

## Disciples 1251

### Chapter 1251: Enhanced Deadly Strike Card (2)

Lu Zhou was slightly surprised by the three Deadly Strike Cards. Based on his understanding, the Deadly Strike Card should be considered a rare item. After all, it was very useful, and its price kept rising as well. Based on that, it would become rarer in the future.

Lu Zhou suddenly thought of a matter. He had rejected the completion of Little Yuan'er's apprenticeship so he was rewarded with three Deadly Strike Cards, which were common items according to the system. When she completed her apprenticeship in the future, he would then be rewarded with a rare item. He felt like he had been too hasty when he allowed his other disciples to complete their apprenticeships in the past.

After a moment, he said, "Complete apprenticeship."

"Ding! You'll have to wait at least a year before you can complete the apprenticeship."

"..."

Lu Zhou shook his head. 'This system really doesn't allow me to take advantage of any loopholes at all. Forget it, it's just a year...'

The road of cultivation was long. The further one progressed, the less valuable time would be. 100 or 1,000 years would flit past in just a blink of an eye, let alone a year.

Then, Lu Zhou silently recited the incantations for the Heavenly Writing's power of sight.

Soon after, he saw Little Yuan'er studying her Thousand Realms Whirling avatar from top to bottom.

The golden Thousand Realms Whirling avatar resembled Little Yuan'er; it was exquisite and delicate with a dignified air. The golden light it emitted made it look inviolable and sacred. The astrolabe spun behind it, dazzlingly bright.

"The astrolabe can be used independently. Let's test it out..." Little Yuan'er waved her hand, withdrawing her avatar and astrolabe. Then, she raised her hand and manifested her astrolabe. She succeeded in just one try.

"How fun!"

Lu Zhou. "..."

Cultivation that was originally a serious matter became fun in her mind.

Little Yuan'er had a great time playing with her astrolabe. She controlled it and changed its size easily.

In fact, it was so easy for someone who had just entered the Thousand Realms Whirling stage to control their astrolabe.

Little Yuan'er was clearly very talented. It only took her a short time to familiarize herself with the astrolabe.

Meanwhile, when the little Fire Phoenix saw that Little Yuan'er was having a great time, it flew back and chirped loudly. It flapped its wings, going up and down like a damaged helicopter. Then, it opened its beak and spat another ball of flames at her.

Swoosh!

The ball of flames was much bigger than before.

Little Yuan'er had learned from her mistakes. Previously, she did not know the little Fire Phoenix had already learned to spit fire so she was caught unprepared. This time, she would not let it succeed!

Little Yuan'er spun around and used her astrolabe to block the ball of flames.

Swoosh!

The flames were extinguished as soon as they landed on the astrolabe.

Little Yuan'er laughed. "Don't stop! Keep going!"

The little Fire Phoenix listened and continued to spit fire. After a long time, it finally depleted its energy and descended from the air, looking out of breath.

Little Yuan'er was about to put her astrolabe away when she saw the front of it was on fire. She cried out, alarmed, "It's on fire! It's on fire!"

She waved her hand frantically, causing the astrolabe to vanish.

"Hmm?"

She waved her hand again, and the astrolabe, still burning, appeared.

She tried to extinguish the fire several times but to no avail. She found it strange. She stared at the flames for a long time before she touched it tentatively. She found that she was not burned. The flames were different from the flames the little Fire Phoenix spat out, it was golden, not red.

"Karmic fire?!" Little Yuan'er exclaimed in shock.

She had spent a lot of time with Conch so she had seen Conch's red karmic fire. She had also seen her master's golden karmic fire before.

A grin appeared on her face immediately as she clapped her hands gleefully. "I actually possess karmic fire?"

She snapped her fingers in the direction of a path of weed to the side, and karmic fire instantly engulfed it. Then, she released the karmic fire at a slightly larger tree. In order to prevent the fire from spreading, she used the Nirvana Sash to extinguish the fire.

"This is fun!"

She turned to look at the little Fire Phoenix that was lying on the ground with a sly smile on her face.

"Hey, little guy..."

Chirp!

When the little Fire Phoenix raised its head and saw a golden ball of flames heading toward its face.

Chirp!

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Lu Zhou cut off the power of sight.

A rare smile appeared on his face.

'This girl is really too playful...'

Lu Zhou did not worry about the little Fire Phoenix's safety. After all, Fire Phoenixes were impervious to fire. Little Yuan'er's actions were akin to trying to drown a fish in water.

"Ding! One of your disciples, Luo Shiyin, has successfully formed the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. Reward: 10,000 merit points."

"Ding! Luo Shiyin has met the requirements to complete her 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."

Lu Zhou's heart skipped a beat. 'Conch has also successfully formed the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar? This is unexpected...'

Although he was sure Little Yuan'er and Conch would be able to form the Thousand Realms Whirling avatars, he did not expect both of them to do it on the same day.

Similar to Little Yuan'er, Lu Zhou said, "Reject the completion of the apprenticeship."

"Ding! Your disciple, Luo Shiyin, 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."

"Use the random card."

"Ding! You've received 2 Deadly Strike Cards and one elementary enhanced Deadly Strike Card."

The reward he got from Conch seemed slightly more abundant than the ones he received from Little Yuan'er.

The random card was really random. Why did it not randomly give him 100 item cards?

The elementary enhanced Deadly Strike Card was already beginning to lose its effectiveness. It was only effective against those who possessed 8 Birth Charts or less. Currently, he already had ten Birth Charts. Even if he did not use his divine power, it would still be easy for him to deal with Eight Chart cultivators.

"Synthesize?"

He had five Deadly Strike Cards now. He only needed one more to synthesize two cards.

“Buy.” Lu Zhou bought a Deadly Strike Card and two Synthesis Cards.

He only had a little over 20,000 merit points left out of 110,000 merit points. He had become poor overnight. However, now that he had more than enough trump cards, he did not feel too distressed about his merit points.

First, he synthesized the six Deadly Strike Cards into two elementary enhanced Deadly Strike Cards.

Following that, he synthesized three elementary Deadly Strike Cards, one of which he had obtained from the reward.

“Ding! Synthesis successful. Obtained an advanced enhanced Deadly Strike Card. Note: This card can only be synthesized three times.”

“Ding! Advanced enhanced Deadly Strike Card: Choose from two options. One, reduce the target’s Birth Charts to zero (puppets, foreign avatars, and other life-saving techniques are included). The maximum number of Birth Charts is 18. Second, use the force of the card on twenty different targets. You can’t focus the force on one person.”

“Not bad.”

In other words, this card, along with his Reduction Card, could directly kill a Venerable Master.

Without the advanced enhanced Deadly Strike Card, Lu Zhou would still have to consider puppets, weird avatars, and other strange techniques if he had only used the Reduction Card. Moreover, the Reduction Card would not be able to destroy so many Birth Charts at once. After using the Reduction Card, a Venerable Master would still have 17 Birth Charts.

A Seventeen Chart cultivator and a Venerable Master who had lost a Birth Chart were very different, after all, despite the same number of Birth Charts.

Lu Zhou raised his hand and carefully studied the advanced enhanced Deadly Strike Card. The patterns on it were distinct, and faint blue light flashed swiftly. It looked like a poker card.

“Hm? Lotus?” Soon after, Lu Zhou noticed that the exquisite patterns actually formed an exquisite lotus. The strokes and the lines that formed the lotus were as fine as hair; each stroke contained a mysterious power.

After that, Lu Zhou put the card away. He felt even more confident now.

Lu Zhou looked at his blue avatar.

The speed of his blue avatar sprouting the second leaf was not too bad. Naturally, its speed could not compare to before.

Based on his previous experience and the strength of the Heavenly Writing Power, his blue Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar should now be able to contend with stronger opponents even if he did not use his divine power.

“Ding! Upgrade successful!”

“Ding! Two Leaf Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar. Sprouting the third leaf will require 10,000 years of life.”

‘So one leaf will cost 10,000 years of life?’ Lu Zhou shook his head. It was too early to come to such a conclusion. The price might just double in the future.

After putting the blue Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar away, Lu Zhou planned to wait for a while before continuing to upgrade his avatar. He could feel its absorption speed had decreased by quite a bit. Moreover, if he continued, it might affect the Pillar of Impermanence.

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Yannan’s Blessed Land.

Ye Zheng hovered in the air, sitting with his legs crossed, in the training hall.

At this moment, a disciple appeared outside and said with a bow, “The four elders request an audience.”

Ye Zheng opened his eyes and said, “Let them in.”

“Yes.”

Not long after, Ye Wei and the other three entered the training hall and greeted Ye Zheng.

Ye Zheng’s gaze swept past the four elders before he asked, “You’re all injured?”

Ye Wei replied, “There was an accident. We encountered a powerful fierce beast called Yong He in the ruins of Transient City.”

Ye Zheng said, “Based on your strength, you should be able to deal with a beast emperor...”

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The four elders exchanged a look. They had already prepared their answers.

Ye Wei said, “Let’s not talk about that...”

Ye Zheng sighed and said, “All of you should rest well. I have my own ways regarding my cultivation.”

Ye Wei knew what Ye Zheng meant. He bowed and said, “Venerable Master, please listen to us.”

“Speak.”

“The deaths of the 36 disciples were caused by the Fire Phoenix. We should look for the Fire Phoenix instead of that golden lotus domain’s Venerable Master,” Ye Wei said.

Ye Zheng frowned slightly. Previously, he had believed the four elders wanted revenge more than he did. He truly did not expect these words to come out from Ye Wei’s mouth.

“The Fire Phoenix was just a tool. Moreover, it’s a divine beast now. Do you think I don’t want to kill it?” Ye Zheng said solemnly, “If it wasn’t for Venerable Master Qin colluding with that person to launch a

sneak attack, how could I have lost three Birth Charts? If I hadn't been ambushed, the 36 disciples wouldn't have died either..."

Ye Zheng's tone was calm, but the meaning behind his words was clear, expressing his stance.

Ye Wei thought about it for a moment before he said, "I feel that this matter should be put to rest."

Ye Zheng raised an eyebrow as he looked at Ye Wei intently. In fact, in the entire Yunnan, he was the closest to Ye Wei. Ye Wei was also the strongest after him. Not only that, but Ye Wei also had the highest potential to become the second Venerable Master. Even if the path was long, there was no doubt Ye Wei was still the closest to it.

Ye Zheng's heart stirred slightly as he looked at Ye Yuanjiu, Ye Geng, and Ye Yiqing. He asked, "What about the three of you?"

"I, too, think that we should put this matter to rest."

"Agreed."

"Agreed."

Ye Zheng's frown deepened as he said, "The 36 disciples of the Big Dipper Flag Formation were Yunnan's core strength; they weren't ordinary disciples. Not only that, but the formation flags for the formation have also been destroyed. Are we really going to forget about these matters?"

"You're a Venerable Master. A Venerable Master should be magnanimous and broad-minded. In the future, cultivate harder and strive to rise higher. We'll do our best to assist you," Ye Wei said. Although the words were sincere, they sounded strange.

Ye Zheng could not understand the four elders' change in attitude. He suppressed the displeasure in his heart and waved his hand. "You may leave. I know what to do."

The four elders bowed and left.

Following that, Ye Zheng's figure vanished from the training hall as well.

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The wind was gentle, the sun was bright, and the sky was clear.

Ye Zheng's figure appeared outside a pergola that towered into the clouds. He called out, "Brother Tuoba, have a chat with me."

"Come in."

A black figure could be seen sitting in front of a table. There were two teacups and a pot of tea on the table.

Tuoba Sicheng brewed the tea as he said, "Have a seat."

As Tuoba Sicheng poured the tea into the teacup, it made no ripples at all.

Ye Zheng flashed before he took a seat across from Tuoba Sicheng. He picked up the teacup and drained it all in one go. He was clearly angry.

Tuoba Sicheng smiled and asked, "Why are you angry?"

"That person destroyed my Birth Charts. If it weren't for Brother Tuoba, I'm afraid I would've died. Moreover, my 36 disciples cannot die in vain!" Ye Zheng said.

Tuoba Sicheng chuckled before he said, "After so many days have passed, you finally remembered to be angry?"

Ye Zheng sighed before he said, "The four elders advised me to let this matter go..."

Tuoba Sicheng nodded. "I understand them."

"You understand them?"

"That person's methods are extraordinary, and he has Qin Renyue's help. It's not surprising the elders don't want to make an enemy out of that person," Tuoba Sicheng said, "Do you really want to seek revenge?"

Ye Zheng remained silent.

Tuoba Sicheng continued to say, "As a Venerable Master, grudges should be thrown to the back of your mind. Perhaps, this is why you can't activate your 19th Birth Chart."

Ye Zheng still did not speak.

Tuoba Sicheng extended his hand in front of Ye Zheng and said, "Great Void Pill."

"Brother Tuoba, are you trying to take advantage of this situation?" Ye Zheng furrowed his brows.

Tuoba Sicheng said, "You're thinking too much. If I really wanted to take advantage of the situation, I would've gone to Yannan long before you recovered your three Birth Charts. Just tell me if you agree or not."

"You have to give me a reason," Ye Zheng said.

"Watch carefully." Tuoba Sicheng raised his right hand and pushed forward.

An astrolabe flew out and hovered vertically in front of a mountain peak. The green astrolabe flashed with 19 Birth Charts. The biggest Birth Chart shone the brightest.

Tuoba Sicheng casually waved his hand, and the astrolabe disappeared.

"19 Birth Charts?" Ye Zheng was surprised.

Tuoba Sicheng nodded and said, "It's strange... After I saved you that day, I went into closed-door cultivation as soon as I returned. Three days ago, I successfully activated my 19th Birth Chart."

Although the 19th Birth Chart was not the limit, it was difficult to activate. Not only was the difficulty of activating it high, but it was difficult to find a suitable high-quality life heart as well.

Ye Zheng's eyelids twitched. Jealousy and envy reared their ugly heads for a moment before they vanished. Then, he said, "Congratulations."

Tuoba Sicheng pointed at his head and said, "I've been enlightened. With the Great Void Pill, I can stabilize my cultivation base. I might even be able to activate my 20th Birth Chart."

He seemed to be a little envious and jealous, but in the end, it turned into nothingness. He said to Tuoba Sicheng, "Congratulations."

"Enlightened?" Ye Zheng asked skeptically.

Tuoba Sicheng thought about what happened that day before he shook his head and said, "I hope you'll forgive me, Brother Ye, but I can't talk about it."

Ye Zheng sighed. "Would it be so difficult if one can understand just by listening to it once? Forget it. Anyway, I'll give you the Great Void Pill in three days."

"Thank you," Tuoba Sicheng said with a smile, "Your matters are my matters. It's best if you speak to Fan Zhong as well. That old thing's stance is unclear..."

Ye Zheng nodded. "I know."

Then, Ye Zheng disappeared into thin air in just a blink of an eye.

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In the white palace.

A female attendant bowed and said, "Master, the White Tower Council is safe. The new Tower Master, Ye Tianxin, has successfully activated her Birth Chart. She has three Birth Charts now."

Lan Xihe nodded calmly. "As expected of someone with the Great Void Seed. I hope she'll grow stronger as soon as possible so she can become the Equalizer there."

"Master, the imbalance is still growing... I thought there's no need for an Equalizer for now?"

"That's right. However, just because we don't need one now, it doesn't mean we won't need one in the future," Lan Xihe replied tonelessly. Then, she asked, "What's the situation like in the Unknown Land?"

"Master, a divine beast has appeared and is flying toward the east side of the Endless Ocean. The Equalizer didn't attack it. As for Pavilion Master Lu, I couldn't find any traces of him."

Lan Xihe sighed softly. She closed her eyes and murmured to herself, "Perhaps, I was wrong..."

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Three months passed in just a blink of an eye.

In the new small tiny holy land of cultivation.

After cultivating for a period of time, he could feel that his Birth Palace had already stabilized. This speed was equivalent to cultivating outside for two years.

He could finally activate his next Birth Chart.



At this moment, it fully dawned on him how long the cultivation path was.

After Lu Zhou manifested his lotus, he looked at his Birth Palace and his Birth Charts.

### **Chapter 1253: The Second Great Birth Chart**

Currently, Lu Zhou had activated seven Birth Charts in the human region. There were still another five zones in the human region that had yet to be shown. They would only show up after the expansion of his lotus seat. Apart from that, the activation of his next Birth Chart would be difficult as well.

It took skills to activate Birth Charts as well. One had to consider the ease and difficulty of the activation. Usually, the difficulty would increase as one continued to activate Birth Charts. The closer one got to a Birth Trial, the more difficult it would be. However, after passing the Birth Trial, the difficulty would decrease again. At that time, one could activate a Great Birth Chart since the process would be easier during this time. On the other hand, when approaching a Birth Trial, it was best to activate Birth Charts in the human region to reduce the difficulty of the process.

Naturally, nothing was absolute in the world. Moreover, it was not easy to expand one's lotus seat.

He had activated three Birth Charts in the earth region. One of them was a Great Birth Chart that he activated using the life heart he had borrowed from Lu Wu.

If he did not consider Yong He's weak physical body, its outstanding ability was almost as powerful as that of a divine beast. It was unfortunate that it met Lu Zhou. The Heavenly Writing was its natural enemy.

There was no doubt that Yong He's life heart would allow him to activate another Great Birth Chart.

"The second Great Birth Chart should be in the heaven region..."

He had occupied two defense zones and the others had yet to appear.

"The Second Heavenly Stem and the Sunshine Thunder Gates..."

These two were suited for life hearts with abilities. Fortunately, they were not positions that strengthened passive abilities. Otherwise, he would have to activate his Birth Chart in the earth region.

"The Second Heavenly Stem..."

Lu Zhou placed Yong He's life heart in the Second Heavenly Stem's position.

Yong He's life heart was rare and precious so it should be reused.

Click!

As soon as he placed the life heart in his Birth Palace, the corner quickly sank in.

"The effect of the Pillar of Impermanence is really extraordinary... It's just that its downside can be deadly..."

Staying in this place for three months was equivalent to 45 months outside. Although he had lost more than three years cultivating in this place, in exchange for such huge improvements, he thought it was acceptable. In fact, the others were happy staying here as well. It was not a problem as long as one did not act recklessly.

Previously, it took Lu Zhou about three months to activate his first Great Birth Chart. Now that the cultivation speed had increased by 15 times, he should be able to complete the activation of his second Great Birth Chart in seven days.

While Lu Zhou was observing his Birth Palace for changes, he heard the sound of surging energy.

Their time here was very precious. Everyone, including Kong Wen and the others, was cultivating in a frenzy and did not pay any attention to each other.

Lu Zhou recited the mantra for the power of hearing. His hearing range quickly covered a radius of 1,000 meters, and he quickly found the source of the sound.

Lu Wu asked, "Are you sure... you want me to help you pass your... Birth Trial?"

"Come on. There's nothing more suitable than your Ice Seal," Yu Zhenghai said with a smile.

Lu Zhou's heart stirred slightly. Yu Zhenghai had about only four or five Birth Charts previously. However, on second thought, this was not surprising. It was normal for him to have activated another two Birth Charts after cultivating for nearly four years. For now, beast kings' life hearts were sufficient for his disciples. He would have to think of a way to find better life hearts in the future when they were activating their Great Birth Charts.

Lu Wu looked at the future supreme being in front of him and said, "Interesting. Alright, I'll fulfill your wish."

Then, it lowered its head and opened its mouth, its fur that was like needles stood on end. Following that, a freezing energy permeated the entire place, shrouding Yu Zhenghai.

Creak!

Yu Zhenghai was frozen in just an instant.

The area within a radius of dozens of meters froze as well. The trees, plants, and flowers were not spared and turned into ice sculptures.

When Lu Wu saw that Yu Zhenghai could not move at all, it turned around and asked, "Uh, did I... overdo it?"

Duanmu Sheng picked up his Overlord Spear and leaped onto Lu Wu's back before he said, "No."

"He only has... six Birth Charts... The strength I used is... comparable to someone who has passed... two Birth Trials..." Lu Wu said. It would be over for it if it accidentally froze a future supreme being to death.

Duanmu Sheng said, "Don't worry. You don't know my Eldest Senior Brother..."

"No... You don't know... me..."

“No, you don’t know my Elder Senior Brother...”

“Alright, you win.”

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Lu Zhou cut off his power of hearing. He was slightly surprised by Yu Zhenghai’s plan.

If Lu Wu went all out, its strength was comparable to a Venerable Master. Even when it was missing a life heart, the monster hunting squad was not its match at all. Using it to pass the Birth Trial was a rather good idea and safer than passing the Birth Trial in another place with a harsh and extreme environment.

When Lu Zhou looked at his Birth Palace again, he found that the life heart had almost completely sunk into his Birth Palace. He waved his hand, pulling the life heart out.

All he had to do now was to wait for the decrease and increase of his lifespan.

He currently had 2,096,672 days left, which was equivalent to 5,744 years. After the years he had gained from the Reversal Cards were absorbed by the Pillar of Impermanence before being returned to him again, his lifespan on the system panel no longer showed it separately.

With this activation, he would lose 1,500 years before being given 500 years. In the end, he would be left with 4,744 years left. It was not too bad.

As expected, the numbers on the system panel began to fall. Its decreasing speed was faster than usual as well.

By now, Lu Zhou had already gotten used to it. He closed his eyes and waited for the complete activation of his Birth Chart.

The pain was greatly reduced thanks to the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence and Transient City. The activation process went smoothly, but he could clearly feel the pain from the activation of his 11th Birth Chart was more intense than before. The pain was neither from extreme heat nor cold; it was a kind of mental torture that felt like tens of millions of ants were crawling in his mind. It was the same in his Dantian’s sea of Qi.

In order to alleviate the pain and distract himself, Lu Zhou observed his disciples with the power of sight.

There was nothing much to see with Yu Zhenghai since he was frozen.

When he tried to observe his fourth disciple, he could see darkness and hear the sound of snoring.

Then, he saw his second disciple, Yu Shangrong, holding the Longevity Sword as he rushed to the top of the mountain and stood against the wind.

Then, the Longevity Sword flew in and out of its sheath. When it flew out, it flew into the distance before it returned at lightning speed. It was as though Yu Shangrong was studying some new sword path.

“Range of control... 1,000 meters thousand...” Yu Shangrong nodded in satisfaction.

Lu Zhou was slightly surprised by the flying sword. Usually, cultivators converted Primal Qi to energy, forming energy seals to kill their enemies. The further the distance, the harder it would be to control. However, Yu Shangrong was able to control his Longevity Sword within the range of 1,000 meters?

Lu Zhou turned his attention back to Yu Shangrong again.

With Yu Shangrong in the center, millions of energy swords appeared in the sky. They were arranged in various formations, moving up and down, before they merged and shot toward another mountain peak.

Yu Shangrong nodded expressionlessly. Then, he brought out an intermediate life heart and flew into the forest to absorb it.

Lu Zhou nodded. All his disciples in Transient City were progressing very quickly thanks to the Pillar of Impermanence.

With that, Lu Zhou decided to check on his other disciples.

Zhao Yue, who was in the golden lotus domain, was already beginning to break through to the Thousand Realms Whirling stage.

Apart from activating a Birth Chart recently, Ye Tianxin had also been training with the experts in the White Tower Council.

Si Wuya had successfully sprouted his tenth leaf.

Zhu Honggong was rather lazy and did nothing most days.

Apart from that, the four elders of the Evil Sky Pavilion had entered closed-door cultivation.

Everything seemed well with the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

Lu Zhou was only perplexed about one matter. The green lotus cultivators had already appeared in the black lotus domain and the red lotus domain. The imbalance was serious, and the weather was terrible. Why had they not made a move yet? Were they hiding and biding their time?

After a while, Lu Zhou activated his power of sight again and observed Si Wuya again.

“Seventh Senior Brother, master and the others have been gone for so long... What if the green lotus cultivators attack us?” Zhu Honggong asked worriedly.

Si Wuya shook his head and said, “Currently, it seems like the green lotus cultivators who were sent here haven’t passed their second Birth Trial. The Black Tower Council and the White Tower Council can handle them for now. With Xiao Yunhe around, there’s no need to worry for now.”

“What if they send someone more powerful? I remember Lu Qianshan said that there’s a Free Man called Qin Naihe who has 16 Birth Charts!” Zhu Honggong said.

#### **Chapter 1254: The First Free Man of the Evil Sky Pavilion**

Si Wuya smiled. “I’ve met that person before.”

“???” Zhu Honggong’s eyes widened.

Si Wuya brought out a mystic microstone from his pocket and placed it on the table.

Zhu Honggong scratched his head, confused. “Mystic microstone?”

“He promised to give master ten mystic microstones and ten stalks of mystic life grass. Unfortunately, he only found one mystic microstone so far. You know very well how much master hates those who don’t keep their promises. It’s best we wait for master’s decision...” Si Wuya said.

“Isn’t this just a rotten stone?” Zhu Honggong asked.

“Rotten stone? This thing is required to upgrade items to the infinite grade. Tower Master Xiao once cried to me for three days and three nights after losing them. You don’t know how precious this thing is...” Si Wuya rolled his eyes.

Zhu Honggong’s eyes lit up. “I think I’ve seen it somewhere before...”

“Don’t cause trouble.”

“No, I saw it in the yellow lotus domain! I’m not lying!” Zhu Honggong said.

Si Wuya asked, “Are you sure? This thing is very rare. Even if the yellow lotus domain has it, there can’t be too many of them...”

“No...” Zhu Honggong said solemnly, “There’s a lot...”

Si Wuya frowned. However, seeing Zhu Honggong’s solemn expression that indicated he was not joking, he thought for a moment before he called out to someone outside, “Someone, call Miss Zhao over!”

Zhu Honggong asked, puzzled, “Seventh Senior Brother, what are you doing?”

Si Wuya said, “If what you said is true, I’m sending you to the yellow lotus domain. You’re familiar with that place anyway. Bring Miss Zhao with you to build a runic passage.”

Zhu Honggong smiled and nodded repeatedly. “Awesome! I promise to complete this mission!”

“The yellow lotus domain should be here...” Si Wuya pointed at the map he drew. “It’s very precise, but based on master’s ancient map, it shouldn’t be wrong. Bring the communication formation with you before you leave...”

“Alright,” Zhu Honggong replied happily.

How could Si Wuya be unaware of Zhu Honggong’s thoughts? He said, “Don’t dream about being a local tyrant there. The imbalance is very serious, and I can feel an unprecedented disaster is approaching. You have to treat this seriously.”

“I understand. Seventh Senior Brother, you’re too naggy...” Zhu Honggong said.

“Protect Zhao Hongfu well. There’s no time to lose. You should set off in two days...” Si Wuya said.

At this moment, a voice rang from outside.

“Mr. Seventh, can you come out for a chat?”

Si Wuya smiled and flew out. He hovered in the sky and looked at the cultivator outside of the Sky Martial Academy's barrier.

Through Si Wuya, Lu Zhou clearly saw the newcomer. It was none other than Qin Naihe, the Free Man of the Qin clan.

Qin Naihe looked tired. It seemed like he had been busy during this period of time. Even his eyes looked bloodshot.

At this time, Qin Naihe asked suspiciously, "The Pavilion Master still isn't around?"

"To tell you the truth, my master has gone to the Unknown Land and won't be back so soon. Why don't you stay here in the meantime and get some rest while you wait for my master's return?" Si Wuya said with a smile.

"I knew that with the Pavilion Master's ability, he won't let this opportunity go. Most of the experts in the green lotus domain have gone to the Unknown Land to seek opportunities..." Qin Naihe said with a sigh.

Si Wuya said, "If there's anything, you can speak to me..."

"Can you make the decisions?" Qin Naihe asked.

"Of course." Si Wuya nodded.

Qin Naihe looked at Si Wuya and said, "After Young Master Qin died, the entire Qin clan views me as a traitor. If it's possible, I'd like to ask the Pavilion Master to help me explain this matter. I believe Venerable Master Qin will understand my difficulties if the Pavilion Master speaks on my behalf."

"Why don't you explain yourself to him?" Si Wuya asked.

"I didn't have a chance to meet him at all so far. A month ago, an elder from the Qin clan was sent to capture me. We fought for seven days and seven nights, barely fighting to a draw. Apart from Venerable Master Qin, everyone can't wait for me to die," Qin Naihe said helplessly.

"Then, have you ever thought that perhaps this is Venerable Master Qin's intention?" Si Wuya asked.

Qin Naihe looked at Si Wuya. "You seem to like judging people with malice?"

Si Wuya was not bothered by these words. He rested his hands on his back and said, "The human heart is unpredictable. Only by judging others with malice would one survive in a world where the strong prey on the weak. You have 16 Birth Charts so you should know this better than me..."

Qin Naihe sighed. "You're right, but I believe that Venerable Master Qin isn't like this. It's just like how you believe in Pavilion Master Lu..." Qin Naihe said.

Si Wuya could refute these words.

Indeed, there were many dark things in this world, but the sun could dispel the darkness.

Si Wuya finally said, "You failed to fulfill your promise to my master. Moreover, your life and death have nothing to do with the Evil Sky Pavilion."

Qin Naihe sighed and said, "I'm aware that I failed to fulfill my promise. Just take it as I'm begging you, Mr. Seventh."

After Qin Naihe finished speaking, he fell down on one knee.

Si Wuya was no longer a young man. He would not change his stance easily just because of the other party's actions. After thinking about it for a moment, he said with a smile, "How about this..."

"Please speak."

"My master once gave you two choices. You didn't choose the first choice. Usually, you won't be given another chance. However, I can speak on behalf of my master and give you another chance. Don't be in a hurry to refuse. I know you dislike being labeled as disloyal or unrighteous. However, if you accept, I'll speak to my master and ask him to clear your name in front of Venerable Master Qin. If Venerable Master Qin has no objections, everyone will be happy. If Venerable Master Qin has any objections, my master won't stop you from leaving. What do you think?" Si Wuya asked.

Qin Naihe was stunned and looked at Si Wuya with a complicated expression. Many matters were not as complex as he had imagined them to be, especially in the hands of smart people.

When Si Wuya saw Qin Naihe hesitating, he said, "This is the biggest concession the Evil Sky Pavilion will make. It's best if you think this through..."

Swoosh!

At this moment, Zhu Honggong flew out. He hovered in the air and said, "Seventh Senior Brother, why are you talking nonsense with him? Don't delay our important business. I've already calculated it. I think we can bring back at least 50 mystic microstones. If we look carefully, we'll find more..."

"..." Qin Naihe was speechless. He had spent so much effort and almost lost his life, but he only found one mystic microstone. Was this person joking? 50 mystic microstones?

Si Wuya was still staring at Qin Naihe.

After thinking about it for a moment, Qin Naihe nodded. "Alright, we'll do as you said."

Upon hearing this, Si Wu brought a talisman out from his pocket.

Lu Zhou cut off his power of sight and waited for Si Wuya to contact him. After a moment, he received Si Wuya's message on a piece of talisman. The content was similar to what he had just seen.

Lu Zhou's response was very simple. It was just one word: Okay.

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After receiving his master's reply, Si Wuya waved his hand, and the talisman floated toward Qin Naihe.

Qin Naihe caught the talisman and looked down. He saw the word 'okay'. After thinking about it, he bowed and said, "Thank you, Mr. Seventh. Please convey my gratitude to Pavilion Master Lu as well. No matter what my future holds, I'll do my best for the Evil Sky Pavilion. However, I'm just afraid that Venerable Master Qin..."

Si Wuya stepped forward and patted his shoulder before saying with a smile, "Don't worry. Venerable Master Qin won't refuse my master."

"Uh..." Qin Naihe suddenly felt strange when he saw Si Wuya's smile. Did he not get the better end of the deal? However, why did Si Wuya look like the cat that ate the canary?

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"Ding! You've recruited a subordinate.. Reward: 5,000 merit points for recruiting a subordinate who has passed two Birth Trials."

### **Chapter 1255: Breaking the Upper Limit**

Qin Naihe looked at the smiling Si Wuya and felt like Si Wuya had been possessed by Lu Zhou. Was it an illusion? He shook his head, feeling like he was overthinking things. After all, like master, like disciple.

Finally, Qin Naihe cupped his fists together and said, "I hope you'll look after me..."

"Of course."

Then, Qin Naihe raised his head and looked at Zhu Honggong who was still hovering in the air. "You said you're going to look for mystic microstones?"

Zhu Honggong nodded. "That's right. Why?"

"Mystic microstones are extremely rare and precious, far more precious than obsidian essences or fire spirit stones. I searched for so long in the periphery of the Unknown Land and almost lost my life only to find one..." Qin Naihe said.

Upon hearing these words, Si Wuya said with a smile, "Brother Qin, please don't mind him. My junior brother doesn't know how to keep his mouth shut, and he likes to brag."

"I'm not bragging! There are really many mystic microstones!" Zhu Honggong protested.

Seeing that Zhu Honggong was going to continue bragging, Si Wuya quickly interjected, "Zhao Hongfu, bring him away and make the necessary arrangements..."

Zhao Hongfu flew forward and patted Zhu Honggong's shoulder. She said casually, "My life depends on you now..."

"Don't worry. Even if I die, I won't let you die!" Zhu Honggong bumped his fists together.

Then, the duo flew toward another hall to gather the necessary talismans, bags, and other things.

As Qin Naihe watched the duo leave, he said, "I've heard that the Evil Sky Pavilion is filled with talents. Indeed, seeing a few of them today, they're indeed extraordinary."

Si Wuya only nodded. He did not beat around the bush and bluntly said, "The imbalance is getting worse. Green lotus cultivators have already appeared in the black lotus domain and the black lotus domain. My master and seniors aren't here so..."



Qin Naihe said, "Don't worry. I'll stay close to the runic passage. Unless a Venerable Master arrives, no one can do anything to me."

"Thank you."

"You're welcome."

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Seven days later...

Clack!

Lu Zhou saw his Birth Palace had smoothed out and another Birth Chart was shining with a golden light. This meant that his 11th Birth Chart, which was also his second Great Birth Chart, had been successfully activated.

Lu Zhou looked at the system interface.

Remaining lifespan: 1,731,672 days (4,744 years)

Merit points: 31,760

Weapon: Unnamed, Jade Horsetail Whisk (heaven grade), Purple Glazed Ceramic (fusion grade), Confinement Seal (intermediate fusion grade), Seven Star Sword (desolate grade), Saint Staff (flood grade), Cold Wind Trident (flood grade), Pillar of Impermanence (infinite grade)

'The Pillar of Impermanence is considered a weapon? Isn't it just like a golden cudgel if I use it as a weapon? It's still more suited to playing a supporting role...'

Now that he had activated his 11th Birth Chart, he would need to stabilize his cultivation base. Only when it was stable would the endurance of his Birth Palace increase, laying the foundation to pass the next Birth Trial.

Lu Zhou pressed his hand against the Pillar of Impermanence.

It vibrated slightly.

Lu Zhou could feel the pillar constantly absorbing vitality energy from all directions, urging the growth of animals and plants. Everything seemed to be working as it should.

Lu Zhou closed his eyes slightly and sent a strand of his consciousness into the space in the Pillar of Impermanence to check how much vitality energy it had accumulated.

"The power of the Pillar of Impermanence is related to vitality energy. The more it accumulates, the stronger it is. If I give all of its energy to the blue avatar, I'd be weakening it..." He knew he had to maintain the balance well; he had to satisfy the blue avatar needs, and at the same time, maintain the pillar's power.

As the owner of the pillar, Lu Zhou could come and go as he pleased. He sensed the space in the pillar. It was like a sealed space filled with chaotic and rich vitality energy. It felt like he was swimming in the

ocean. The surging vitality energy surprised him slightly. However, when he moved, the rich vitality energy and the airflow would become still.

“Hmm?”

He continued to move consciousness before he felt like he had hit a wall. Then, he withdrew his consciousness.

“Based on what I sensed, the pillar should still have another 100,000 years or so... It seems like it had lost a lot of vitality energy during the battle...”

Although the absorption speed was not bad, part of the vitality energy would naturally be absorbed by the pillar after entering it. Lu Zhou no longer cared about this. With 100,000 years of life, it would definitely play a big role in the future.

Lu Zhou pushed his palm against the Pillar of Impermanence again and it spun even faster. It was now 20 times faster.

Then, Lu Zhou began to observe everyone again.

During this time, those who stayed in Transient City had made great progress.

Yu Zhenghai had successfully passed his Birth Trial and was even preparing to activate his seventh Birth Chart. Now that he was in the holy land of cultivation, how could he give up? Moreover, activating the seventh Birth Chart was as easy as activating the first Birth Chart.

On the other hand, there were no changes with Yu Shangrong. He still had eleven leaves. Lu Zhou’s palm landed. All he could do was absorb life hearts every day and cultivate his sword path.

The others improved greatly as well during this time.

After a while, Lu Zhou sent voice transmissions to everyone, “Gather by the lake in six months.”

These six months were for them to stabilize their cultivation bases.

The Evil Sky Pavilion now had the Sixteen Chart Free Man, Qin Naihe, Xiao Yunhe, the Black Tower Council, and the White Tower Council so Lu Zhou was not worried.

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Time flew by, and six months had passed.

The cultivation path was long.

The lake was still the same, but the trees had now towered past the clouds.

Half a year here was equivalent to ten years outside.

At this time, Lu Zhou had already stabilized his cultivation base.

Boom!

Lu Wu flew back from afar and landed next to a mountain peak. Then, it lowered its head and said, “I’ve investigated it...”

A month ago, someone had slowly drawn close and tried to investigate this place in secret.

Lu Zhou opened his eyes and looked at Lu Wu from the corners of his eyes. "What is it?"

"300 miles northwest. A huge group of Void Chest tribesmen is... heading this way..."

"Void Chest tribesmen?"

Lu Wu exhaled. In just a moment, a freezing energy permeated the place.

Everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion shivered and quickly gathered.

"To be precise, they've begun... to make their way here... about a month ago," Lu Wu said.

"Are they trying to seek revenge?" Lu Zhou said.

"Those people... are looking for the... ruins in Transient City to cultivate. This place isn't far from the ruins... What pitiful tribe... It was almost exterminated by humans... trying to make a comeback now..."

Lu Wu said in a hoarse and low voice.

"You know about the Void Chest tribe?"

"In my eyes, you're all the same."

"We're different," Mingshi Yin said as he rushed over from afar on Qiong Qi's back.

"Greetings, master."

Lu Zhou glanced at Mingshi Yin. Although he did not know what Mingshi Yin had been up to during this time, it was clear that Mingshi Yin had grown stronger again.

Mingshi Yin turned to Lu Wu and said, "Those aren't humans; they have holes in their chests. Can you stand it if I call tigers with holes on their bellies tigers?"

Lu Wu was stunned. "You... have a point..."

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Many figures began to rush over at this moment.

### **Chapter 1256: The Ten Pillars of Destruction**

Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, Little Yuan'er, and Conch arrived first followed by Yan Zhenluo, Lu Li, Kong Wen, and the others.

Lu Zhou asked Lu Li, "Did you recover your cultivation?"

Lu Li smiled and replied, "Yes, I'm lucky. However, I can break the limit..."

Lu Li seemed rather accepting of the fact.

"Manifest your lotus..." Lu Zhou said.

Lu Li nodded and manifested his lotus in front of everyone.

The black lotus caught everyone's attention. It was not very big, and the five Birth Charts in the Birth Palace were connected like five rings.

Lu Zhou could still vividly remember when he first saw Lu Li in the red lotus domain's Sky Wheel Mountain Range. Although it was just a Birth Palace with five Birth Charts, it seemed more dazzling than those with 10 or 12 Birth Charts.

Kong Wen sighed. "It's unfortunate that you can only activate five Birth Charts."

Everyone sighed as well.

"Innate talent determines the limit. Everyone has different numbers of Birth Charts they can activate. There's nothing we can do to change this."

Lu Li said with a smile, "It's nothing. If I fall into despair just because of this, then doesn't it mean those who are worse than me would want to kill themselves..."

Everyone chuckled.

At this time, Lu Zhou finally said, "It's not necessarily predetermined..."

Everyone was stunned.

Lu Wu looked at Lu Zhou and asked, "Are you going to use that method?"

During the past month, Lu Zhou had been observing the situation and surroundings with his power of sight. That was why he sent Lu Wu out after he discovered someone was secretly investigating this place. At that time, he had spoken to Lu Wu about Lu Li's Birth Palace and Birth Charts.

Lu Wu was a fierce beast that had lived for 30,000 years. It was likely that it knew of some ancient techniques.

Lu Wu continued to say, "That method is only something I heard about in passing. I advise you not to attempt that..."

"What method?"

Lu Zhou said, "Reconstructing the Birth Palace."

"Reconstructing the Birth Palace?"

Everyone was stunned and confused.

"Demolish the Birth Palace and reconstruct it with Great Void energy."

"..."

Little Yuan'er said in a small voice, "Master, the process must be excruciatingly painful..."

Lu Li frowned slightly.

Destroying one's Birth Palace was no different than destroying one's avatar. The fastest way to kill a Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator was to destroy his or her Birth Palace. It was a terrifying and painful method.

"Don't worry. Master, I think we can give it a try," Yu Shangrong said as he waved his hand. Following that, a miniature golden avatar appeared in front of them.

Everyone knew Yu Shangrong was the first to sever his lotus. Nevertheless, most of them were still surprised to see the golden avatar without a lotus.

Yu Shangrong said to Lu Li, "It's not a big deal. If you fail, you just have to start all over again."

Lu Li nodded and bowed. "I'll leave it up to the Pavilion Master."

Lu Wu shook its head. "If we go to that place..."

Duanmu Sheng asked in confusion, "What place?"

"The Unknown Land is divided into the periphery, the inner depth, and the core. I don't know exactly how vast they are. According to legend, there were three Pillars of Destruction in each of the three regions. Including the pillar at the heart of the land, there are 10 pillars. The foot of the Pillar of Destruction is the fertile land where the Great Void Seeds grew..." Lu Wu said.

Everyone inhaled sharply upon hearing these words. They might be confused, but after hearing the words 'Great Void Seeds', a vague idea began to form in their minds.

"No one knows when the pillars were constructed nor do they know why they existed. Some people have speculated that the Pillars of Destruction contain the secrets to the heaven and earth's shackles..." Lu Wu said, "The only thing everyone knows is that the Great Void Seed grows at the foot of each pillar..."

"The place where Great Void Seeds grow? Isn't that the core of the Unknown Land?" Kong Wen's eyes widened in shock. He had been in the Unknown Land for so long, but he had never had the courage to go to that place.

Lu Wu swept its gaze across everyone as it asked, "Do you think only the Great Void Seeds are the only valuable thing there?"

Everyone was silent.

After a while, Kong Wen said, "Put the Great Void Seeds aside, people even fight over the soil there. There are many treasures there. When there was balance, perhaps, the situation was not too bad. With the imbalance now, rivers of blood will surely flow in that place..."

Upon hearing these words, Lu Li said, "Then, let's not go. I'm fine like this. Don't worry about reconstructing my Birth Palace with Great Void energy..."

Lu Zhou shook its head. "It's not just for you..."

If it was only to reconstruct Lu Li's Birth Palace, Lu Zhou could use one of his disciples' Great Void Seed to help Lu Li. Naturally, that was not ideal since it would expose the existence of the Great Void Energy,

and he would also need to expend a lot of energy. The Evil Sky Pavilion currently had a high demand for advanced life hearts. Moreover, Lu Zhou needed to look for a suitable life heart to activate his 12th Birth Chart. There was no doubt in his mind that going to the Pillar of Destruction was the best choice.

Lu Li felt embarrassed for overestimating himself. 'Ancestor, can you not be so blunt?'

At this time, Little Yuan'er skipped to Lu Zhou's side and said, "I'll go wherever master goes..."

Although everyone knew Lu Zhou was unfathomably strong, they still felt slightly uneasy when they thought about going to that place.

At this moment, Lu Zhou recalled the scene of black lotuses falling from the sky that he had seen. He wondered if it was near one of the Pillars of Destruction?

"In the past, the black lotus domain and the white lotus domain organized several Great Void Expeditions and there was no lack of cultivators who wanted to participate. The previous expedition was organized by Lan Xihe. During that time, she obtained the blue crystal that contained remnants of the Great Void energy. The energy will be able to reconstruct your Birth Palace and raise your innate talent. It's far better than any treasure."

Everyone nodded.

Mingshi Yin asked curiously, "Master, isn't Lan Xihe an Equalizer? How can the Equalizer also participate in the Great Void Expedition?"

"The Equalizers are responsible for maintaining the balance. She took the blue crystals to prevent an imbalance from happening..."

"That's true. Those who possess Great Void Seeds will definitely become supreme beings. Then, there's no need for me to go, right?" Mingshi Yin muttered to himself. He had wanted to say that he had no use for the blue crystals since he had the Great Void Seed. Moreover, at this time, the new batch of Great Void Seed had yet to mature.

Lu Wu lowered its head and said, "That's right!"

Kong Wen was confused. "Mr. Fourth, we're talking about the Great Void energy. Aren't you tempted by it at all?"

"Why would I be tempted?" Mingshi Yin stepped forward and put his arm around Kong Wen's shoulders before he said with a smile, "Let me tell you a secret: I'm a future supreme being."

Kong Wen. "..."

Lu Zhou frowned and said, "I gathered all of you here to pass down my order, not to ask for your opinions."

Mingshi Yin's expression turned solemn before he hurriedly said, "I'm willing to go through fire and water for master. I'm willing to do anything!"

At this moment...

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The sound of the earth rumbling rang from the northwestern direction.

Lu Wu raised its head to have a look. Then, it shook its head and said, "They're here."

"They?"

Lu Wu slowly turned around and said, "Oh, I forgot to tell you the Void Chest Tribesmen are coming..."

Lu Zhou smacked his hand down.

Bam!

The Pillar of Impermanence dislodged itself from the ground and turned into a golden needle before flying into Lu Zhou's sleeve. With that, the effect from the pillar vanished immediately, and the surroundings brighten slightly.

Following that, everyone followed Lu Zhou as he flew up into the sky. When they looked in the northwestern direction, they saw a gigantic Void Chest tribesman who was more than 30 meters tall leading many smaller Void Chest tribesmen over.. Each time they moved their feet, the earth trembled.

### **Chapter 1257: Clean Them Up**

They had thought the Void Chest tribesmen they had seen in Transient City were rather tall; they were about three to four meters tall, after all. However, this Void Chest tribesman who was 30 meters tall truly refreshed the views of the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

If they were to calculate the Void Chest tribesmen's strength based on their height, a tribesman who was three or four meters tall was as strong as a Three or Four Chart Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator. Then, how powerful was this giant that was more than 30 meters tall?

"They can't be considered humans, right?" Mingshi Yin asked.

"They're humanoids; they're not humans..."

The Void Chest tribesmen's skin was like stones; they looked a little like clay figurines. Their eyes were suffused with green light, and their faces seemed to be perpetually twisted into expressions that were filled with hatred and anger.

Yu Shangrong flew slightly higher. Then, he said with a smile, "This is good. I can use them to test my new sword techniques..."

Like a clockwork, Yu Zhenghai said, "Second Junior Brother, I have learned new saber techniques as well. Shall we have a competition?"

The others were rendered speechless by Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai's antics. After being with the Evil Sky Pavilion for so long, most of them knew Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai liked to compete regardless of time and place.

Yu Shangrong smiled faintly and asked, "How do you want to compete, Eldest Senior Brother?"

"Whoever kills the most wins!" Yu Zhenghai said.

“That’s what I had in mind as well...” Yu Shangrong nodded.

Cultivators painstakingly increased their strength, skills, and cultivation not to strengthen their bodies, but to be able to use them during combat to kill enemies. It did not matter if it was sword techniques or saber techniques, those who could kill the most enemies were the most skilled.

Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai turned around in unison and said to Lu Zhou, “Master, please allow us to deal with them...”

Lu Zhou did not object to a little friendly competition now and then. It was impossible to raise a fierce wolf in a sheep pen after all. The cultivation world was cruel; it would be difficult for white sheep to survive. Hence, he waved his sleeve, indicating his approval.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Lu Zhou’s two eldest disciples seemed to have turned into two streaks of light as they flew toward the Void Chest tribesmen.

Yu Zhenghai cast the Great Dark Heavenly Memorial as he rushed forward.

Meanwhile, Yu Shangrong used the Gui Yuan Sword Technique to control his Longevity Sword as he charged into the crowd like a shooting star.

In just a blink of an eye, the entire place turned into a battlefield.

Kong Wen watched as he said, “The Void Chest tribesmen have terrifyingly strong defenses. Since their fatal points are about three inches below their armpits, it’d take some effort for Mr. First and Mr. Second to kill them...”

“It doesn’t matter. As long as you know their weakness, you’ll be able to kill them...” Mingshi Yin said with a smile.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong killed their respective targets at almost the same time. After exchanging a quick glance, they moved on to their next targets.

At this time, the 30-meter-tall Void Cheat tribesman roared thunderously, “Crush them!”

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The Void Chest tribesmen charged forward and attacked the duo with their black cudgels. After a brief moment, they tossed their cudgels up into the air.

Following that, the cudgels arranged themselves in a formation in the sky.

“The Demon Slayer’s Cudgel Formation?!”



“These Void Chest Tribesmen actually mastered a Buddhist technique? How interesting...”

“They’re bald... They do look like monks...”

The cudgel formation in the sky blocked Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong. With that, energy swords and energy sabers began to work together to attack the cudgel formation in the sky.

Now that the Void Chest tribesmen knew their fatal points had been exposed, they did all they could to protect themselves as they slowly advanced.

Soon enough, the duo was surrounded. Their Longevity Sword and the Jasper Saber were trapped by the cudgel formation.

“They’re really well-prepared.”

“Will Eldest Senior Brother and Second Senior Brother be okay?” Little Yuan’er was growing restless, wanting to rush out to help.

“Don’t worry. We’ll watch for now...”

Boom!

The tallest Void Chest tribesman suddenly leaped up and hovered at a low altitude in the air. A dazzling energy seal shot out of the hole on his chest toward Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong.

“Let’s go.”

The duo rose into the air.

The Jade Saber began to spin before energy sabers began to shoot out in all directions.

The duo felt their arms grow numb as they forcefully broke out of the cudgel formation.

Yu Shangrong was never one to let go of an opportunity. As soon as he rushed out, he joined his palms together.

All the energy swords in the surroundings rushed back into the Longevity Sword before it released tens of thousands of energy swords toward the gigantic Void Chest tribesman, successfully avoiding the energy seal that shot out of his chest.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The energy swords landed on the gigantic Void Chest tribesman’s abdomen, only leaving faint ripples, before flying back.

The gigantic Void Chest tribesman roared as he swung his hand down as though he was swatting a fly, “Die!”

Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai tacitly smacked their palms against each other, borrowing the force to fly back.

Bang!

The gigantic Void Chest tribesman’s hand hit the ground, causing the ground to quake.

“Avatar!” Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai cried out in unison. Their avatars would help them unleash their greatest power under these circumstances.

The two avatars leaped into the air, reaching hundreds of feet high as they grew.

Boom!

Some of the weaker Void Chest tribesmen were instantly sent flying by the shockwave from the two avatars.

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Some of the weaker Void Chest tribesmen died immediately. There was no need to specifically target their fatal points.

The gigantic Void Chest tribesman that was 30 feet tall was dwarfed by the two avatars. He roared, “Kill them!”

He knew that as long as he could destroy the avatars, he would be able to severely injure the two humans in front of him.

Yu Shangrong smiled. “It’s too late.”

Whoosh!

Yu Shangrong’s avatar suddenly vanished before it reappeared behind the gigantic Void Chest tribesman. It brandished the golden halo like a sword as the golden leaves shot out.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Mingshi Yin exclaimed in surprise, “Second Senior Brother’s avatar is so agile?”

“It’s movements are almost as agile as that of the original body. I didn’t expect there to be such a huge benefit to severing the lotus,” Yan Zhenluo said.

Duanmu Sheng smiled and said, “Fourth Junior Brother, it’s still not too late for you to sever your golden lotus...”

“Uh...”

The gigantic Void Chest tribesman spun around and advanced. He punched out, but his fist only met the air.

Yu Shangrong had already withdrawn his avatar. However, when the gigantic Void Chest tribesman pulled his fist back, he manifested his avatar and attacked again. This went on for a few rounds.

At this time, the gigantic Void Chest tribesman was enraged. He straightened his back and allowed Yu Shangrong's avatar to strike his body. Then, he brought his arms together and stomped heavily. With that, a strange mark suddenly appeared on his waist.

Boom!

A terrifying shockwave swept out immediately.

Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai who were caught in the shockwave hurriedly withdrew their avatars.

The gigantic Void Chest tribesman's expression was twisted in fury. "You killed my fellow tribesmen, I'll bury you with them!"

At this moment, Lu Zhou transmitted his voice over. "Is this what you want?"

Lu Zhou's voice was not loud but it reached the gigantic Void Chest tribesman's ears. He turned over and saw the golden Pillar of Impermanence in Lu Zhou's hand. He exclaimed in surprise, "You managed to subdue it?!"

Lu Zhou waved his hand, and the Pillar of Impermanence disappeared. Then, he said tonelessly, "It belongs to me now. You should all get lost before I change my mind. It's best if you think things through before you act..."

"..."

The gigantic Void Chest tribesman frowned as he looked at Lu Zhou and the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion who were standing in a neat row before shifting his gaze to Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong who were charging out again. If he was honest, he was hesitating at this moment. After all, how could someone capable of subduing the Pillar of Impermanence be weak? However, it was too late to turn back now just like how one could retrieve a released arrow.

The gigantic Void Chest tribesman looked at Lu Zhou and said, "Since ancient times, humans have ostracized us. My tribe paid a heavy price because of the Pillar of Impermanence. How can we give it up so easily?" Then, it asked, "Did you kill Gore?"

Mingshi Yin replied, "He asked for so you can't blame us for his death."

The gigantic Void Chest tribesman's eyes burned with fury. "Hand over the Pillar of Impermanence or die!"

Lu Zhou sighed before he waved his sleeve and said, "Clean them up."

"Understood.." The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion bowed in unison.

### **Chapter 1258: Displaying Their Individual Skills**

Sheng tightened his grip on the Overlord Spear and said, "Lu Wu, kill."

Boom!

Lu Wu leaped off the ground. Its body that could cover the sky sailed in the air.

Duanmu Sheng flew out at the same time before he suddenly swooped down.

Hundreds of Void Chest tribesmen raised their heads to look; their eyes widened in terror when they saw the huge Lu Wu.

“Lu Wu!”

At this time, Lu Wu opened its maw, exhaling a freezing energy. Following that, coldness engulfed the area within a radius of 1,000 meters, freezing the Void Chest tribesmen.

Boom!

Lu Wu landed on the ground. Its four paws trampled heavily on the frozen Void Chest tribesmen in range. As the ice shattered, they shattered as well. All of them died. There was no need to target their fatal points at all. In the face of absolute strength, defenses and schemes were rendered useless.

“...”

That atmosphere turned suffocating for the surviving Void Chest tribesmen,

“Uh... It seems like it's enough for Third Senior Brother and Lu Wu to deal with them. There's nothing left for us to do...” Little Yuan'er muttered. With such a comparison, there's no room for her to display her skills at all. She flicked the little Fire Phoenix that was perched on her shoulder and asked, “When will you be as powerful as your mother?”

The little Fire Phoenix flapped its wings and chirped before it opened its beaks.

Swoosh!

Fist-sized balls of flames shot out of the little Fire Phoenix's mouth one after another.

At this time, Mingshi Yin said, “Doggy, go!”

The human and the dog swooped down.

Although Qiong Qi was not as big as Lu Wu, it was still rather big. It pounced viciously toward the Void Chest tribesmen.

Following that, Yan Zhenluo and Lu Li rushed out as well, displaying their skills.

Astrolabes bloomed in the air as pillars of light shot down.

Upon seeing this, Kong Wen laughed before he called out, “Brothers, let's go!”

“Let's go!”

The four brothers swooped down toward the Void Chest tribesmen as well.

With Lu Wu taking the lead, they swept out toward the Void Chest tribesmen,

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The gigantic Void Chest tribesman was stunned when he saw Lu Wu as well. When he regained his senses, he leaped toward Lu Wu with both his fists smashing toward Lu Wu’s head.

“Get lost!” A thunderous and powerful sound technique swept out.

The leader of the Void Chest tribesmen only paused briefly before he continued to advance. His fist smashed past Lu Wu’s head to the ground, leaving a streak of light in its wake.

Boom!

The gigantic Void Chest tribesman broke the ice that froze the others, freeing them.

As soon as the other Void Chest tribesmen escaped, they hurriedly toss their cudgels into the air again, forming the Demon Slayer’s Cudgel Formation.

“Grow!” In just an instant, the gigantic Void Chest tribesman grew by several hundred feet in height.

The other Void Chest tribesmen flew up into the air in a row. Following that, a pillar of light shot out of each of their chests.

Boom!

Lu Wu roared when the pillars of light hit it and retreated a few steps.

“What’s this move?” Mingshi Yin exclaimed in surprise.

“This is the specialty of the Void Chest tribe. Don’t worry about it. Let’s continue!” Kong Wen said.

The members of the Evil Sky Pavilion manifested their astrolabes at this moment, shooting out pillars of light at the Void Chest tribesmen.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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Lu Zhou saw his merit points increase as he observed the situation. All in all, the overall strength of the Evil Sky Pavilion had increased a lot. Faced with several hundred Void Chest tribesmen, they were not at a disadvantage at all. In fact, they had quite a huge advantage. Naturally, it had to be said that Lu Wu played a very big role in this. However, since their opponents had their gigantic comrade, it was difficult to determine the outcome at this time.

The Void Chest tribesmen's defenses were very high. They were not made of flesh and blood after all. The offensive power of Thousand Realms Whirling cultivators was merely chipping at their defenses at this time.

"Take down the leader first," Lu Zhou reminded from the side as he looked at the gigantic Void Chest tribesman.

The battle was so chaotic that it seemed no one noticed Lu Zhou was moving forward.

At this time, the gigantic Void Chest tribesman roared again, "You underestimate the Void Chest tribe!"

Subsequently, the gigantic Void Chest tribesman stomped on the ground, causing the area within a radius of 100 meters to sink.

At the same time, all of the Void Chest tribesmen on the ground flew up into the sky, taking the attacks head-on. Since their skin and flesh were hard, they did not think twice about letting the attacks land on them.

"Scram!"

An unprecedentedly loud and vast soundwave rolled out immediately. The sound echoed in their ears, causing tinnitus.

The Void Chest tribesmen's minds went blank.

Fortunately, the soundwave had rolled out toward the area where the Void Chest tribesmen were gathered. The members of the Evil Sky Pavilion who were only standing close to them felt chills running up their spines from the sudden sound wave.

"This sound technique..."

"Master's sound technique is as fierce as ever..."

Following that, fear overwhelmed the hearts of the Void Chest tribesmen. All of them wore terrified expressions on their faces as though they had seen waves of red flames sweeping toward them.

Yong He's life heart ability had triggered their fear!

At the same time, hundreds of cudgels that formed the Demon Slayer's Cudgel Formation dropped from the sky one after another.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The light on the Void Chest tribesmen's chests vanished as well as they fell down to the ground.

Upon seeing this, the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion released the Birth Chart Power from their astrolabes at the Void Chest tribesmen on the ground.

Meanwhile, the gigantic Void Chest tribesman was also briefly stunned by Lu Zhou's sound technique. When he regained his senses, he saw Lu Zhou advancing with Unnamed in the form of a sword.

An energy sword that was 1,000 feet long and glowed blue with divine energy shrouded Unnamed.

Bang!

In just a blink of an eye, the energy sword that imbued with the divine power pierced through the gigantic Void Chest tribesman before stabbing into the ground.

As the heavily-injured gigantic Void Chest tribesman fell, his eyes widened in fear as he exclaimed, "Venerable Master?!"

Lu Zhou sheathed his sword.

Boom!

At this time, Lu Wu swooped down and swatted its huge paw that seemed to carry the weight of Mount Tai at the gigantic Void Chest tribesman. "How dare you attack me earlier!"

It seemed like once was not enough. Lu Wu kept smacking its paws at high speed against the gigantic Void Chest like a cat.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Everyone gulped when they saw this. Who knew Lu Wu possessed such speed despite its size? As expected of a beast emperor. How fierce!

Lu Wu kept using its paws to smack the gigantic Void Chest tribesman and his comrades, showing no signs of stopping. Many of the Void Chest tribesmen were smashed into pulps. Even the gigantic Void Chest tribesman seemed like it was on the brink of death at this time.

Meanwhile, Lu Zhou no longer made a move. He planned to let his disciples and the others deal with the others. He calmly turned around and flew to a nearby mountain peak before he continued to observe everyone's performance.

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The same notification kept ringing in Lu Zhou's mind.

After watching for a while, Lu Zhou finally grew bored.. He turned to look at the dark distant sky as he recalled what he had seen from Ji Tiandao's memories. Then, he muttered to himself, "If they really grow at the foot of the Pillars of Destruction, how did he collect all ten Great Void Seeds?"

## **Chapter 1259: The Great Desolate Land**

Lu Zhou looked at the churning black fog in the sky as he wondered why there were so many experts in the cultivation world but no one had figured why the Unknown Land had become what it was today.

The black fog loomed over the Unknown Land all year round. There was no sunlight, and it was dark and damp.

If it were not for the fact that cultivators could absorb vitality energy, they would not be able to survive here, let alone ordinary people.

Lu Zhou watched as flying beasts flapped their huge wings in the dark sky for a moment before he finally collected his thoughts. He turned back to look at the battlefield that was gradually growing quiet. It was a thorough defeat for their opponents. Lu Wu alone was sufficient to deal with over 100 of the Void Chest tribesmen.

Lu Zhou raised his hand. The Pillar of Impermanence appeared in his hand, glowing with a golden light. In order to let the Pillar of Impermanence grow stronger, the best way is to leave it somewhere and let it absorb vitality energy. It would absorb the vitality energy of every living thing that entered its range, and it could be used to increase the level of his blue avatar. The Unknown Land was the best place to leave the Pillar of Impermanence. If it was placed in cities, it would absorb human's life. However, he could not leave it here. Who knew when he would return?

"It's best to keep it with me for now. It's not a bad idea to increase its spirituality as well. I'll look for a place to leave it in the future..." Lu Zhou muttered under his breath.

Lu Zhou was not in a rush to upgrade his blue avatar. It was now a Two Leaf Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar; it was not too shabby. It was about time for him to test the strength of the blue avatar.

At this time, it was finally completely silent on the battlefield.

Kong Wen led his brothers back and said excitedly, "Pavilion Master, we've dealt with them!"

'It really feels good to have such a strong backer!' Kong Wen thought to himself. Their days in the Unknown Land had not been easy. To think they almost missed the chance of clinging onto this strong backer.

Lu Zhou nodded before he checked his merit points on the system panel.

Merit points: 286,760

Yan Zhenluo bowed when he returned. "Pavilion Master, after counting, one of them was more than 10 meters tall, 30 of them were more than 3 meters tall, 50 of them were between 2 to 3 meters tall, and the height of the remaining 60 were below two meters."

Mingshi Yin patted the dust off his body as he said, "You're really diligent. Those above 3 meters tall can only be dealt with by Thousand Realms Whirling cultivators. The strength of those who were 2 meters tall was only equivalent to Ten-leaf cultivators. The rest isn't worth mentioning."

Lu Zhou nodded. After calculating inwardly, he found that he had gained more than 200,000 merit points from this battle. Although he had made a huge profit, he really wished he had more merit points. His current merit points were not enough at all.

Nevertheless, with the current overall strength of the Evil Sky Pavilion, let alone foreign tribes, even Venerable Masters might not be a match for them.

After everyone returned to their positions, Little Yuan'er said, "Master, I didn't get to do much this time..."

"There'll be plenty of chances in the future..."



At this time, the little Fire Phoenix that was perched on Little Yuan'er huffed and puffed before spitting out a fist-sized ball of flames.

Everyone laughed.

During this time, the little Fire Phoenix's antics had served as comedic relief for everyone.

Lu Zhou studied the little Fire Phoenix's changes. It was circulating energy very quickly as though it was born to do so. When Primal Qi entered its body, it would generate heat, allowing it to spit out flames. This was probably its special skill just like how fishes were born to swim.

After a moment, Lu Zhou called out, "Lu Wu."

"Your orders, Pavilion Master?"

Lu Zhou turned to Lu Wu and said, "Where's the direction of the nearest Pillar of Destruction?"

Lu Wu looked into the distance before it slowly said, "The nearest pillar is... in the southeastern direction of the Unknown Land. In ancient times, that place was known as the Great Desolate Land. Later, its name was changed to Yu Zhong..."

"Yu Zhong?" Lu Li was confused.

"That's right."

"Why did it change its name from the Great Desolate Land to Yu Zhong?" Lu Li asked.

Lu Wu turned to look at Lu Li.

Lu Li was slightly frightened. Although they were all on the same side, he still could not get used to Lu Wu.

Lu Wu answered honestly, "I don't know."

Kong Wen said, "Who cares if it's the Great Desolate Land or Yu Zhong? Just leave it to me and my brothers to find the way!"

Kong Wen and his brothers flew in the direction where Lu Wu was facing.

After Lu Zhou summoned Whizard over, all of them flew away.

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An hour after the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion left...

A flying chariot flew over from the distance, avoiding the black fog and flying beasts in the sky. It covered a great distance every time it moved.

"Stop."

The black flying chariot, which looked even more inconspicuous due to the black fog, came to a stop above the lake.

Following that, two figures appeared in the sky, looking at the corpses of the Void Chest tribesmen on the ground.

“Looks like we’re too late...” Tuoba Sicheng who was dressed in a black robe said.

“Was it them?” Ye Zheng asked skeptically.

Tuoba Sicheng did not reply. Instead, he descended to the ground. Then, he raised his hand.

An astrolabe that could cover the sky bloomed in the sky before a ray of light shone down.

Tuoba Sicheng said with a smile, “Void Chest tribesmen have strong defenses and tenacious lives. As long as there’s a glimmer of hope, I can bring them back from the gates of hell...”

Based on Tuoba Sicheng’s words, he was clearly using some powerful healing technique.

Ye Zheng nodded. “This is a good move, Brother Tuoba.”

When the light dissipated, Tuoba Sicheng casually waved his hand, withdrawing his astrolabe. He looked at the ground. It was silent, and there was no movement. Feeling a little embarrassed, he said, “I’ll try again.”

“Alright.”

Tuoba Sicheng manifested his astrolabe and used one of his Birth Chart’s abilities again.

Just like before, it was silent, and there was no movement.

Ye Zheng said expressionlessly, “There are no survivors.”

“I didn’t expect them to be so vicious. Such tyrannical and ruthless skills. Look at how the corpses are crushed into pulps...” Tuoba Sicheng said.

Ye Zheng said, “It should be their work...”

Then, Ye Zheng turned around and pointed at the lake and the forest that were clearly different from the other places.

Tuoba Sicheng nodded and said with a smile, “You’re really cunning. I’m beginning to feel hesitant about helping you...”

“You don’t have to do anything if you’re afraid,” Ye Zheng said.

“I’m just joking. Why are you quick to anger?” Tuoba Sicheng smiled. “That person might have obtained the Pillar of Impermanence, but we know that pillar is more of a burden than a treasure...”

In the green lotus domain, major forces prohibited their members from exchanging their lives to raise their cultivation bases. Moreover, Venerable Masters had no use for the Pillar of Impermanence.

Ye Zheng looked into the distance, lost in his thoughts.

Tuoba Sicheng asked, “What’s Fan Zhong’s stance?”

“Don’t worry about that,” Ye Zheng said calmly as he placed his hands on his back.

Tuoba Sicheng sighed heavily and said, "Your relationship with him is rather good. However, I don't get along with that old thing, Fan Zhong. I hope he'll express his stance soon. Ye Zheng, why don't we make a bet?"

"What bet?"

"I bet they're going to Yu Zhong."

"Yu Zhong?" Ye Zheng frowned. "The Pillar of Destruction isn't a good place to be at. That aside, how do you know they're going to Yu Zhong?"

Before flying back to the flying chariot, Tuoba Sicheng only said one word, "Dao."

### **Chapter 1260: One of the Most Dangerous Places**

Ye Zheng was surprised when he heard that word. He flew into the flying chariot and landed on the deck before he said, "I'll send Yannan's elders and disciples over."

Tuoba Sicheng only smiled in response. Then, he waved his hand.

"Understood," the cultivator manning the helm said before steering the flying chariot away.

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A month later...

Black clouds loomed over the mountain ranges and forests.

On top of a huge mountain.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion looked at the giant pillar shrouded in black fog in the distance. It was like a huge mountain that towered into the clouds.

"The Pillar of Destruction?"

No one of them had ever seen such a spectacular and huge pillar in their lives.

During their journey to Yu Zhong, they discovered that the closer they got to Yu Zhong, the more lush the trees were. The chaotic vitality energy was getting richer and richer; the strength of the fierce beasts was getting stronger and stronger.

This was the reason they were perched high on the mountain peak. This helped them avoid getting harassed by fierce beasts.

Lu Zhou stood with his hands on his back as he looked at the towering Pillar of Destruction. He was lost in his thoughts at this moment. This looked very similar to that dark scene in his memories. If the place was a little darker, then it would be almost the same.

In other words, Ji Tiandao had obtained at least one Great Void Seed from Yu Zhong, which used to be called the Great Desolate Land. It was where a Pillar of Destruction stood, meaning it was one of the

most dangerous places. This place was also likely the target destination for many Great Void Expeditions.

At this moment, Lu Zhou asked, “Kong Wen... How much do you know about the Pillar of Destruction?”

Kong Wen bowed and said, “The four of us are only sectless cultivators in the green lotus domain. We risked our lives to break through to the Thousand Realms Whirling stage and to activate our Birth Charts by coming to the Unknown Land. Although we live here, we’ve always been careful to avoid dangerous places such as the ruins of Transient City, the Fire Phoenix Paradise, and the locations of the Pillars of Destruction. These are things we don’t even dare to think about; how could we know anything about the pillars? I apologize, Pavilion Master.”

Lu Zhou looked at the four brothers before he said, “You’ve performed very well recently. You can have your pick of the things we obtained during our journey...”

Kong Wen was briefly stunned by these words. When he regained his senses, he scratched his head and said, “This... It’s inappropriate...”

“What’s inappropriate? The Evil Sky Pavilion has always been clear with its rewards and punishments. You deserve it,” Lu Zhou said.

Kong Wen was overjoyed. He fell to his knees and expressed his gratitude. “Thank you, Pavilion Master!”

Similarly, Kong Wu, Zhang Qian, and Zhang Laosi fell to their knees and expressed their gratitude as well.

“Rise.”

“Yes, Pavilion Master.”

The four brothers rose to their feet before Kong Wen said, “I’ve only heard that the areas in the vicinity of the Pillars of Destruction are often shrouded by Great Void energy. Due to nourishment from the Great Void energy, most things there are very powerful. Whether it’s the fierce beasts or the trees, they’re superior to the ones in other places... As time passed, this place became a battlefield. Humans and beasts both fought for resources and land. It’s a never-ending cycle. The place will be peaceful until the next powerful fierce beasts or humans come along and fight. The locations of the Pillars of Destruction is known as a place of bloodshed in the cultivation world.”

Yan Zhenluo said, “People die for money, and birds die for food. It has always been this way...”

Kong Wen nodded. “That’s right.”

“When there was balance, Venerable Masters or those who are stronger are prohibited from moving around freely. However, now that there’s an imbalance... Just look over there...”

The people from the Evil Sky Pavilion looked down from the mountain peak.

Near the Pillar of Destruction, something red had appeared. It was not very eye-catching; if one did not look closely, one would have missed it.

“That’s the Red Line. It’s actually a mountain range made of red rocks. It goes on for about 100 miles. Anyway, the rule is that Venerable Masters or those who are stronger aren’t allowed to cross the Red

Line,” Kong Wen continued to say, “Needless to say, with the imbalance, the rules no longer applied. I suggest that those with a weaker cultivation base stay with Lu Wu...”

Lu Zhou nodded before he turned around. “Did you hear that?”

“Yes.”

“Let’s go.”

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Everyone flew onto Lu Wu’s back.

Previously, Lu Wu would tower over the trees. However, in this place, Lu Wu looked like a normal tiger strolling through the forest; it was less than a tenth of the height of the trees.

It was not just the trees. Everything in Yu Zhong could be described in two words: extremely large!

Lu Wu looked ahead and said, “I’ll slow down...”

Everyone nodded.

At this moment, Yu Shangrong tapped his toes lightly before he flew forward.

“Second Senior Brother?” Little Yuan’er looked at Yu Shangrong in confusion.

Yu Shangrong said with a smile, “My speed isn’t inferior to Lu Wu’s...”

Lu Zhou observed Yu Shangrong’s speed. Yu Shangrong was the only one who did not have any changes on the surface after cultivation near the Pillar of Impermanence. However, it did not mean there were no changes. He nodded before he said, “Your cultivation base has improved a lot...”

“Thank you, master.” Then, Yu Shangrong looked ahead and said, “I don’t know why, but these days, I have this feeling...”

Little Yuan’er asked curiously, “What feeling?”

Yu Shangrong smiled at Little Yuan’er and replied, “This feeling can only be felt; it can’t be explained...”

Little Yuan’er pouted and rolled her eyes.

At this moment, Yu Zhenghai said, “Junior sister, it’s important to pay attention to feelings when you cultivate to a certain stage. If it’s so easy to explain, doesn’t that mean everyone can be as majestic and amazing as your Second Senior Brother?”

Yu Shangrong nodded and said with a straight face, “I agree with Eldest Senior Brother...”

Yu Zhenghai smiled. “Recently, I also have this feeling...”

“Is that so? I thought Eldest Senior Brother would need some time before reaching this stage...” Yu Shangrong said.

Everyone. “...”

The duo could even brag and compete about things like this.

Swoosh!

Lu Wu suddenly came to a stop.

Everyone fell silent and became incredibly vigilant.

“Fierce beasts. Be careful.”

Soon after, a group of fierce beasts passed by in the distance. All of their sizes were huge.

All of a sudden, Kong Wu tossed out several talismans. The talismans fluttered in the air like butterflies and landed in a corner of the forest.

Upon seeing this, Kong Wu exclaimed excitedly, “Mystic life grass!”

Kong Wu was about to descend on the ground and go to the place where the talismans landed when Kong Wen said, “Don’t be rash!”

Kong Wu stopped moving immediately, realizing the error of his ways.

“Leave this to me,” Yu Shangrong said and flashed over to the talismans.

At the same time, a huge shadow appeared in the sky above Yu Shangrong. Following that, a huge tentacle slapped down from the sky, splitting the trees that stood in its way, toward Yu Shangrong.

“Second Senior Brother!” Little Yuan’er and Conch cried out.

Yu Shangrong did not even raise his head as he unsheathed the Longevity Sword.

Swoosh!

After swinging the sword with all his might, Yu Shangrong returned the Longevity Sword to its sheath again.

The lower part of the tentacle that had been severed fell to the ground as blood gushed out from the upper part of the tentacle.

Yu Shangrong reached out and harvested the mystic life grass. In just a blink of an eye, he returned to his original position.

Boom!

At the same time, a gigantic spider landed at the exact spot where Yu Shangrong had just left.

The huge spider glared at everyone with its many eyes.

“F\*ck! Even a spider is this big! Are you kidding me?!” Mingshi Yin exclaimed.

Hiss!

The gigantic spider spat out white silk at this moment.

Yu Shangrong spun around and unsheathed his Longevity Sword.

Hundreds of thousands of energy swords flew out, severing the threads of white silk before stabbing toward the spider.

After a few breaths, the Longevity Sword returned to its sheath, leaving the chopped-up pieces of the spider on the ground.

Little Yuan'er pouted. "Second Senior Brother, you should let me deal with this kind of monster! It's unfair that you get to fight all the time!"

Yu Shangrong said with a smile, "Spiders are poisonous. You shouldn't underestimate them..."

At this moment...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Many green-clad cultivators flew over. They came to a stop and looked at the spider's remains on the ground.

"Lu Wu?! Hurry up! Retreat!"

Upon seeing this, Lu Zhou frowned and said, "Capture them!"

"Yes, master.." Yu Shangrong flashed away, chasing after the green-clad cultivators.