control them like a puppeteer?

Lu Zhou could still consider Yong He's first training as training for his disciples, but how could he tolerate his disciples being controlled in such a manner? Moreover, he could not wait any longer. Otherwise, the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion would definitely sustain severe injuries. It was not easy for his disciples to survive until now relying on the Great Void Seeds. It would be difficult for them to compete with the four elders from Ye Clan who possessed 15 to 17 Birth Charts. Fortunately, those four were already injured.

"Since you refuse to submit, I'll make you submit with force..."

Lu Zhou mobilized the Confinement Seal.

Buzz!

It buzzed before it dropped toward the mausoleum.

Boom!

Chapter 1242: Dominating With Absolute Strength

Under the weight of the Confinement Seal, half of the mausoleum collapsed.

Upon seeing this, Yong He bared its fangs and brandished its claws. Then a shadow pounced toward Lu Zhou.

A shadow was just a shadow; it was unable to harm Lu Zhou.

This flustered Yong He and made it exasperated. The mausoleum was its root. Once the mausoleum was destroyed, it would have nowhere to go. It continued to roar as tangible tentacles spread out from the mausoleum.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

What seemed like Yong He's true body shot up, pushing the Confinement Seal up. It had been hiding in the mausoleum all this time and manifested an illusion outside.

Lu Zhou immediately pushed his hand out.

Abandoned Wisdom that had been imbued with his divine power shot out before it descended from the sky, landing on the back of Yong He's neck.

Yong He was dizzy with pain. Coincidentally, this was its weak spot. It could only shriek in frustration as its shadow failed to do anything to Lu Zhou. After a moment, the two beams of red light in the sky suddenly vanished, and the shadow flew back into its body.

The red sky now returned to its original gloomy appearance.

Lu Zhou discovered that Yong He's physical body was so weak that it could not even withstand a single blow.

At this time, the four elders from the Ye clan finally regained consciousness; the red light in their eyes had vanished as well. They looked at each other in confusion, taking in the blood that drenched their bodies.

When Ye Yiqing, Ye Yuanjiu, and Ye Geng sensed the change in their cultivation bases, they grunted and spat out blood.

"My Birth Chart!"

"Ye Wei, you..."

The three elders looked at Ye Wei.

Ye Wei's expression was one of remorse and pain as he said, "It was Yong He..."

Realization dawned on them when they looked in the direction of the mausoleum and heard the screeching noises.

At this time, Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, Duanmu Sheng, and Ming Shiyin regained their senses. After a brief moment of confusion, realization dawned on them as well.

Following that, Yan Zhenluo, Lu Li, Kong Wen, and his three brothers regained consciousness. Similar to the others, they were confused as well.

At this time, Little Yuan'er and Conch flew back from afar.

Little Yuan'er asked, "Senior brothers, are you okay?"

“We’re fine.”

Mingshi Yin looked ahead and said with a frown, “We lost our minds because of this beast...”

All of them were disgusted. They found it hard to accept that they had lost control of themselves.

“Be careful. Don’t let your guard down again,” Kong Wen said after he got to his feet, “If I lose my mind again, knock me out immediately.”

Kong Wu. “...”

This was a strange but necessary request.

Kong Wen said, “The Pavilion Master is completely unaffected. Amazing! We shouldn’t let it hide again. In fact, its body is very weak. It’s even weaker than that of a beast emperor...”

Everyone nodded.

Meanwhile, Lu Zhou kept his eyes on the shrieking Yong He, not intending to let it hide now that it had come out. From time to time, he would launch a palm seal or two, causing it unbearable pain.

“Go.” Lu Zhou launched the Fiend Monk’s Hand Seal toward the mausoleum.

Boom!

The mausoleum was crushed into pieces as the Fiend Monk’s Hand Seal forcefully pulled Yong He out, revealing its full form in front of everyone’s eyes.

Yong He’s eyes and mouth were red, and its fur was yellow. It looked like a thin and monstrous ape on top, and its lower body resembled that of a suction cup or a tree root wrapped in mud.

Yong He said in a deep voice, “Let me return! I order you to put me back!”

“Be careful! Retreat!” Kong Wen said.

Everyone, including the four elders, retreated. They had learned from their mistakes. They were all experts, but they were helpless against Yong He’s ability.

Meanwhile, Lu Zhou stroked his beard and asked, “Do you not understand the situation you’re in now?”

Lu Zhou launched another palm strike.

Boom!

The palm strike landed on Yong He’s head, making it see stars. It was not easy for it to recover some of its strength, and just as it was about to cry out again, Lu Zhou struck with his palm again.

At this time, Ye Wei spoke up. “Be careful of its death struggle. After all, it’s a beast emperor. It can’t be without tricks...”

Lu Zhou continued to stare at Yong He as he asked, “How long have you been here?”

Yong He did not answer.

Unfazed, Lu Zhou continued to ask, “Why are you staying in Transient City?”

Yong He still did not answer.

Lu Zhou said, "My hands have long been stained with blood. It would not matter to add your blood to them..."

Lu Zhou raised his hand and formed an energy saber that he had imbued with divine power. As long as he brought the saber down, Yong He was as good as dead.

As expected, Yong He finally reacted. Its suction cup-like lower body began to move and its root-like appendages began to wriggle as its eyes shone red again. "I'll make you pay for this!"

Following that, blood began to seep out of its upper body and dripped onto its lower body. Its upper body began to shrink swiftly until it was half its original size.

With this, Lu Zhou's energy saber was rendered useless.

Yong He's suction cup-like lower body drilled into the ground, taking root. With the earth as its foundation and the vitality energy in Transient City as its nutrients, its illusory image began to grow again.

"The dignity and pride of Yong He, the Great Sage, are inviolable!" A dark voice rang in the air.

Ye Wei shouted, "Old friend, watch out!"

At this moment, Ye Wei did not wish for anything to happen to Lu Zhou. They had all underestimated Yong He. If it took control of them again, it would be a devastating blow to all of them.

"Quick! Knock me out!" Kong Wen said.

"..."

No one paid attention to Kong Wen.

At this time, Lu Zhou pointed at the sky.

An astrolabe appeared in the dark sky.

"Gravity!"

At the same time, Yong He used the same trick again. It let out an ear-piercing cry as it shot out two beams of red light. This time, its attack was completely focused on Lu Zhou.

Nevertheless, the attack still affected the others. Fortunately, they had learned from their mistakes. They blocked Yong He's cry and closed their eyes to avoid seeing the red light.

"That's right! Why didn't I think of this?" Kong Wen smacked his thigh. Then, he hurriedly closed his eyes and blocked the noise.

Boom!

The gravity suppressed Yong He, preventing its illusion from growing.

"Karmic fire!"

Yong He's cry continued to assault Lu Zhou, but it failed to shake his mind. Apart from the time when he was slightly distracted when he first saw the red light, he was completely unaffected. Perhaps, it was because he had experienced two lives and meditated on the Heavenly Writing all year round that his mind was like a steel trap, far stronger than that of 10,000-year-old Venerable Master. Perhaps, his mind and will were comparable to those of a Saint.

"Why?! Why are you fine?! Why? Why? Why?" It kept muttering 'why' over and over again that it sounded even more annoying the sounds of flies buzzing around one's ears.

Lu Zhou frowned. He found Yong He's muttering more unbearable than its ability.

At this time, the karmic fire rained down on the mausoleum.

"Karmic fire... No, it's the karmic fire from someone who had passed a Birth Trial..." Ye Wei said.

"No wonder, no wonder, he's an expert from the golden lotus domain..."

"No wonder what?"

"No wonder there's an imbalance..."

Naturally, Lu Zhou did not hear the four elders' discussion. He was focused on dealing with Yong He.

The others were also focused on blocking out the noise.

"Freeze."

Creak!

Yong He was instantly frozen.

Ice and fire raged at the same time while Lu Zhou flashed up into the sky and brought Unnamed in the form of a sword out.

Following that, an energy sword that was 1,000 feet long shot down from the sky.

Bang!

The energy sword pierced Yong He accurately.

It was obvious that Yong He had more than one heart.

Lu Zhou brought his astrolabe again.

The astrolabe covered the sky as ten Birth Charts lit up one after another. Among the ten Birth Charts, the Great Birth Chart was the most dazzling. Following that, ten pillars of light shot out at the same time.

Boom!

This was the full attack of Lu Zhou's Birth Chart power.

At this moment, a circular pit was all that could be seen where the mausoleum used to stand.

After Lu Zhou put away his astrolabe, he did not stop. His cultivation base was enough to deal with Yong He. This was the first beast emperor that he could deal with without using any item cards.

Meanwhile, Ye Wei and the others were further shocked.

“There’s no doubt he’s a Venerable Master. The Birth Chart power earlier is much stronger than that of someone with only ten Birth Charts!”

“Then, why didn’t he use the power of the Dao?”

At this moment, Lu Zhou who had turned vaguely translucent landed next to Yong He.

With one’s true body and wisdom, one can reveal one’s vast strength. With the cloud medallion, one would be able to hide from sight and avoid detection through various Heavenly powers.

This was Lu Zhou’s latest Heavenly Writing Power.

Yong He’s tentacles shot through his body, but they could not hurt him at all now that he was incorporeal.

Ye Wei and the others. “...”

Was this not the power of the Dao?

Chapter 1243: The Pillar of Impermanence

The four old men only had the lower part of their vision. After Lu Zhou landed, he just happened to enter their vision.

What they saw in Lu Zhou made them feel as if they were seeing things.

This was another special power, an ability that they had never seen before. This feeling was only felt from a real person.

Their Hearts were beating violently.

This was a real person!

They were actually trying to compete with a real person for the treasures here? !

Ye Wei transmitted her voice in a low and serious voice, “Give up the life-suppressing pillar and take the opportunity to leave together later.”

The four of them quickly reached an agreement and threw the displeasure from earlier to the back of their minds.

Since they were old and smart people who had lived for many years, they would not mind what had happened before. Only by working together could he escape from the real person in front of him.

“Who is the real person that ye Zheng met in the unknown place?”

“I don’t know. None of the 36 heavenly dipper sovereigns are alive, and Ye Zheng himself is not willing to mention it,” ye Yiqing sighed.

Ye Wei frowned and said, “I know what you want to say... Take it well.”

He took out a brocade box from his pocket and four jade talismans from the brocade box, handing them to the other three people.

"This..."ye Geng said in surprise, "Do we really need to use this?"

"This is the only way we can escape from the hands of a real person... we still haven't figured out what happened. If we're sure it's him, we'll crush it together,"ye Wei said.

"Okay."The three people nodded.

After the voice transmission ended, ye Wei even slapped her own mouth.

In the future, when she saw people, she would still not introduce herself to them.

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Lu Zhou's illusionary divine ability made him sink into a state of madness and despair.

He attacked with almost all his strength, but it was still useless against this old man in front of him. Sound, vision, and physical methods were all useless.

He roared crazily, but he could only watch as Lu Zhou walked over step by step.

Lu Zhou felt the release of the power of the divine ability. Although this new divine ability was powerful, it relied heavily on the power of the divine ability and consumed a lot of energy. Therefore, he had to end the battle quickly and not waste too much time.

He raised the nameless sword in his hand and pushed it with one palm.

The nameless sword quickly pierced back and forth in the air.

Each sword contained a little bit of the power of the divine ability.

This was to be safe so that Yong he wouldn't have any means to counterattack.

Having seen the power of Lu Wu and the fire phoenix with his own eyes, Lu Zhou had almost put Yong he on the same level of strength as Lu Wu. Therefore, he had to treat him seriously.

Chi, Chi, Chi..

The nameless sword was like a needle in the hand of a tailor. Yong he was the clothes that were pierced by the nameless sword until his whole body was full of small holes.

The sharp roar came to an abrupt end.

The Phantom froze like a painting, frozen in the air. Yonghe's expression was also frozen in anger and confusion.

Then, the Phantom gradually disappeared.

Yonghe's body rapidly shrunk and lowered its height, returning to its normal height. It was about four to five meters tall. Compared to Lu Wu, it was not considered tall. In fact, it seemed a little thin and small.

Yong he lowered his head and looked at the wounds on his body that were pierced by the unknown sword. He let out a long breath.

Just like a human being... his obsession, hatred, and anger disappeared along with these fatal wounds.

He chuckled.

Negative emotions rushed to his heart... Then, he started to cry again. His cry was horrifying.

"You... Do you know how many years I've been here?" Said Yong He.

Lu Zhou didn't say anything.

Yong he continued, "30,000 years... It's been 30,000 years! Do you want to know what's under the mausoleum? hehehe... hehehe..."

Lu Zhou still didn't say anything. He just looked at him quietly.

He smiled along with him.

His gentle emotions were very close to humans. When he saw Lu Zhou's expression..., instead, he said furiously, "Human nature is greedy... greed has to pay a heavy price. "It's much stronger than me... Soon, all of you will be buried with me, hahahaha... hah... hah."

The last "Hah" seemed to be stuck in his throat. Yong he's mouth opened slightly, and his body stiffened. Like a tree, he lost all movement.

He looked back at the mausoleum area, but the life-suppressing pillar did not appear and fell down.

Yong he was indeed powerful, but he was not suitable to be tamed. On one hand, his body was strange and he had a suction cup, which was quite disgusting. On the other hand, his negative emotions were too great, and his hatred for humans was much stronger than that of people with pierced chests.

Then, Lu Zhou heard a notification —

[you have killed Beast Emperor Yong He. You have received 30,000 merit points.]

Compared to cultivators with multiple lives, this merit point reward was indeed not worth mentioning. However, compared to an individual, this was the highest reward that Lu Zhou had ever seen.

At this moment, Ye Wei's heart was beating even faster.

He shifted his gaze to the mausoleum.

Lu Zhou raised his head and looked at Ye Wei and the others. He said, "Is the life-suppressing pillar below?"

Ye Wei nodded her head, she said, "This item is called the life-suppressing pillar. It was once a sacred item of the permanent rank. The reason why the life-suppressing pillar was able to form such a space is because of it. The life-suppressing pillar can greatly accelerate cultivation speed, but it will also consume one's lifespan extremely quickly. This is also the reason why the various Zhenren don't want to take it."

Cultivators who had reached the Zhenren realm would often not have much use for the life-suppressing pillar. The life-suppressing pillar was a worm that absorbed one's lifespan. If the Zhenren wanted it, they would simply find trouble with it.

A cultivator who hadn't reached the spiritual master realm wasn't a match for the gentle and amiable person, or they were afraid of the dangers in the unknown place and the spiritual master's target, so they couldn't get it.

"If that's the case, why do you want to take the life-suppressing pillar?" Lu Zhou asked faintly.

"Well..."

Ye Wei thought for a while and answered, "Because I want to try to break through the 18-fate pattern."

Hearing that, the other three quickly nodded their heads.

Seeing Lu Zhou's expressionless face, ye Wei continued, "However, there's no need for that now. Our injuries are serious, so it's time for us to leave. The old man's methods are amazing. I admire you."

It implied that they had to leave, so they cupped their hands.

"Wait."

Lu Zhou turned around and looked directly at the four people. "Your Name Is Ye Wei?"

What Ye Wei didn't want to see the most was still here.

"That's right."

"Then do you know Yan Nantian and ye Zheng?" Lu Zhou locked onto the four of them and carefully observed their speech, behavior, emotions, and the changes in their eyes.

It had to be said that they were all experienced people who had lived for a long time. They had perfect control over their emotions, so no one could tell what they were thinking.

When ye Wei heard this question, she was almost certain that the one who had severely injured immortal ye was this old man in front of her.

The unknown land was so big, so why did they just happen to bump into each other?

Fate.

"I don't know him," ye Wei said without blushing or jumping.

"Ye Zheng is Master Yan Nantian. How can we be worthy of him?" Ye Yiqing said.

Ye Geng was even more exaggerated. He said,

"To be honest, we have just arrived at the Zhenshou ruins, so we are indeed a little wary of the old man. After all, this is an unknown place. We would be idiots if we didn't take precautions. However, the old man killed Yonghe and saved us just now. This is a favor for saving our lives. We are very grateful."

Using the truth to hide one's thoughts was a lying technique.

Lu Zhou looked at the four of them carefully.

The four of them looked normal on the surface, but they were actually panicking in their hearts. The jade talismans in their hands were about to be crushed.

The world was unpredictable —

Kong Wen patted his head and said, “I seem to remember... That Ye, ye... ye... Wei... wait, I almost forgot about it. Wait, wait, wait, wait, it’s coming, it’s coming...”

“...”

Everyone was speechless.

“Big Brother, have you finally remembered?” Kong Wu was anxious.

“I’ve already remembered. I forgot about it again after being interrupted by you. Think about it too!”

Among the people present, only Kong Wen and the four brothers came from the Green Lotus. No one else could think about it.

Ye Wei’s heart was beating rapidly. However, when she saw that Kong Wen had forgotten about it again, she couldn’t help but heave a sigh of relief.

It was too damn dangerous.

Huala —

A black pillar-shaped object broke out of the ground where the mausoleum was located.

It was emitting a strange light.

“Life-suppressing pillar? !”

The eyes of the four elders lit up. When they saw the life-suppressing pillar, they were puzzled.

Huala!

The life-suppressing pillar grew higher.

Everyone frowned.

“It’s a Spirit?” Ming Shiyin asked.

“It’s something that will appear on its own accord. Could it be that Yong he has come back to life?”

They had already witnessed the power of Yong he with their own eyes. They really didn’t want to fight that disgusting thing again.

Chapter 1244: The Conservation of Life

Lu Zhou studied the Pillar of Impermanence. If the pillar was the cause of the slow time flow, then there was no doubt it was an infinite-grade sacred item. However, it had to be said that this ability was of little value to most people. However, to him who possessed Reversal Cards, it was the best!

While waiting for the Pillar of Impermanence to fully emerge, Lu Zhou casually waved his hand, dismembering Yong He's body with Unnamed. Then, three life hearts flew out.

The three life hearts emitted a faint light, looking like the eyes of jackals on a dark night.

"Life hearts!"

Everyone stared at them with widened eyes.

These were the life hearts of a beast emperor. If they could use it to activate their Birth Charts, they might obtain one of Yong He's abilities. Despite Yong He's terribly weak body, so weak that even those who were not Venerable Masters could deal with it as long as they had a way to counter its abilities, its abilities were truly outstanding.

Ye Wei and the other three elders were truly envious. After a moment, they wondered how Lu Zhou had dealt with Yong He's terrifying abilities.

Lu Zhou tossed the three life hearts to Mingshi Yin as usual.

After putting the life hearts away, Mingshi Yin said cheerfully, "I promise to take good care of them."

Since their master would only be able to use one of the three life hearts, the two other life hearts would definitely go to them. How could Mingshi Yin not be happy?

Swoosh!

At this time, the black Pillar of Impermanence shone even brighter than before like a glowing black light bulb. Then, it began to spin, stirring up the wind and generating a small vortex.

"What's happening?"

No one knew what the Pillar of Impermanence was doing. They could only observe it silently and fearlessly. Oftentimes, curiosity could overcome fear. Not to mention that this group of people was already fearless, to begin with.

The Pillar of Impermanence spun faster and faster, and the vortex grew bigger and bigger.

Lu Zhou felt that something was amiss, but he could not tell exactly what felt wrong.

Buzz!

At this moment, the pillar suddenly buzzed before it suddenly grew bigger by several times. It was only as thick as a human leg before, but in just a blink of an eye, its diameter seemed to be that of an elephant's waist.

"The vortex has grown stronger. I'm going to retreat first," Mingshi Yin said as he leaped back.

Woof! Woof! Woof!

Qiong Qi flew over to Mingshi Yin's side.

Ye Wei frowned. "Time is flowing faster..."

Upon hearing these words, Lu Zhou looked at the system panel and saw his life was decreasing. Moreover, the speed at which it was decreasing was growing faster and faster well.

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"The pillar is absorbing our lives," Mingshi Yin said as he looked at his right hand. Then, he looked at the changes of the plants around him; they were withering quickly.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence grew in size again; this time it grew by dozens of times.

Everyone quickly retreated.

At this moment, a strong pulling force appeared with the pillar at its center.

Ye Wei said, "Old Sir, we have a way to deal with the Pillar of Impermanence. Do you think you can let us have it?"

In fact, Ye Wei had been very unwilling to give up on the Pillar of Impermanence.

Lu Zhou wanted the pillar very much as well. "Deal with it? Just with the few of you?"

Clearly, Lu Zhou did not think the four injured old men would be able to take the Pillar of Impermanence away.

Certainly, Ye Wei and his companions were aware of this as well. They could also tell that Lu Zhou wanted the Pillar of Impermanence.

"Let's go..." Ye Wei chose to give up in the end.

Following that, the four elders flew away. After flying for only about 100 meters, an invisible wall suddenly stopped them from leaving.

At the same time, lines lit up on the ground of Transient City. These lines were all connected to the Pillar of Impermanence, forming a barrier in the sky. In fact, the barrier had already been formed when Yong He fell, but it was invisible before this.

From the outside of Transient City, it looked as though the entire city had been covered by thick and dark glass. The 'glass' was constantly rippling and flashing.

Concurrently, the Pillar of Impermanence continued every living thing's life that was within its range. In fact, it did not even spare the corpses strewn on the ground. It greedily absorbed the vitality from the corpses until they shriveled up.

Lu Zhou and his disciples had long flown up into the air.

"We've been sealed in Transient City a long time ago!" Duanmu Sheng said after rushing back from afar. He had been stabbing his spear at the barrier, but it was futile.

Lu Zhou looked at the Pillar of Impermanence and said, "To solve this problem we need to take down the pillar. It's the root of all the problems..."

"Master, you intend on taking the pillar?"

"Since we're here, we might as well take it. It'll help your cultivation greatly."

Everyone nodded. However, they could not wait to leave this place. Only a short time had passed, but they could feel they had lost 1 to 2 years of their lives.

At this time, the Pillar of Impermanence grew again. The vortex's power doubled as well.

Just like that, they were losing their lifespans at even greater speed.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Ye Wei and his companions began to attack the barrier in a frenzy, but it was all in vain.

"We've underestimated the power of the Pillar of Impermanence," Ye Wei said grimly.

Lu Zhou flew to the top of the Pillar of Impermanence silently before he pressed his hand down.

Boom!

A huge palm seal pressed down on the Pillar of Impermanence for quite a distance, but the pillar soon bounced back up as though nothing had happened. Moreover, their lifespans were decreasing even faster than before.

"Old sir, there are only two ways to deal with the Pillar of Impermanence. One is to satisfy its needs and let it absorb as many lifespans as needed. Second is to defeat it with powers greater than its own..." Ye Wei said.

"Are you sure?" Lu Zhou cocked an eyebrow.

"I'm sure. It needs about 5,000 years of life," Ye Wei replied.

Lu Zhou stared at the spinning Pillar of Impermanence wordlessly. Sometimes, he wondered why everything in the cultivation had to be so deadly. Sprouting the ninth leaf was deadly, forming the blue avatar was deadly, and now, even dealing with the Pillar of Impermanence was deadly. The law of conservation stated that all energies had sources and destinations so where were the lifespans going?

Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence grew again. However, this time, it continued to grow.

The force generated from the vortex increased crazily.

Lu Zhou looked at the system panel.

– 300 days!

– 500 days!

– 800 days!

The Pillar of Impermanence showed no signs of stopping as it grew taller and wider. Like a bulldozer, when it expanded in width, it pushed the soil up. All the trees and stone walls that stood in its way were crushed.

At this time, a huge figure could be seen flying over from the distant sky.

“Lu Wu?!” Ye Wei and his companions’ expressions changed drastically.

Lu Wu hovered high in the sky and looked down. “Pillar of Impermanence?”

“You recognize this thing?” Lu Zhou transmitted his voice to Lu Wu.

Lu Wu said, “It’s rumored that it used to belong to a Saint but was lost and somehow ended up here. The Unknown Land is too vast, after all. It’d be like searching for a needle in a haystack.” Then, it added, “Deal with it as soon as possible. Otherwise, it’d suck all of you dry.”

Ye Wei instinctively raised his voice and cried out in surprise, “Sucked dry? Doesn’t it only need about 5,000 years of life?”

Lu Wu glanced at Ye Wei before he said, “You look a little familiar. Who told you that the pillar needs 5,000 years of life?”

“...” Ye Wei hastily waved his hand and lowered his head. “I don’t know for sure. I was just guessing...”

When Ye Wei lowered his head and saw his hands, he discovered he had aged a lot. He had lived a long time, if the pillar continued to devour his lifespan, it would deal an irreversible blow to him.

“Ye Wei, hurry up and use the sacred relic!” Ye Yiqing urged.

Ye Wei hurriedly brought out the item that contained 5,000 years of life.

Swoosh!

Meanwhile, Lu Zhou flew back and forth looking for a flaw.

His disciples were also trying to destroy the barrier at this time, displaying their strength.

Lu Wu tried knocking on the barrier from the outside, but it felt as solid as metal. It only vibrated slightly.

“Master!” Little Yuan’er’s pitch was rather high, and her voice contained a trace of panic as she called out to her master.

When everyone turned to look at Little Yuan’er, they discovered she looked old, and her hair was turning white. Conch was not any better than her.

The two girls had the lowest cultivation bases among the people present on the scene; they both only had ten leaves. Both of them only had about 2,600 years of life while the others had about 4,000 to 5,000 years of life. If this continued, there was no doubt that Little Yuan’er and Conch would be the first to die.

“Let me deal with it!” Ye Wei could no longer care about anything else and threw all caution to the wind. At this time, nothing was more important than surviving. He flew up to the top of the Pillar of

Impermanence and pressed the sacred relic down on it. With that, a huge surge of vitality energy entered the pillar.

In less than 15 minutes, the Pillar of Impermanence had completely absorbed 5,000 years of life.

Ye Wei furrowed his brows. "It's not enough?"

Chapter 1245: Switching Between Old and Young

Everything in Transient City was affected by the Pillar of Impermanence and the vortex it generated. The void was rippling. The plants, flowers, and trees withered at a speed visible to the naked eye. Flying beasts fell lifelessly to the ground; fierce beasts dropped dead to the ground.

When the two elders with 16 Birth Charts joined forces to attack the barrier, they only managed to leave a huge ripple on it. That was all.

Lu Wu jumped and landed on the barrier; it looked like a cat standing on glass. It attacked the barrier from time to time, searching for its weakness. Alas, it was not like Bi An whose strength was its destructive power. Its ability was freezing. Hence, it was not surprising that it could not cause any damage to the barrier. It leaped back and forth before it lowered its head and said, "The ancient formation..."

Lu Wu looked up at Lu Wu before shifting his gaze to the spinning and growing Pillar of Impermanence. "Ancient formation?"

Lu Wu felt fortunate it did not enter. Otherwise, it would be trapped inside.

Ye Wei said, "The pillar should be the core of the formation..."

Fortunately, Lu Wu did not enter. Otherwise, it would have been trapped inside.

"The pillar's ability to absorb life is like a catalyst. When combined with the formation, its power multiplied. I was too careless..." Ye Wei said regretfully.

Everyone knew about the danger lurking in the Unknown Land. A moment of carelessness could doom one to death.

Everyone considered Transient City a holy land of cultivation, but up until now, not many people came here. Every once in a while, some people would try to occupy this place, but they would always fail to become the master of this place. Based on this, one could already see there was a problem with this place.

Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence continued to grow. Its diameter had reached about 1,000 feet at this point.

Everyone busied themselves, flying in the air and looking for ways to leave.

Lu Zhou glanced at the system panel.

Everyone flew above the longevity town and continued to look for an opportunity.

— 900 days.

– 1,000 days.

– 1,100 days.

If this continued, they would all die.

Lu Zhou frowned as he looked at Little Yuan'er. Both Little Yuan'er and Conch were already old women with white hair now.

Everyone had lost about 2,000 years of life at this point, coupled with the vitality energy from the sacred relic, the Pillar of Impermanence had absorbed nearly 40,000 years of life.

Lu Zhou said sternly, "I want to see what this pillar is capable of."

Then, he stepped forward and struck with his palm.

Bang!

The Pillar of Impermanence shook violently as Lu Zhou's divine power entered it through his palm. It began to resist as it felt the suppression of the divine power.

At this time, the void stopped rippling. Then, the pillar seemed to focus all its force on Lu Zhou.

A vortex appeared above Lu Zhou's head as his lifespan was swiftly devoured by the pillar.

"Master!"

"Pavilion Master!"

Everyone widened their eyes in shock when they looked at Lu Zhou. It was obvious to them he was planning to deal with the Pillar of Impermanence on his own.

Even Ye Wei and the three elders were shocked by Lu Zhou's actions.

Even if they added all their lives together, they would not be able to deal with the Pillar of Impermanence. Even a Venerable Master would not be able to turn the tide. However, a Venerable Master could live for 30,000 years so was there a possibility that he could deal with it? No one knew the answer.

Lu Zhou ignored everyone. The numbers of his lifespan in the system panel changed at an exaggerated speed. Thousands of days would disappear with every change.

It could be said that everyone's lives depended on Lu Zhou at this moment. Even if Ye Wei knew that Lu Zhou was the one who injured Ye Zheng, he did not wish for any harm to come to Lu Zhou at this moment.

Lu Zhou continued to press his palm down. His lifespan continued to rapidly decrease. After losing 2,000 years of life, he quickly lost another 2,000 years of life. The effect from the Disguise Card had also disappeared at this time.

Everyone held their breaths as they watched. Under the churning vortex and in the darkness, they thought their eyes were playing tricks on them when they saw Lu Zhou's appearance turn youthful

before growing old again. When they looked again, they saw wrinkles on his face, and his black hair turning white.

Lu Zhou did not hesitate to use the 100 Reversal Cards he had accumulated. After the system upgrade, each card provided 1,000 days. 100 cards equaled 100,000 days, which was about 270 years.

Who knew if it was due to Pillar of Impermanence, the vitality energy from the Reversal Cards surged into Lu Zhou's body, turning him young again. However, it was not long before he began to age again.

Lu Zhou checked his merit points.

Merit points: 141, 760

Each Reversal Card cost 500 merit points.

Lu Zhou did not hesitate and bought 100 Reversal Card before using them immediately. Following that, he absorbed all the vitality energy in Transient City. With this, he grew younger again.

Everyone looked at the surging vitality energy warily and anxiously. The power of the pillar was beyond their expectations. At this time, a sense of helplessness overwhelmed all of them. Were they going to die today?

Another 100,000 days was absorbed by the Pillar of Impermanence. It was like a bottomless pit that could not be filled.

As the disciples looked at their master who was constantly switching between old and young, they could not help but recall their time in the Evil Sky Pavilion. They could not bear to look at their master at this moment. Even if they were beaten and scolded, none of them could deny that up until now, their master had always protected them.

The law of the jungle was only half correct. It was said that there was room for small trees under a big tree. However, before the small trees could tower into the sky and face danger on their own, how could they thrive without the protection of a big tree?

Bang!

The Pillar of Impermanence shook.

Everyone instinctively turned to look and saw Yu Zhenghai had flown over to the Pillar of Impermanence at some point and had smacked his hand down.

"How can I not help?" Yu Zhenghai grinned.

Yu Shangrong put his Longevity Sword away with a smile before he silently placed his hand down as well.

"Hey, don't forget about me!" Mingshi Yin said.

"I can be useful as well!" Duanmu Sheng said as he flew over.

Lu Zhou felt the pressure reduce greatly as soon as his four eldest disciples placed their hands down. The number of his lifespan on the system panel changed at a slower speed as well.

After a moment, Kong Wen gritted his teeth and said, "D*mn it, what's there to be scared of? Brothers, let's go!"

"Let's go!"

Without another word, the four brothers flew next to Duanmu Sheng and placed their hands down as well.

Needless to say, Yan Zhenluo and Lu Li rushed over as well.

At this time, Yu Zhenghai lifted his head and said with a grin on his face, "Ninth Junior Sister, Tenth Junior Sister, just watch."

In the past, Little Yuan'er might have stood aside and watched. After all, her master and her seniors were too powerful that she did not need to do much at all. However, this time, she really could stand to do that. Similar to Anyang, the Evil Sky Pavilion was her home; its members were her family. Her master was like her father, and her senior brothers and senior sisters were truly like her brothers and sisters.

"No," Little Yuan'er said resolutely before she flew over as well.

How could Conch not do anything? She hurriedly flew after Little Yuan'er as well.

"..."

When Ye Wei saw this, he was startled and slightly moved. When had the tens of thousands of disciples in Yannan's Blessed Land ever been so united? Sometimes, absolute strength was not enough. Strength could force people to submit but it would not make them loyal.

It was true that Ye Zheng was an awe-inspiring figure. He was undoubtedly the pillar of Yannan, and the reason all of them stood tall in the green lotus domain. However, at the same time, how many people were cursing him behind his back? In fact, even the four elders were filled with complaints and dissatisfaction during their journey here.

Ye Wei sighed heavily. 'Ye Zheng truly shouldn't have any complaints about losing to such a person...'

When a crowd gathered firewood, the fire would be high. When the crowd planted trees, they would become a forest.

Ye Wei took the lead and flew out.

"Let's go."

The three elders flew out without any hesitation.

Everyone worked together.

Buzz!

A circle of light appeared as the Pillar of Impermanence buzzed.

Lu Zhou nodded slightly and summoned Whizard over.

Whizard flew over from the distance and hovered above everyone.

“Now.”

Whitzard let out a cry before auspicious energy began to rain down from the sky.

Chapter 1246: Infinite

Ever since Whitzard ate the beast essence, its strength had increased tremendously. Its ability had also grown stronger.

Ye Wei was shocked when it saw Whitzard raining down auspicious energy from above. When he regained his senses, he continued to exert pressure on the Pillar of Impermanence along with everyone else.

At this time, the divine power burst forth from Lu Zhou’s hand.

Following that, everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion tacitly launched their strongest palm seals.

Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence sank a few meters.

Whitzard’s auspicious aura crazily restored Lu Zhou’s divine power and everyone’s cultivation.

Lu Zhou launched another palm seal.

Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence sank a few more meters.

As expected, Lu Zhou saw that the speed at which his lifespan was decreasing on the system panel continued to slow down.

The others could clearly feel the change as well and could help but feel hope surging into their hearts.

“Manifest your avatars!”

Avatars after avatars appeared in the air. More than ten Thousand Realms Whirling avatars stood above the Pillar of Impermanence.

They were a spectacular sight to behold, even more so in the dark and gloomy Unknown Land.

Lu Zhou was the only one who did not manifest his avatar. Instead, he kept channeling his divine power into the Pillar of Impermanence.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence sank by half. Under the pressure, its diameter shrank rapidly as well.

Buzz!

The Pillar of Impermanence trembled with unprecedented strength.

On the ground where the mausoleum used to stand, grayish-white light shot floated up into the sky. Soon after, a foul stench from a strange energy assaulted their noses.

“What’s going on?”

The energy contained such strong negativity. Greed, selfishness, hatred, and anger swept through everyone’s minds.

“Guard your Dantians’ seas of Qi and hold your breath,” Lu Zhou said.

“Understood!”

“Yong He had been guarding this place for 30,000 years and harbors too much negativity. Don’t let its lingering energy affect you...” Lu Zhou said.

Everyone nodded.

Lu Zhou chanted the mantra for the Great Meditation Dharani.

The sound of Buddhist Scriptures rang in the air and shrouded everyone. Soon enough, golden light surrounded their avatars, dispelling the negative energy.

Kong Wen said, “I understand now. Yong He had been guarding the Pillar of Impermanence, trying to subdue it. Its negative energy had affected the pillar, causing the pillar to be so violent.”

“It’s an inanimate object. Why is it being affected by negative feelings and energy?” Little Yuan’er asked curiously.

“All things have spirituality. When an object reaches the heaven grade, it’ll begin to gain spirituality. Its spirituality will continue to increase until it reaches the infinite grade. After going through a qualitative change, it would have a certain degree of autonomy,” Kong Wen explained.

“So it’s like maturing into an adult?” Mingshi Yin said.

“According to the law of conservation, everything has a source and a destination; there’s a balance to everything. An object is an object and will not become a person. It’s just an object that holds too much of its owner’s emotions so it would have a degree of spirituality...”

Duanmu Sheng nodded. “No wonder my Overlord Spear is growing fiercer and fiercer!”

Everyone. “...”

Mingshi Yin said, “Alright, let’s do it again!”

At this time, the Pillar of Impermanence suddenly rose from the ground. With its astonishing strength, it lifted everyone and their avatars up.

Boom!

The pillar shot up, leaving the ground.

Bang!

The barrier from the pillar shattered like glass at this moment. It was as though the sky had been split open. With that, a dim light began to flood Transient City again. Even the darkness of the Unknown Land was brighter than the barrier from the Pillar of Impermanence.

With the destruction of the pillar and the formation, it felt as though the clouds had dispersed.

At this time, Lu Zhou smacked his hand down on the pillar that contained everyone's lifespans again. With that, vitality energy began to surge back into everyone's bodies.

"It's back!"

Someone laughed. "The years I lost are coming back!"

Everyone was overjoyed.

Little Yuan'er's white hair was swiftly turning black and her skin turned supple and rosy at a speed visible to the naked eye.

On Lu Zhou's system interface, his lifespan was increasing at a crazy rate.

+10,000 days.

+12,000 days.

'So many?' Lu Zhou was perplexed. He looked around and sensed the vitality energy before he discovered that only he had gained more years. As for everyone else, they had only gained back what they had lost.

The Pillar of Impermanence had been in this place for a long time. The lifespan it had absorbed was far greater than the sum of all the people. Even a small part of it would be a huge amount.

In Transient City, the vitality surged. The withered plants, flowers, and trees came to live again as saplings grew wildly. The ancient trees around the pillar grew until they were taller than the 1,000-year-old ancient tree at the periphery of the city.

Lu Wu leaped back as it looked at the Pillar of Impermanence that was flying up. Then, it said, "Wait. The formation is gone now. Its power should be greatly reduced."

With the Pillar of Impermanence in the center, everything in its vicinity surged with vitality energy.

At this time, Whizard finally exhausted its strength and flew down.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, the Pillar of Impermanence turned and hovered horizontally.

"Dodge!"

Everyone flew away.

Then, the pillar shrunk until it looked like a rod that was about 100 feet long. Then, it attacked everyone. After a while, it was clear that its targets were Ye Wei and his companions.

Ye Wei was baffled. Why were they being targeted?

“Block it!”

The Pillar, now a rod, of Impermanence flashed with a dim light like lightning as it radiated an indescribable energy.

“There’s no doubt it’s an infinity-grade object!” Ye Wei said as he manifested his astrolabe.

The three elders followed suit and manifested their astrolabes as well.

The Pillar of Impermanence shot over suddenly.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The four astrolabes creaked and caved in.

With this, the four elders were heavily injured again.

“Jade talisman!”

The four of them no longer dared to hesitate and quickly crushed the jade talismans. Rings of light appeared around their bodies in just an instant. After the rings of light shot up into the sky and vanished, the four people had already vanished into thin air.

“Single Teleportation Jade Talismans?!” Kong Wen exclaimed, “I remember now! Ye Wei is one of the four elders of Yunnan’s Blessed Land! He’s one of Ye Zheng’s men!”

“What?! Why didn’t you say so earlier?” Mingshi Yin asked.

“I... I just remembered it...”

“F*ck! They got lucky!” Mingshi Yin scolded, “Earlier, they even lied and said they don’t know Ye Zheng!”

“Single Teleportation Jade Talismans are as... no, are even more precious than mystic life grass. To think they used four at once! Apart from those from Yunnan, no one would be so wasteful!” Kong Wen said with a hint of admiration.

Lu Zhou said, “There’s no need to be upset. The fact that the four of them were somewhat able to withstand Yong He’s ability shows and did not fight each other after regaining their senses shows that they’re not completely unreasonable people...”

“Master is right. I believe those four will no longer dare to make an enemy out of master in the future...” Yu Zhenghai said.

Swoosh!

At this time, the Pillar of Impermanence shot toward Lu Zhou.

Bang!

Lu Zhou pushed his hand out, blocking it.

Then, the Pillar of Impermanence shot forth, flying into the distance. It was so fast that it left Transient City swiftly. Almost all the negative energy seemed to have left it at this time.

'It's not too late...' Lu Zhou manifested his blue avatar and launched a Dhyana Mudra that was imbued with however much divine power he could squeeze out.

The Dhyana Mudra shot out and grabbed the Pillar of Impermanence, causing it to shrink from the size of a 100-meter-long rod to a short stick.

After it flew into Lu Zhou's hand, a drop of blood seeped out from his palm and rolled down the Pillar of Impermanence. It flashed with red light. At this time, it seemed to have been suppressed by the divine power and was also affected with new emotions.

Soon enough, the Pillar of Impermanence quieted down and lay quietly in Lu Zhou's hand.

"Ding! Please continue to subdue the infinite-grade Pillar of Impermanence."

Chapter 1247: Breakthrough

After the energy was removed from the Pillar of Impermanence, it became much brighter. Perhaps, due to Lu Zhou and the others' influence, its spirituality seemed to have changed slightly.

It hovered quietly in front of Lu Zhou. The drop of blood slid down its surface, leaving a faint trail of blood behind.

Since the system prompted Lu Zhou to subdue it, he should be able to subdue it. However, the problem was how was he supposed to subdue it? The Pillar of Impermanence was too powerful when it was in the ancient formation. Now that it had been removed from the formation, its power had been greatly reduced. Even then, it was not something a 'fake' like him could deal with.

Then, Lu Zhou checked his system interface. He discovered Whitzard was not resting like it usually would after using its ability. It seemed like Whitzard had really grown stronger after eating beast essence. Previously, after entering the state of resting, it fell behind the others.

'The beast essence given to it isn't in vain...'

Lu Zhou descended.

At the same time, the Pillar of Strength descended at the same speed as him.

"Whitzard."

Whitzard flew over from nearby. It seemed to understand its master's intention.

Everyone clicked their tongues in admiration.

Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!

Qiong Qi's eyes were filled with jealousy. It felt slightly aggrieved when it recalled the beast essence.

Lu Zhou gauged his divine power; he still had about half left.

"Luzhou perceives the power of the heavens, about half of it."

At the same time, the Pillar of Impermanence continued to hover in front of Lu Zhou as though it was studying Lu Zhou.

Everyone was baffled.

“What’s the Pillar of Impermanence doing?”

“Since the negative energy has been removed, it means that its power has been greatly weakened. Yong He, despite being a powerful beast emperor, was still a fierce beast, after all. Naturally, it’s as difficult as ascending to the heavens for Yong He to subdue it. Humans are sentient beings and are born with the advantage of high spirituality. Perhaps... the pillar is looking for an owner?” Kong Wen said.

“Can you look at me?” Mingshi Yin asked as he pointed at himself.

The Pillar of Impermanence spun around. Who knew what it was thinking?

Whoosh!

The Pillar of Impermanence suddenly shot horizontally toward Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou manifested his astrolabe to block the pillar.

The Pillar of Impermanence was very powerful when it shot toward Lu Zhou.

When the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion saw this, they quickly moved out of its way and leaped onto Lu Wu’s back.

“Whitzard!” Little Yuan’er called out before she leaped onto Whitzard’s back.

Following that, Whitzard flew up next to Lu Wu.

Lu Zhou was very agile as he flew up into the clouds, facing the Pillar of Impermanence. They were like two meteors shooting up into the sky.

“Interesting,” Lu Wu said.

“Pavilion Master will definitely be able to subdue the pillar.”

Everyone was very confident in Lu Zhou.

...

Lu Zhou flew about 50 kilometers away, far from the original spot. Then, he mobilized his divine power.

His astrolabe flashed and spun, increasing its size by 1,000 times.

When the Pillar of Impermanence stopped moving, Lu Zhou looked down and saw a circular lake beneath his feet.

The lake water was like a mirror; it was smooth without a single ripple, reflecting the astrolabe.

Lu Zhou increased his divine power and pushed forward.

Buzz!

The Pillar of Impermanence was pushed back. Then, it pushed forward.

A person and an object continued to struggle against each other. This really made Lu Zhou feel f*cking speechless.

If it was a Venerable Master, he could have used an item card to teach them a lesson. Now, what was he supposed to do with an object? An object had no life; how was he going to kill it?

“Go.”

Lu Zhou increased the divine power yet again.

Bang!

The Pillar of Impermanence was pushed back again. It spun in the air flying back toward the mountain peak by the lake. Then, it suddenly expanded 100 times in size, looking like a towering ancient tree as it stabbed into the peak of the mountain.

Rocks rolled down the mountain immediately.

The Pillar of Impermanence thrummed, releasing a surge of vitality energy that attracted the fierce beasts in all directions.

“It can do this as well?” Lu Zhou knew the infinite grade was stronger than the fusion grade. However, he did not expect it to be so much stronger.

The fierce beasts that were attracted by the Pillar of Impermanence were just weak fierce beasts.

Lu Zhou swooped down and roared, releasing the aura of a beast emperor, scaring the fierce beasts away.

Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence dislodged itself from the mountain peak and attacked Lu Zhou again. It moved as fast as lightning and shot across the sky like a shooting star.

Lu Zhou brought Unnamed out.

“Do you think you’re stronger than Unnamed?” From the beginning until now, Lu Zhou had no idea about the extent of Unnamed’s strength. All he knew was Unnamed was peerlessly shaped and could change into many forms. Its strength was very different from the Pillar of Impermanence. Who would win when they collide?

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Above the lake, Lu Zhou left countless afterimages in his wake. Those with low cultivation bases would not be able to capture his movements at all. They would only be able to see the golden energy swords colliding with the Pillar of Impermanence in the sky.

“The Pillar of Impermanence is so strong?” Mingshi Yin was surprised.

“It’s an infinite-grade object, after all. Yong He refused to give it up for 30,000 years...” Kong Wen said.

The sound of battles rang out continuously.

“It’s a good thing it’s not in the ancient formation.”

Fear still lingered in everyone’s hearts when they recalled what happened earlier. Such an ability was too terrifying.

...

The intense battle between a man and an object continued for two hours. It was a battle that seemed to have no end.

“For the Pavilion Master’s sword to be able to fight the Pillar of Impermanence until now, it’s definitely at the infinity grade at least...”

“Master’s sword?” Little Yuan’er looked at it and said, “No wonder Jiang Aijian wanted it so badly. However, master didn’t give it to him.”

The delicate and exquisite small sword grew fiercer and fiercer as time went on. The more it clashed with its opponent, the fiercer it became.

Bang!

The Pillar of Impermanence retreated 100 meters. It stopped before it continued to slowly retreat.

Lu Zhou opened his hand, releasing Unnamed.

Everyone’s eyes lit up.

Kong Wen laughed. “It’s scared! It’s actually scared!”

At this moment, Lu Zhou said, “If you don’t submit, I’ll use this word to cut you into pieces...”

In fact, Lu Zhou felt very silly for saying such words. The Pillar of Impermanence was just an object, after all, but he was talking to it as though it could understand him.

Swoosh!

The Pillar of Impermanence suddenly grew 100 times bigger before it plunged into the lake, stirring up a huge wave.

Splash!

As though it was boiling, the surface of the lake began to bubble.

Lu Zhou brought the Purple Glazed Ceramic out and tossed it down.

“Freeze!”

Creak!

The lake water froze immediately.

After Lu Zhou put the Purple Glazed Ceramic away, he called out, “Confinement Seal.”

Boom!

The Confinement Seal fell from the sky, suppressing the Pillar of Impermanence.

Lu Zhou landed on the Confinement Seal and stomped on it heavily.

Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence was pressed down to the point where it could not move at all. It could only shrink at this time. Then, it found a small opening and flew to the sky, looking as though it was running away!

Lu Zhou remained calm. He brought out Unnamed in the form of a bow and quickly released arrows.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The arrows that had already been imbued with his divine power landed on the Pillar of Impermanence consecutively, causing its body to turn red and its speed to decrease.

With nowhere to run, the Pillar of Impermanence turned back and sped toward Lu Zhou.

“Watch out!”

Although the Pillar of Impermanence’s strength had been greatly reduced, it was still strong. Moreover, who knew what other tricks it was hiding?

Lu Zhou launched a palm seal imbued with divine power out in front of him.

Bang!

The backlash from the collision cut the frozen lake in half. Once again, they were caught in another deadlock.

Buzz!

At this time, a vortex formed above the Pillar of Impermanence.

“Again?” Lu Zhou could feel the years of his life decreasing. He had learned from his mistakes earlier. Moreover, he was no longer in the ancient formation so how could he tolerate this? He waved his hand, intending on dispersing the palm seal.

However, the Pillar of Impermanence stuck to the palm seal, absorbing Lu Zhou’s lifespan from it.

Once again, Lu Zhou’s lifespan was greatly reduced. The extra few thousand years he had gained earlier was completely absorbed in less than 15 minutes. Soon enough, his appearance began to age again. However, this time, the changes were subtle.

At this moment, a wave of coolness came from his Dantian’s sea of Qi. Then, the blue avatar appeared. The blue avatar seemed to have seen the most delicious food in the world as it began to greedily absorb the vitality energy.

“???”

‘What am I waiting for?’

Most humans would instinctively protect themselves; the same could be said for the blue avatar.

“Upgrade.”

The blue avatar began to absorb the vitality energy in a frenzy. It was unbelievable that the blue Nine Transformation Yin Yang avatar could absorb the Pillar of Impermanence’s vitality energy. This was like an ant tripping an elephant!

Lu Zhou could clearly feel the surging vitality energy flowing from his palm seal into his hands before going into his Dantian’s sea of Qi, feeding the blue avatar.

The blue avatar continued to grow until...

“Ding! Upgrade successful.”

Lu Zhou was slightly surprised. To think he had actually broken through at such a time.

“Ding! Ten Worlds avatar. Next upgrade will require 10,000 years of life.”

10,000 years was too long! It would be a race against time to accumulate so many years.

Meanwhile, the blue avatar was fiercer than before, perfectly restraining the Pillar of Impermanence.

The vitality energy continued to flow in reverse from the Pillar of Impermanence to the blue avatar.

Everyone was baffled.

“What’s going on?”

Chapter 1248: Submission

“Stalemate?”

“It doesn’t look like a stalemate... The Pillar of Impermanence seems frozen,” Kong Wen said, “In any case, Pavilion Master is trying to subdue this infinite-grade object. Otherwise, he could’ve easily destroyed it...”

Everyone nodded. One of them dared to say such confident words, and the others dared to believe it.

Lu Li added, “You have a point. The Pavilion Master is a Venerable Master all. I’m sure he has his ways. Back then...”

Yan Zhenluo coughed and nudged Lu Li. He had grown tired of hearing the words ‘back then’ and ‘my ancestor’. Only a friend like him could endure it. The others would not be able to endure it at all.

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Back in the sky, a strong vortex churning with vitality energy appeared in Lu Zhou’s palm, stirring up the wind.

The Pillar of Impermanence struggled violently as though it wanted to give up.

Lu Zhou probed his blue avatar. It has grown several times again. It did not take long before he heard a crisp sound from his Dantian’s sea of Qi.

“Ding! Upgrade successful!”

“Ding! Hundreds Tribulation avatar. Next upgrade will require 10,000 years of life.”

Before the Pillar of Impermanence could do any damage, it had lost 15,000 years of life. How could it be willing? It began to struggle even more violently.

However, how could Lu Zhou let it act as it pleased? Although the lifespan the pillar had absorbed when they were in the ancient formation had been returned, it still held a huge number of years. There were also 5,000 years of life from Ye Wei’s sacred relic and 200 or more Reversal Cards. With the boost from the ancient formation, it should have absorbed at least 100,000 years.

Thinking about his blue avatar, Lu Zhou felt more relaxed.

“Don’t even think about leaving...” Lu Zhou said before ignoring it.

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An hour later...

Lu Zhou felt that the blue avatar had absorbed enough vitality energy.

A ring of light appeared at the waist of the blue avatar and dropped down.

Swoosh!

“???”

Lu Zhou was shocked when he saw a leaf sprouting. It sprouted as soon as one ring of light fell. As someone who had experienced sprouting leaves so many times, he knew it was impossible to sprout a leaf when the circle of light had only dropped once. It seemed since he had evolved his avatar before, the upgrading of the second avatar was just a quick run-through.

Something stirred in his mind at this moment, but he could not quite put his fingers on it.

“Ding! Upgrade successful!”

“Ding! One Leaf Hundred Tribulations avatar. Sprouting the second leaf will require 10,000 years.”

Fortunately, the years required to upgrade the blue avatar did not increase.

Finally, Lu Zhou glanced at the Pillar of Impermanence and asked, “Are you convinced?”

At this time, the pillar began to peel as though it was shedding black skin. After the black ‘skin’ peeled off, it was now bronze and slightly textured.

Lu Zhou frowned.

The black ‘skin’ floated in the air and turned into glowing black symbols.

“Its spirituality has vanished!” Kong Wen exclaimed.

“Then isn’t it useless now?”

“No,” Kong Wen said, “It’s the exact opposite. The spirituality of the Pillar of Impermanence was given by its master. As long as the spirituality of its previous master doesn’t vanish, it’d be impossible to

subdue it. Now that its spirituality has disappeared, the Pavilion Master only has to inject some of his spirituality into it and subdue it!"

Yan Zhenluo asked, "How do you inject your spirituality?"

"Uh, this..." This question was beyond Kong Wen's knowledge. However, he had spoken with the air of a wise man that it would be awkward and embarrassing if he said he did not know now.

Fortunately, at this moment, Lu Wu said, "Giving it a basic spirituality only needed a drop of one's blood. A higher spirituality would come with more emotions. This requires one to keep it by one's side all year round and to nurture it with one's aura..."

Everyone nodded.

Mingshi Yin glanced at Lu Wu and said, "To think the knowledge of a group of people is inferior to..."

"What?" Lu Wu lowered its head.

"... to a beast emperor..."

Lu Wu scoffed. "When I was roaming the lands, you rep... you weak humans were still your mothers' wombs..."

No one was able to refute Lu Wu's words. It was the truth.

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After the Pillar of Impermanence's spirituality was stripped away, it became still.

Then, Lu Zhou dismissed his blue avatar and did not allow it to continue absorbing the vitality energy. He needed to figure out how many years the Pillar of Impermanence contained first. Otherwise, it would be troublesome if the blue avatar absorbed all the years and turned the pillar into scrap metal.

Lu Zhou tightened his grip slightly. There was no reaction from the Pillar of Impermanence at all.

"Hmm?" Soon after, Lu Zhou recalled the drop of blood earlier. It was probably blocked by the pillar's spirituality earlier. He immediately pricked his finger and let a drop of blood drip onto the Pillar of Impermanence.

As soon as the blood dropped on the Pillar of Impermanence, it glowed like the setting sun for a moment before the light vanished. Then, it returned to looking like how an inanimate object would look.

"Ding! Subdued the infinite-grade Pillar of Impermanence. Ability: Vitality of the Universe."

"Ding! Vitality of the Universe: gathering the vitality energy from all living things within a radius of 100 miles."

Lu Zhou was delighted that he finally got what he wanted. He tightened his grip around the Pillar of Impermanence before he probed with his consciousness. He was surprised to discover that it held a space that seemed as vast as the ocean deep within it. He could sense a huge amount of vitality energy in the inner space of the Pillar of Impermanence.

Lu Zhou withdrew his consciousness after a moment. Now was not the time to study the Pillar of Impermanence. With just a thought, the Pillar of Impermanence vanished. As it turned out, infinite-grade items like the Pillar of Impermanence could be controlled by his thoughts alone just like Unnamed.

Upon seeing this, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion were overjoyed. They bowed one after another.

“Congratulations, Pavilion Master, for successfully subduing the Pillar of Impermanence!”

“Congratulations, master, for subduing the Pillar of Impermanence!”

Lu Zhou flew across the lake and looked at everyone before he said, “You’ve all worked hard.”

“It’s our duty,” Kong Wen said.

Lu Zhou pointed at the lake and said, “Too many people know about Transient City, and there’s an ancient formation there. However, the environment is good here. We’ll rest somewhere nearby.”

“Yes!” Everyone bowed.

Lu Zhou took the lead and flew toward the lake again.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Everyone followed closely behind.

Before long, they arrived at the side of a mountain. The place was by the mountain and not too far from the lake. It was indeed a good place.

Even with Lu Wu’s huge body, it could find places to hide here at the foot of the mountain. In fact, this place made Lu Wu seem like it was normal size while the humans were the size of an ant.

Lu Zhou had indeed chosen a good place.

At this time, Lu Zhou looked at everyone and asked, “Is there any problem with your lifespans?”

Everyone shook their heads.

“Not only do we not have a problem, but it seems like we’ve gained a little from the Pillar of Impermanence as well. I feel very energetic now...” Yan Zhenluo said.

“Alright.” Lu Zhou nodded before he said, “I’ll use this place to create a new place for cultivation. I’ll limit the range to a kilometer. Remember to cultivate diligently...”

Everyone was delighted by these words. “Yes!”

Lu Zhou raised his right hand. The golden Pillar of Impermanence floated above his palm. Then, he pushed his hand out.

The golden Pillar of Impermanence flew out and stabbed into the ground. It thrummed before it began to generate a vortex.

Under Lu Zhou’s control, the pillar’s effect was limited to only a kilometer.

With this, a new and small holy land of cultivation had been formed.

Chapter 1249: Advanced by Leaps and Bounds

It was not as miraculous as the ruins of Transient City, but one could clearly feel the vitality energy was gathering from all directions.

Mingshi Yin sensed the energy and said, "The cultivation speed should be three times faster..."

"Considering the pillar's basic spirituality and the lack of support from the ancient formation, I'm afraid it'd be difficult for the speed to reach the level in Transient City..." Kong Wen said.

"No, no, this is enough. If it's like the Transient City, it can kill people..." Mingshi Yin said.

None of them wanted to experience that again. After that experience, they felt as though the world had changed.

Although the Pillar of Impermanence had been subdued by Lu Zhou, its pressure from before was still there.

"I have to say, the Pillar of Impermanence is really a rare treasure. Not only can it gather and absorb vitality energy, but it also has an independent space," Kong Wen said.

In fact, the ability, the Vitality of the Universe, was not only gathering vitality energy. In a way, it was accelerating time, but it was different from controlling time. Time was not something ordinary people could control after all.

Lu Zhou had gained a deeper understanding of Venerable Master after spending time learning in the Unknown Land.

Lu Zhou raised his hand at this time. "Faster."

The Pillar of Impermanence obeyed Lu Zhou's order. It grew several times larger. The vortex grew accordingly as well.

Everyone felt a slight pressure bearing down on them immediately. Although it was slightly uncomfortable, they could feel the vitality energy seemed to have gotten richer.

With this, the energy would coarse through their Extraordinary Eight Meridians at a higher speed as well.

Mingshi Yin sensed his surroundings again before he said with a smile, "It's about ten times faster. It's just nice."

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "Alright, go and cultivate."

"Understood."

"Old Fourth, Yuan'er, Conch, stay."

While the trio stayed behind, the others left to find places in the forest to cultivate and rest. Since they knew not to disturb Lu Zhou, they went further away. None of them had any complaints. It was very good that they could cultivate in such a beautiful place with such a great environment.

After everyone left, Lu Zhou waved his hand, and the bag next to Qiong Qi flew over. Then, he brought out one of Yong He's life hearts before throwing it to Mingshi Yin. He would keep the other two for now. Then, he brought two medium-quality life hearts and passed them to Little Yuan'er and Conch.

"When you activate your first Birth Chart, you can use elementary life hearts. However, considering your talents, these two intermediate life hearts are more suitable..."

The two life hearts were flight-type life hearts; it was very suitable for his two youngest disciples.

Little Yuan'er asked, "Master, what about Yong He's life heart?"

After witnessing Yong He's strength, would there be anyone who did not want its life hearts?

Lu Zhou said, "To use a beast emperor's life heart to activate your first Birth Chart isn't appropriate. Moreover, Yong He's sound technique contradicts Conch's sound technique. I'll find a more suitable life heart for you in the future."

"Thank you, master!" Little Yuan'er nodded excitedly. The little Fire Phoenix standing on her shoulder nodded as well.

"Alright, you may leave."

"Understood."

After his three disciples left, he was left alone by the lakeside.

Since Lu Wu stayed outside the range of the Pillar of Impermanence as a guardian, ordinary fierce beasts did not dare to approach at all. The flying beasts in the air chose to take a detour when they flew close.

Lu Zhou sat cross-legged on the ground before checking the system interface.

Remaining lifespan: 2,113,097 (5,789 years)

"I gained more than 600 years..." Lu Zhou muttered to himself after doing some calculations. Indeed, the Pillar of Impermanence had returned everyone the years of their lives and then some.

"How many years are there in the pillar?"

After subduing the pillar, Lu Zhou had sensed a space as vast as the sea that was brimming with vitality energy. To think it could also continue to accumulate vitality energy. However, its speed of gathering vitality energy was no longer as exaggerated as it was in the ancient formation. If he wanted to accumulate vitality energy, he would need time. Naturally, he would not feel at ease leaving an infinite-grade item somewhere to gather vitality energy.

Then, Lu Zhou checked his merit points.

Merit points: 91,760

He sighed inwardly. These points were not a lot. He had spent 50,000 on Reversal Cards earlier. Fortunately, he still had the enhanced Reduction Card. Moreover, with Lu Wu around, it would not be troublesome even if they encountered another Venerable Master.

Just from the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence, without the help of the Purple Glazed Ceramic, the speed of the Primal Qi coursing through the Eight Extraordinary Meridians had increased drastically. Naturally, there were downsides as well. The speed at which one's life decreased was ten times faster as well.

"Ten years here is like a year outside..." Lu Zhou muttered to himself as he stared at the calm surface of the lake, "Perhaps, it's still a little slow..."

Lu Zhou smacked his hand on the ground, and the Pillar of Impermanence grew again. This time, its size only increased a few times. It seemed like it had reached its limit.

'My cultivation base isn't high enough to display its full power,' Lu Zhou thought to himself.

Nevertheless, it was good enough that he was able to increase its speed by 15 times.

If his cultivation speed had increased by 15 times, what about his speed of meditating and comprehending the Heavenly Writing?

Lu Zhou closed his eyes and entered his meditative state immediately.

After a moment, Lu Zhou could tell his speed was about five times faster now.

Based on this, it could be seen that comprehending and meditating on the Heavenly Writing was about three times more difficult than normal cultivation.

Lu Zhou did not have any complaints about the five-times increase in speed. It was equivalent to one and a half Purple Glazed Ceramic. After the Purple Glazed Ceramic recovered its energy, his speed would be even faster.

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After six hours...

Lu Zhou had almost completely recovered his divine power.

Such a speed was unimaginable in the past.

Then, Lu Zhou stopped meditating on the Heavenly Writing and manifested his blue avatar.

Since the effects from the Disguise Card and Concealment Card had disappeared, the blue avatar appeared in its true form.

The Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar glowed blue as the divine power swirled around it like a thick fog.

"Again."

Lu Zhou waved his hand.

The blue avatar landed on the ground.

Lu Zhou decisively upgraded his avatar. He channeled some of the vitality energy from the vortex into the blue avatar.

This time, the avatar's absorption was obviously slower than before. After all, not only did he need to maintain the range of the pillar, but he also had to let the blue avatar absorb the vitality energy.

At the same time, Lu Zhou used his consciousness to probe the Pillar of Impermanence again. He could feel the vast vitality energy surging out into the blue avatar.

The lotus under the blue avatar that was being 'fed' began to spin at this time.

Lu Zhou could feel his blue avatar was advancing by leaps and bounds!

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At the same time.

In the depths of the forest at the foot of the mountain.

Although Little Yuan'er had long been familiar with the activation of Birth Charts due to her seniors' advice, she was still careful and wary as she placed the life heart in her Birth Palace.

After she dropped the life heart into her Birth Palace, she hurriedly withdrew her hands and covered her eyes. She did not dare to look at the changes in her Birth Palace. She kept muttering, "It doesn't hurt, it doesn't hurt, it doesn't hurt..."

Click!

Little Yuan'er instinctively put her hands down and looked at her Birth Palace in confusion when she heard a crisp sound.

Her lotus seat and Birth Palace was smooth; not even the shadow of the life heart could be seen.

"Where's my life heart?!" Little Yuan'er grabbed the little Fire Phoenix's neck and asked, "Little Fire Phoenix, did you eat it when I wasn't looking?"

Chirp!

The little Fire Phoenix tilted its head to the side slightly, looking confused.

Chapter 1250: Enhanced Deadly Strike Card (1)

Despite the suspicious expression on her face, Little Yuan'er patted the Little Fire Phoenix and muttered, "I've wronged you."

Then, she scratched her head and looked at her flat Birth Palace.

Click!

In the Birth Palace, a Birth Chart zone formed and caved in like a funnel.

This was the second stage of the activation of a Birth Chart.

Little Yuan'er sighed before she brought out the Birth Chart map she had copied and murmured to herself, "I didn't put it in the wrong place. It's here. Did I succeed?"

She found this a little hard to believe. During the time when her master was cultivating in seclusion, she had asked her Eldest Senior Brother for advice. At that time, he had emphasized repeatedly that the activation of a Birth Chart was a torturous and painful process. He had told her that as long as she could endure it, it would be all worth it. The activation of her first Birth Chart would pave the way to forming her Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

Little Yuan'er did not feel any pain at all so she thought she might have placed her Birth Chart in the wrong place.

"Focus."

Little Yuan'er sat cross-legged and observed the changes in her Birth Palace.

Due to the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence, the speed of the Birth Palace's absorption of vitality energy was also 15 times faster.

After an hour, her lotus seat finally stopped spinning, and she saw the edges of her Birth Palace flashing with light.

"That's it?" Little Yuan'er was puzzled.

Swoosh!

At this time, the green-clad Yu Shangrong landed on a branch of a tree with his sword in hand. He said with a faint smile, "Congratulations, Ninth Junior Sister! You've successfully activated your first Birth Chart."

"Huh? Second Senior Brother, is this it?"

"That's right," Yu Shangrong nodded.

"But... Why didn't I feel anything at all?" Little Yuan'er asked, baffled.

"When master activated his first Birth Chart to form the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, it took him four hours. It took your Eldest Senior Brother and me about five days to do so. Because of the Pillar of Impermanence, the speed is 15 times faster. Moreover, you're far more talented than your senior brothers and have stayed at the Ten-leaf stage for too long. With the Supreme Purity Jade Slip, your foundation is incredibly stable. Hence, it's not surprising it took you an hour just to activate your Birth Chart..." Yu Shangrong explained.

Little Yuan'er nodded. "I see. Thank you, Second Senior Brother."

"Since you've activated your first Birth Chart, you should strike while the iron is hot and form your Thousand Realms Whirling avatar," Yu Shangrong said in an even tone.

"Okay!" Little Yuan'er nodded. Then, she asked, "Second Senior Brother, aren't you going to cultivate?"

"I'm looking for your Fourth Senior Brother," Yu Shangrong said before he flashed away. He had long absorbed his life heart so he wanted to look for Mingshi Yin to get another life heart so he could continue absorbing life hearts. The Noblemen had short lives, to begin with. The years they obtained from cultivating were only half of what ordinary cultivators gained. To him, 15 times the cultivation speed was like paying double the price. Hence, he treasured his time cultivating in this environment even more than anyone else.

Meanwhile, Little Yuan'er sighed in relief after listening to Yu Shangrong's words. She sat down cross-legged again and rested her hands on her lap before she circulated the energy in her Dantian's sea of Qi. Then, she slowly began to form her Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

When the Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar evolved into the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, it was like a complete reconstruction of a body. Theoretically, it should be very painful.

In the area within a radius of a kilometer that Lu Zhou had formed, Primal Qi surged into Little Yuan'er's meridians in a hurry. The energy circulated swiftly through her meridians before surging into her Dantian's sea of Qi. Through the Dantian's sea of Qi, changes began to occur.

First, on the lotus seat, Birth Palace now looked like a circular disk. Then, it looked like someone had taken a scalpel and etched patterns on it.

"Is this the... Birth Disk?"

"I have to focus. Senior Brother had said that the disk in the Birth Palace is the foundation of the astrolabe..." Little Yuan'er steadied her breathing and focused. It was rare for her to be so serious.

Swoosh!

The little Fire Phoenix flapped its wings and landed next to the Birth Palace. Then, it opened its beak and spat out a small flame.

"???" Little Yuan'er gently smacked it away. "Don't be annoying!"

Crash!

The little Fire Phoenix tripped and crashed against the root of a tree.

The astrolabe was very important. If she failed to focus, it might deal a heavy blow to her cultivation.

Little Yuan'er and the little Fire Phoenix had bonded somewhat and had grown more familiar with each other. Hence, the little Fire Phoenix was not afraid of Little Yuan'er at all. After it regained its footing, it flew back to her Birth Palace again.

"What are you trying to do?" Little Yuan'er waved her fist at it.

Chirp! Chirp! Chirp!

"If you spit fire again, I'll roast you!" Little Yuan'er said threateningly. After a moment, she cried out, "Wait! You can spit fire now?"

She rose to her feet and rushed toward the little Fire Phoenix and carried it in her hands as she said excitedly, "Hurry up! Do it again!"

The little Fire Phoenix blinked its big eyes at Little Yuan'er, then it opened its beak...

Swoosh!

A fist-sized flame shot toward Little Yuan'er.

Little Yuan'er. "?"

The little Fire Phoenix flapped its wings and struggled to free itself from her grip. When it regained its freedom, it hurriedly flew into the distance.

Little Yuan'er touched her hair and found them burnt and crispy. When she touched her face, her fingers came away black. Her entire person smelled burnt. She shouted angrily, "I'm going to beat you up!"

Just as she was about to give chase, she saw a golden dazzling round disk appear behind her Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar.

"A-astrolabe?"

Then, her Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar swiftly transformed into a Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

At this time, her golden lotus and her Birth Palace that shone with golden light finally stopped spinning. The regions in her Birth Palace were distinct and beautiful.

Little Yuan'er had finally entered the Thousand Realms Whirling stage.

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"Ding! One of your disciples, Ci Yuan'er, has successfully formed the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. Reward: 10,000 merit points."

"Ding! Ci Yuan'er has met the requirements to complete his apprenticeship. Would you like her to complete his apprenticeship?"

"Ding! Disciples will provide more rewards for their master after leaving their master and entering the world."

Upon hearing this series of notifications, Lu Zhou opened his eyes. The speed at which Little Yuan'er activated her Birth Chart and formed her Thousand Realms Whirling avatar had surprised him.

He had known for a long time that Little Yuan'er's talent was incredibly high. Moreover, the Great Void Seed also had the best effect on her. However, he did not expect her to be so terrifyingly talented.

Among his disciples, Little Yuan'er was undoubtedly the most talented, cultivation-wise. Her cultivation speed was the fastest among all his disciples.

Although Conch had reached the Ten-leaf stage first, it did not really count since she had inherited Luo Xuan's cultivation base.

From the beginning to the end, Little Yuan'er did not rely on fortuitous encounters nor was she given any special shortcuts. There was no doubt the one who took the shortest time to reach the Ten-leaf stage was her.

‘Then, should I allow her to complete her apprenticeship?’ Unlike the others, Lu Zhou considered this very seriously.

After all, although Little Yuan’er had entered the Thousand Realms Whirling stage, she was still not wise to the ways of the world and lacked experience. Moreover, with her personality, it was not suitable for her to enter the world and establish a sect yet. It was impossible for her to teach her disciples. It was good enough that she did not lead them astray.

“What will happen if I refuse to let her complete her apprenticeship?” Lu Zhou wondered. Prior to this, he had allowed all his disciples who were qualified to complete their apprenticeships.

“Reject the completion of the apprenticeship.”

“Ding! Your disciple, Ci Yuan’er, will continue to learn from you until you think she’s qualified to complete her apprenticeship.”

“Ding! You’re rewarded with a random card. Since your disciple has yet to complete her apprenticeship, when you use this card, you’ll be randomly rewarded with a common item.”

Lu Zhou nodded. He had suspected this would happen when he rejected the completion of Little Yuan’er apprenticeship.

“If the apprenticeship is completed, I’ll be rewarded with a rare item. If I reject the completion of the apprenticeship, I’ll be given a common item.”

It was reasonable. Moreover, Little Yuan’er would complete her apprenticeship in the future. At that time, he would still be rewarded with a rare item. Now that he thought about it, with this, he had actually gained a common item.

“Use the random card.”

“Ding! You’ve received 3 Deadly Strike Cards.”